

Woodville District Baseball Club



Annual Report

2011/2012

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From the Chairman.

On reflection we achieved a lot in season 2011/12! Of course we completed some massive infrastructure type projects, namely the soundproofing of the batting tunnels and the erection of the new, and extremely impressive, backnet! These projects were a great strain on the Club in many ways including time and effort, not to mention the financial side. The soundproofing took 25 weekends and cost \$14k, and the backnet cost the club \$35k on top of the \$90k that was contributed by the Charles Sturt Council (\$55k) and the Dept of Recreation and Sport (\$35k). It should also be mentioned that the timing of backnet was not ideal and cost the Club in that it missed out on several weeks revenue from games that had to be played away from the Club.

These achievements cannot be overstated and the Club will benefit from them for many years to come! Once again special thanks to the prime 'time and effort' contributors Grant Weinert, Jeff Doyle, Dave Owen, Rhys Owen, Shane Nicholson, Adam Lodge and Lawrie Moore, There were of course many other people who helped as often as they could and we also thank them. Again, these projects are significant achievements and the effort was REMARKABLE and will never be forgotten!

In amongst all this we had to run the Club from week to week AND run the Goodwill series and the Masters games, and on top of that the main diamond was revamped and became the best diamond it has ever been! (Which is saying something!). Special thanks then to the Board at large, and to the large core of helpers that assist us. Is it any wonder that a few Board members have decided to take a rest from the commitment. We thank them for their considerable effort, namely Grantley, Shane, Shane and Craig, and wish them well with their greater leisure time. I truly hope and believe that they will not be lost to the Club, and look forward to seeing them around the place for many years to come.

On the field we struggled when compared to 2010/11. We had one less senior side this year, and only had 2 sides in finals. Generally our performance was disappointing and this included our A grade side which won only nine games. This was a retrograde step after making the finals the previous year, but I believe there are much better days and years ahead for this player group and the Club! It is fair to say we under-achieved in Div 1, but there were of course some great performers and they included Ben Lodge, Troy Weinert, Matt Smith and of course Jason Daniels! Jason, from the Philadelphia area, proved to be a great performer, as well as a good bloke, and we are looking to welcome him back for season 2012/13.

The continuing challenge for the Club remains to develop and supplement this group to ensure future success. 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.

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We are pleased to announce that our Club Coach for the coming season will be Alex Derhak, and this is indeed an exciting prospect! Combined with his knowledge and infectious enthusiasm, adding his bat to the line up certainly adds that desperately needed dimension. With JD around as well, we will be pushing to make the finals again in 2012/13!

The addition of these people to the Club will put financial pressure on us and we are looking for any and all contributions from Members and friends in terms of ideas, sponsors and additional help to ensure the success of the Club in this venture.

All the other senior sides battled hard, with only Div 3 with a lasting chance of making the playoffs. Congratulations however to all those involved, particularly the Coaches and we can only look forward to next year and do everything we can to bolster the ranks with new players, bring back recently lost players and give our best for the team and Club each and every week.

The juniors fared better with the Under 16s, led by Shane Nicholson and Wayne Dienhoff, making the Grand Final after putting on a magnificent display in the Preliminary Final! Well done boys, we can see a lot of talent in this group with some players having possible stellar careers!

The T-ball program continues to require development and we have assembled a Junior Sub-Committee to oversee and nurture the whole group and ramp up the sub-junior recruiting process in association with the Aussie T-Ball program. This younger group is the most important area of effort....each and every year.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners and award winners throughout the Club. They were many, and there were some significant achievements recognised in various areas.

Some prominent names include:

Grantley Weinert	SABL Volunteer of the YEAR
James Henty	Best Junior State Coach
Josh Loechel-Baker	Most Promising SA Junior

Congratulations also to those players who achieved significant games played milestones.

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 fund raising events including the Mouse Cup, which was again 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! The results show that we had a very solid year considering the financial pressures on the Club and next year will be challenging in a different direction.

The Goodwill series proved to be another success 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! It remains to be seen if we will have the opportunity to run this tournament

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next year, but we will do everything in our power to ensure that it happens and that we benefit from the effort. We also hosted a section of the Australian Masters games in October and this was a significant financial assistance to the Club.

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!

I must praise the efforts of the Board for their time and energy throughout the year. It has been a difficult year, all the boxes were ticked. 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. Similarly the Junior nights were spectacular successes and we can look forward to bigger and better extravaganzas in the future.

As in previous years I repeat:

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.

Baseball Report.

Division 1 coach Josh Frick was joined in his second season by assistants Adam Lodge and Lawrie Moore. James Henty coached Division 2. The team wasn't as successful this season as last year, winning 8 of 24 games. Three teams played in finals this season. However only Under 16's played in a Grand final and unfortunately they lost.

I would like to congratulate all our State representatives, Club trophy and award winners.

Congratulations to Grantley Weinert who was presented with the Baseball SA Volunteer of the Year Award and James Henty who was presented with the Harvey-Kobayashi Youth State Coaching Award.

We started the season with the Australian Masters Games, which was a very successful week, with the over 50's competition. For the month of November we didn't play any games at the Club due to the new backstop being erected. It seemed like a long time but it looks great.

We hosted another successful Goodwill Series. This year Bob Williams brought out 2 teams that played our U16, U18 and our U23 state teams. The Mayor attended the Closing Ceremony.

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We held a Mouse Cup which was well attended, very successful and a lot of fun. We had three successful Presentation Nights which were all well attended. Thanks to all that did attend.

We would like to welcome all the new players and families to the Club and hope you have enjoyed your season with us and many more to come.

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 (Garth Lodge and Max Behrendt for helping out) being Equipment Manager 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 into their portfolios this year. Vale to Pat Beatty (Life Member and Vice-Patron) and Keith Clarke (Life Member) who will be sorely missed.

Enza Henty

Facilities Report.

Season 2011-12 will do down as a milestone year, in terms of completed projects in all my time as Facilities Director. We have completed and upgraded certain things over the years, but what has been achieved this year and the time frame it was completed in is very satisfying to say the least.

The new backstop and dugouts were always on the cards for the upcoming season. This has been on the drawing board for many years and finally we could have something new and purpose built to complete the playing area. Then we were hit with a situation (which was unplanned) from council that our current batting tunnels either get relocated to the other side of the grounds (next to Skid Kids!!), or stay where it is and soundproof the entire complex. The decision was made to complete this ourselves (saving \$20k) and every weekend from April to September a group of dedicated members gave up their time to have this completed before the start of the season. A big thank you to Grant Weinert and Dave Owen for taking on this project and the man hours that they both put in to get this finished. To China, Lodges, Newbounds, Owens, Mattzies, Nicholsons, and Grant B and anyone I may have missed thanks for all the labour on the shed this year, I certainly appreciate all the help.

Our backstop was completed just in time for the Goodwill Series in late December and again thanks to Grant and Dave for taking on the project. Also, to Brad Grose for supplying and installing all the roof sheeting for the dugouts, a cost the club did not have to incur.

It has been a very long season in terms of major projects and going forward we can now focus on the playing side as we truly now have the best facilities in the state and something that all members of the club should be proud of.

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Congratulations to Grant Weinert for picking up the Volunteer of the year award, much deserved in recognition for a guy that spends many hours down at the club.

To all other award winners, both state and club, congratulations. A big thank you to my fellow Board Members on other challenging but rewarding year and looking forward to season 2012-2013.

Jeff Doyle.

Club Report.

Another year gone and we continue to make improvements as we go along. The major push this season, both in time and financially, was of course in playing and training facilities. The re-positioned backstop has afforded us more room at the canteen servery, please bear with us as we continue to improve the area as funds/grants and time allow.

In spite of all this, we still managed a couple of projects inside the Clubrooms. The kitchen had some renovations completed after the end of our season. The old inefficient extraction fans and hood were finally ripped out, wall repairs carried out and three new range-hoods installed. That made for a pretty full-on week. The costs, shared through the Sports Club, were kept to a minimum thanks to the usual volunteer labour. Thanks to Grantley Weinert, Laurie Moore and Rhys Owen for putting in a big effort to make conditions more comfortable for our Canteen Volunteers. Thanks also to Terry for organizing the new glass splashback. This just leaves the floor and cabinetry to be replaced, which doesn't sound much when you say it quick!

We have also had security screens fitted to the main front doors to help deter break-ins, so far so good. Thanks to Northeast Aluminium Windows for help with these. *Remember to support our Sponsors!*

The unfortunate but unavoidable timing of the backstop meant we lost the use of the grounds for five weeks. This had the inevitable effect on profits through the Canteen and Bar. The bar really helps us to 'pay the rent' but fell short this year. The Canteen did very well considering the amount of lost games.

The Masters Games events were a help as was the annual Goodwill Series. Hosting events such as these are a lot of work but are becoming all the more important in raising the profile of the Club to our Sponsors and to all levels of Government. Community engagement and facilities for youth are highly regarded when it is time to decide who deserves funding.

So thank you to all the people who put their hand up yet again to help staff the Club during these events. The revenue they bring is useful, the pride in the Club they engender immeasurable.

In closing, thanks as always to all the usual suspects, a few new faces this year, welcome as always. Geoff Rogers for all his work around the place (and for making sure I have plenty to do). To Johnny for all his varied efforts, make sure you follow his weekly match reports on the website, *a great read guaranteed!*

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Dave Owen.

Junior Report.

T-BALL

Graham and Adam Newbound a big thankyou goes out to the both of you and all the parents that helped out this season. Graham and Adam have done a great job this year with juggling players between under 12's and the new Aussie T-Ball Program.

12's

It was a tough year this year for the 12's. At the start of the year without a coach and not enough players, Terry Fitzgerald put his hand up for the job. Getting players from T-Ball to make up the side they were always going to struggle but they won a few games, and had fun doing it. That is what baseball is all about.

14's

The 14's struggled this year being in 14 (div1), even though it was tough for the kids, I believe it will be better for them in the seasons to come. Phil and Andrew have done a good job this year even though they did not win many games. What they have taught the children they will keep for years to come.

16's

What a year, they made it all the way through to the grand final but unfortunately fell one win short of being champions. Well done to all the players and coaches Shane Nicholson and Wayne Dienhoff.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers that help work in the canteen and cook the bbq and work the bar. Let's not forget all the ground, crew line makers and everyone else who gets up early to get the ground up and ready to play on.

Shane Lodge.

Marketing Report.

Well after a definite rebuilding year as a Club we have come through pretty well. Congratulations to our state reps both at the junior and senior level. Good to see Jackson Lodge, Will Lee and Dylan Child still representing our Club so well in their next level towards a professional career. Also Matt Smith who is performing well in France. These four players are definitely Club role models towards our younger players.

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What a great year for our Ground Crew and small group of Dedicated Volunteers, our backstop is up and through very clever marketing our post's have naming rights. Congrats and thank you to those who purchased the right. We have had some subtle improvements in the kitchen, thanks to those involved in getting these items. Sponsors day was again well attended but we would love to see more Sponsors one day. Again sponsors are getting harder to obtain but I am sure this area will improve. A big thanks to all coaches and scorers, without them our kids right through from T-Ball to seniors wouldn't be able to play the game they love. Congratulations go to the teams that made finals. We will succeed I am sure in gaining the ultimate prize in the future.

Thank you to all of our 2011/2012 Sponsors and we look forward to your continued support for the upcoming season. The Senior team and I encourage all Members and families to continue your appreciated support and invite you to continue supporting a very talented group of players and support crew into the new season 2012/2013 and beyond.

Thank you to my fellow Board members and family for your support over the past two years as Marketing Director.

Craig Robinson.

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We wish to acknowledge the above sponsors for their valuable support during the 2011/12 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.

Finance Report.

The MYOB Accounting system has been used to record the finances of the Woodville District Baseball Club Inc. as at 30th April, 2012.

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For a copy of the Financial Report please contact Jo Owen.
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Jo Owen.

Club Coach Report.

Coming off a strong season last year we entered the 2011/2012 season with high expectations. We probably didn't live up to expectations of ourselves or Club supporters. We played some very, very good baseball during the year against some of the top sides and yet also played some very average baseball against sides we should have performed better against. We ended the year with a record of 8-16, finishing 9th, which I don't believe reflected the position we should have been in. Of the 16 games we lost 10 of those games by 2 runs or less.

Having lost some of our pitching staff to college in Josh Tols and Greg Mosel and knowing that Wilson Lee and Jackson Lodge were going to be restricted in how much they were going to throw due to professional commitments the Club made an effort to locate another pitcher. As a result we obtained Jason Daniels as an import pitcher. Jason performed brilliantly for the Club and although he didn't pick up as many wins as we had hoped he often single handedly kept us in games giving us every chance possible to win them. As a coaching staff I think we had expected our pitching staff to battle but with outstanding performances from Daniels supported by Nathan Nicholson in his first season in A grade, Ben Lodge returning to the mound and Jackson Lodge and Wilson Lee when available it was probably the strongest part of our game.

With the return of Troy Weinert this season and Dylan Child for some of the season our hitting line up appeared to have more depth than it has in previous seasons. For some reason we struggled to convert that to runs early in the season. After Christmas the bats started to find some form and we had some great offensive team performances however inconsistency still plagued our line-up.

I would like to congratulate our award winners Jason Daniels (MVP), Ben Lodge (Batting Award and Players Player) and Dylan Child (Golden Glove). I would also like to wish all our players who are representing the Club overseas the best of luck and for those who are recently injured all the best in their recovery.

I would like to thank all those who helped out this year including Committee Members, helpers around the Club, ground staff, scorers, John and Tim Russell. I would particularly like to thank Adam Lodge and Lawrie Moore for their help throughout the season where we experienced some trying times. Their support with training, games and selection was invaluable. I would also like to thank the players who have made the last 2 seasons so enjoyable.

As I have said many times before this group of young players has a huge future ahead of them and we have to remember that the best baseball from the group is yet to come. Over the past few years they have proven that they are going to be a force in the SABL and I look forward to seeing their continued improvement.

Josh Frick.

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Division 2.

Firstly I need to thank the ground crew and anybody who helped prepare the grounds, everybody who worked in the canteen, everybody who helped behind the bar and everybody who helped with the batting tunnels. I also need to give a big thanks to the Board for putting their support behind me as not too many Clubs would give a 21 year old Coach a chance. I also need to thank the players for showing me the respect that they did as it can be hard to separate the Coach from the team mate. My biggest thanks need to go to Josh Frick, Lawrie Moore and especially to Adam Lodge, who helped and supported me on game days, always throwing different ideas and theories at me, it was much appreciated. Of course I also need to thank Timmy for being our bat boy again this year.

Division 2 is always tough on Coaches trying to put a team together, but it is even tougher on the players as they come up from under 18s or down from Division 1 and have to play positions and roles in the team that they may not be used to playing.

We used 28 players in Division 2, ranging from 14 year old Josh Loechel-Baker to 48 year old Adam Lodge. Despite all of the movement throughout the team we were still in a position to make the finals in the final few weeks of the season if we were able to win our final three games of the season, but unfortunately we were not able to get the job done and finished 8th, two spots out of the finals.

Despite not making the finals, we were able to blood some of our under 18s like Rhys Owen, Jesse Toepfer, Callum Robinson and Josh Loechel-Baker to make sure that with some hard work we will be able to return Woodville to Division 1 and 2 dominance as soon as possible.

AWARDS

Batting Champion Dayle Child

Best Team Man Daniel Mattiazzo

Most Valuable Player Nathan Nicholson

James Henty.

Division 3.

After a strong finish in the 2010/11 season, we were hoping for another strong year and hopefully make the GF for the first time since Division 3 was re-invented at WDBC. With strong competition from the usual suspects...Kensington, Goodwood and West Torrens, we knew we would have our work cut out for us.

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Sturt also threw their hat in the ring, having a big dig for the final 4 at the season's end.

We made a good start to the season and after the first 6 rounds we were 5W-1L, and had played 2 of the eventual top 4 finalists, losing a tight game to Sturt and dominating West Torrens by 11 runs.

We would wait 4 games before our next win, losing to Kensington in a 6-4 ball game, Goodwood who kept us scoreless at Seaton High School and Gawler who made good use of their 2 imports, with back to back dingers and playing great defence against us. Not wanting to slip below .500 win/ loss before the Christmas break, the boys got their season back on track with a crushing win over East Torrens beating them 14-2 and taking a 6W-4L record into the break.

We came out fresh after Christmas and beat Adelaide 13-2 on a day where the skies opened up and washed any chance of Adelaide making the finals down the drain....but the rain couldn't dampen our spirits, with our sights still set on finals baseball. We faced Sturt the following week and a win would have nearly guaranteed us an early berth in the finals. Chasing 4 runs in the bottom of the 7th the boys rallied and Sturt started to crumble. We scored 3 and had bases loaded with 1 out and were down by 1. Sturt made a change and brought in the veteran Crutchley for young Dakota Mitchell, who had fought hard all game. 2 strikeouts later and the game was over.

We dispatched the Bays and the Dodgers in the following 2 games and we were all but there....the only thing in our way, West Torrens-Kensington-Goodwood-Gawler. We knew that if we were going to be a chance in the finals we had to put up a good show against the "would be challengers" in the finals.

A 4-all draw against West Torrens was a good result after trailing 4-1 in the 3rd and we knew we were around the mark. Kensington proved to us, the following week, why they were the bench mark and ran over us 8-3 in 8 innings. We were 9W/6L/1D and our chances were slipping away, with West Torrens and Sturt both having good results after Christmas. Goodwood also showed the league that they were finals material, putting us away 12-0, and closed the door on our run of finals appearances over the past 4 seasons. Kensington would eventually win the Grand Final against West Torrens 2-1.

Our final game was against Gawler at Gawler with the weather set to tip the 40c mark. I swear it was 50+ at Gawler in the dust bowl and at least 60 in their canteen. We chose to have a little fun with the finals out of our grasp and Gawler were also hanging up their cleats concluding our game. We all played in positions that we had not played in since we were in little league and most of us "switch hit" for an at bat during the game....it was a good way to end a tough season. Our final record: 9W-8L-1D.

Congratulations to Darren Annear for polling 2nd best in the Division 3 league MVP. A Great year D.

In all we had 23+ players that donned the jersey for Div 3 this year. A big thanks to all of the Div 4 guys that hung around to help out after their games. Also to the juniors that committed to us during the year, a big thank you.

A big thanks to Bec McMullen, for being our scorer and No1 fan this year. Thanks to all of the people that came out to support us during the season.

Thanks to Noel Annear for managing the teams off field needs and for being my official time keeper.

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Thankyou to all of the Club officials and volunteers for making the WDBC a great place to play baseball and for families to bring their kids.

Last but not least....Cheers to Darren Annear for assisting in the coaching, training and for committing a lot of time during the year to help me with the team.

Award Winners

Coaches Award Mark O'Callaghan

MVP Darren Annear

Batting Award Phillip Hirschausen

Phil Hirschausen.

Division 4.

After another successful season in 2010/11 in Div 5 the group was looking forward to relaxing in the off season recovering from the rigors of playing in ageing bodies. A few retirements were imminent (Seagull, Sharz, Sorcerer, Behr), but after a few Bevvys we might be able to twist their arms. Training commenced early in August with a Title defence looking on the cards, unfortunately the League had a different view of what grade we would eventually play in (as well as the Club). With the announcement from the Club being the Team would play Div 4, shock waves went through the Team (we would lose 3 players to this decision plus 2 more succumbed to injuries sustained over too many years of playing).

The season was a very disappointing one, Winning only 4 & Losing 14 which positioned us down the pointy end of the table, not a position we were happy with. We did see improvement in some of the players that played this season (hope this continues with more training & another season under their belt after time away from the game). 29 players were used throughout the year due to a lack of numbers on a regular basis, this did not help our cause as a solid team base was never consistently attained.

I must pay homage to Brett "Bernie" Conlon for sticking with us until Xmas when I said to him "Go play higher". In his limited time with the group he amassed a batting average of 10 from 15 plus his hitting in Div 3 he would have won Batting Champion in both grades. Special thanks to a core group of players (Langers, Darren Lee & Dean Bridger) who played every game & to the next group who played a majority of games (Kym Bridger, Morty, Ozzy, Steve Couzner, Cam & China Moore).

Special thanks go to our Scorer, Ann Symons & Lisa Lee who filled in when Ann was unavailable, knowing you would be there made my job a lot easier.

Trophies – Batting Champion – Lawrie Moore
Most improved – Dean Bridger

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Ian Reval

Division 6.

I would like to thank everyone who came out this year. We had a slow start to the season, with a strong finish winning the last 5 out of 6 games to finish seventh for the season. Morty shows no sign of slowing down pitching 10 complete games this year and getting 18 votes in the Capps Metal count, the highest in the club, well done, Mort. Thank you to all the new players that came out this year as well, I hope you had fun.

I would also like to thank Keith for being assistant coach this year and everyone else who helped out. A big thank you goes out to Judie Currie for scoring for us this year. Hopefully I will see everyone back next year.

Awards

M.V.P Keith Mortimore

Batting Trophy Mike Chemny

Most Improved Jake Wilson

Shane Lodge.

Under 18.

Season 2011/12 started with almost an entirely new squad of under 18 players. The only players left from the 2010/11 squad were Callum Robinson and Marc Pellizzer although we soon got back Luke Marchioro who filled in for a few games early in the season due to injury and later became a permanent member of the team due to insufficient players. Fortunately for us the new faces in the side were of a high calibre and more than adequately filled the gaps left by the boys who went up to the senior ranks.

Versatility turned out to be one of the keywords for the season with many of the players having to play multiple positions not only throughout the season but quite often within the same game. Wade Moore (First/Catcher/second), Rhys Owen (Pitcher/First/shortstop), Callum Robinson (Catcher/Shortstop) and Jessie Toepfer (Shortstop/Pitcher) played significant roles in multiple positions in almost every game.

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Unfortunately the other keyword for the season was inconsistency. At our best the team was a match for any side in the competition but too often throughout the season the team was not at its best and dropped key games. This led to us being almost constantly on the cusp of the top six and eventually cost us a finals berth when the final game of the season was cancelled due to the heat rule.

Team highlights for the season included emphatic wins against East Torrens, Glenelg and Golden Grove and close fought losses against Port Adelaide and West Torrens (premiers). Personal highlights included the vast improvement of Ben Ingham and Jarrod Milne throughout the course of the season, the pitching performances of Rhys Owen which were of a consistently high level and the batting performances of Jessie Toepfer and Wade Moore.

Special thanks to Shane Nicholson and the Under 16's for their support throughout the season when we were short of players due to injury and exams/school priorities. Also a big thanks to Jo Owen and Karen Robinson for handling the scoring duties and to all the parents and supporters who came out to watch us during the year.

Trophies

MVP	Rhys Owen
Batting	Jessie Toepfer
Best Team Man	Jarrod Milne and Wade Moore

Craig Mortimore & Cameron Britcher.

Under 16.

It was my pleasure to again share the coaching this season with Wayne Dienhoff. I'll take this opportunity to thank Wayne, on behalf of the players and their families, for devoting his time and effort again over the season.

We were fortunate to have four new players join the club / team this year to bring our squad numbers to a total of twelve. Without this influx of players we would have struggled to field a team week in, week out. I'd like to formally welcome Kane Elson, Liam Mullen, Peter Drover, Simo Cucuk and their families to Woodville. I certainly hope that you all enjoyed the year and that you go on to have long playing careers with the Club.

I would like to commend the boys and their parents / caregivers on their commitment to attending training and games. Generally attendance was very good, with many players attending training more than 90% of the time. I am confident that this commitment, and the way the boys applied themselves showed in our results.

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So how did we perform? My view is that we well and truly realised the potential that we saw in the boy's preseason. The headlines are: We won 10 and drew 1, of the 15 minor round games to finish 3rd in a very tight competition.

In regards to finals, after beating East Torrens the first week we played what must have been our most exciting game for the year against Golden Grove. Both teams scored freely early in the game to be 5 all after 5 innings. Then the game became very tight defensively. On one occasion, in extra innings, GGCD had bases loaded, 2 out, and full count on the hitter. If the runner reached base we would have lost. Thankfully we struck the hitter out and went on to win by 1 run in 10 innings (ie 3 extra innings) and progress to the grand final. It was a great game to be involved in and one the boys will remember for a long time to come. Unfortunately we went on to lose the grand final to a very strong West Torrens side. Congratulations to them, they were just too strong on the day. But all in all the boys should be very proud of what they achieved. I know Wayne and I are.

While all players develop at different rates and at different times I think we saw some significant improvements in the boy's skills and knowledge of the game.

I would like to congratulate all of our players on their efforts, their sportsmanship and their behaviour. While all the boys are worthy of praise it is appropriate to give special mention to this year's award winners: Blake Gilliam (MVP); Josh Loechel-Baker (Runner-up MVP); Troy Nicholson (Best Team Man); Peter Drover (Encouragement Award).

Some thank-yous:

To our scorers, Michaelene Mullen and my wife Jane. We can't play without you!

To Michael Mullen, James Henty, Andrew Lodge, and others who helped with coaching.

To the parents / caregivers for their 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.

To Terry Fitzgerald and all the Board Members for your ongoing support

To all those that work in the canteen and the bar etc etc.

So, in signing off I wish all the players the best for the coming season be that in 16s or 18s. We will be watching you with interest!

Shane Nicholson

Under 14.

It was a tough year for the under 14-1 juniors this year. However from a Coach's perspective it was a pleasing year in regards to the development of the kids. We were up against some tough competition in the division 1 league and were perhaps best suited to the division 2 league.

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The team changed dramatically from the previous season, with only 2 of the players from the previous year playing in the team. This was due to 4 of the players moving into under 16's and 5 of the players choosing not to play this year. This meant we were going to have at least 7 first year players moving into under 14s and were not sure if we could get a team together in time for the start of the season but thankfully, due to some u12s helping out at first, we were able to fill a team for the 1st game. Big thanks to Jack Clarke and Zach Winkler, 2 under 12s, who played with us the entire year and benefitted enormously and held their own by season's end.

For most of the kids, the season began early with the Junior Senators Program at the Seaton High School. Developing skills and having fun over an 8 week period, receiving coaching from some good baseball players. James Henty, Adam Newbound, Telmo Espirito-Santo and myself, all with at least A Grade experience. Also helping out were Shane Nicholson and Wayne Dienoff. Thanks to all.

Our main aim for the season was development and fun, and overall we were very pleased with the efforts put in by the kids this year. Too many of the teams that we come up against were too focused on the winning aspect of baseball, with little emphasis on teaching the kids the basics of the game, both in skills and knowledge of game play, to basic etiquette of the game.

We had a lot of individual highlights throughout the year. Whether it was a first hit in under 14s, a first run, a first catch, a double play.....the list goes on and on, and it was so pleasing to be a part of that as a Coach and a parent. Congratulations to all of the players that stuck at it and really got the most out of the experience.

We came up against some bigger, stronger more experienced kids this year and it proved a tough task to keep the morale up from time to time....but we had some good results against East Torrens and Northern Districts during the year, having some close battles. Our biggest team highlight for the year would have to have been against Northern Districts just before Christmas, winning 14-5 and getting our only win for the season. To see their beaming faces during our end of game talk was priceless.

Thank you to all the parents for their participation this year.

Thanks to Chris Papps and Bec McMullen for scoring.

Thanks also go to Andrew Lodge, Frank Letemendia and Chris Papps for helping with training and on game days.

Award Winners

Coaches Award	Joseph Papps
Batters Award	Emmanuel Hirschausen
MVP	Jake Lodge
Most Improved	Zac Esca

Club Award Nominations

Most Promising Junior	Emmanuel Hirschausen
Junior Encouragement	Joseph Papps(winner)

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Phil Hirschausen

Little League.

A week before the beginning of the season we didn't have a coach and we only had six players! Happily the T-ball squad was approached and there were plenty of youngsters who wanted to play 'real' baseball. We picked up one or two new people along the way and ultimately we had as many as 15 players of all shapes and sizes and varying levels of ability and experience.

With very few exceptions, what we did have - in truck loads - was energy and enthusiasm!

Consequently at all trainings and games there was a lot of noise and activity! Much to my relief there was a dad who was willing to assist me coach the boys and girls, and so Dalton (Ossie) Osborne became my assistant and also Peter Engels, who was at every training, agreed to be our 'bench boss', aka Manager! Ossie very soon became a player in our senior sides, and he and his partner Bec have become very solid Club citizens, and we can, hopefully, look forward to a long and happy relationship with this family!

The same can be said about quite a few of the families associated with this team and this is a very valuable bi-product of junior development!

On the playing side of things, we eventually finished up in the Little League Minor North league and we had a lot of fun, changing the line-ups and defensive roles on a regular basis. Most of the children got a chance to pitch and four or five catchers were used. We finished up winning 4 games and drawing one and these achievements created huge amounts of celebration and joy amongst the players, parents and coaches alike!

We had our tough days but the kids hung in there well and largely showed great true Senators spirit! It is very rewarding to see them enjoying themselves as well as learning a little about the game and the skills and concentration required.

So congratulations to all the players, Zac, Daniel, Spiro, Thano, Thomas, Joachim, Bronte, Jack, Jack, Zar, Arthur, Effi, Tyron, Connor and Tayzer! I hope they, their families AND their friends come out to play next year. I'm sure we'll be able to step up to the Majors and develop a whole lot more and have a heap more fun!

Finally, huge thanks again to Ossie and Peter who were invaluable in helping me to coach and control the players at training and in games! Special mention must also be made of Bec Bryant who did most of the scoring (as a novice) and to all the parents that supported us and helped us out in so many ways. Of course, I would once again, like to thank the ground crew and all the helpers around the Club that helped us get on the park and have a lot of fun. Cheers!

Terry Fitzgerald

Tee-Ball

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The newly formed Junior Committee worked hard in the off season to attract new players to the Club, unfortunately we weren't rewarded very well for our efforts and most of the new people we gained formed the under 12 or Little League team along with the tee-ball kids that went up. This decimated the numbers in the tee-ball program and for my first time saw numbers fall.

The Committee has now learnt from last year and believe we will be able to target a younger age bracket and bolster our numbers. Our aim is to have the biggest and best tee-ball competition in the Western District.

We only had about 17 kids playing this year but there was a lot of talent and potential in the group. From that 17 we had to form a team of 12 to compete in the newly formed Tee-ball All-stars competition to play against Henley and Grange, East Torrens and Gawler clubs. This competition went very well and all the kids improved out of sight, the good thing is most of our team will be still young enough to stay and play this coming season.

The Baseball League is promoting "Aussie Tee-ball " which is now Australia wide, our Club has signed up for it and it looks like it might take over from our type of program, basically it is a simplified version of Tee-ball that kids can play with minimal supervision. They are hoping that once shown, kids will be able to play this on their lunch break at school and learn the basics of our game with the hope that schools will then enter teams in club run Aussie Tee-ball Programs which ultimately will flow on to Baseball.

Even with the numbers down the kids had an enjoyable season which is our main aim, I believe that our numbers will improve and I'm looking forward to the coming season.

Once again I would like to thank the Committee for their ongoing support along with the Friday night canteen and bbq crew who give their time to make our Club great. Thanks to Adam for helping me all season and to Shane Lodge our outgoing Junior Coordinator.

Graham Newbound.

SEASON 2010-2011 TROPHY WINNERS WOODVILLE BASEBALL CLUB

DIVISION 1

Keith Mortimore Perpetual MVP	Jason Daniels
Batting Award	Ben Lodge
Players Award	Ben Lodge
Golden Glove	Dylan Child

DIVISION 2

Les Behrendt Perpetual MVP	Nathan Nicholson
Batting Award	Dayle Child
Coaches Award	Daniel Mattiazzo

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DIVISION 3

Mark Peters Perpetual MVP	Darren Annear
Batting Award	Phillip Hirschhausen
Coaches Award	Mark O'Callaghan

DIVISION 4

Perpetual MVP	Not Awarded
Best Team Man	Lawrie Moore
Golden Glove	Dean Bridger

DIVISION 6

MVP	Keith Mortimore
Batting Award	Mike Chemny
Coaches Award	Jake Wilson

UNDER 18

Adam Lodge Perpetual MVP	Rhys Owen
Batting Award	Jesse Toepfer
Best Team Man	Jared Milne
Best Team Man	Wade Moore

UNDER 16

Mt. Gambier MVP	Blake Gilliam
Runner Up MVP	Josh Loechel-Baker
Best Team Man	Troy Nicholson
Encouragement Award	Peter Drover

UNDER 14

Don Klæbe Perpetual MVP	Jacob Lodge
Batting Award	Emmanuel Hirschhausen
Coaches Award	Joseph Papps
Most Improved	Zac Esca

LITTLE LEAGUE U12's

Ian Marsland Perpetual – Batting Award	Arthur Sennis
Most Improved	Tayzer McBride
Best team man	Zar Hill-Brooks

GAME MILESTONES

200 Games	Daniel Mattiazzo
200 Games	Dayle Child
300 Games	James Henty
300 Games	Ben Lodge

ARTHUR SEWELL AWARD	Rhys Owen
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MARK BIGGINS AWARD	James Henty / Ben Lodge
KLAEBE CLUB AWARD	Terry Fitzgerald
TONY HARRIS MOST PROMISING JUNIOR	Joshua Loechel-Baker
MAX BEHRENDT JUNIOR ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD	Joseph Papps Peter Drover

SEASON 2010-2011 TROPHY WINNERS BASEBALL SA

Harvey-Kobayashi Award	James Henty
Club Volunteer of the Year	Grantley Weinert
Greatrex Sporting Award Youth State Team-Most Improved	Josh Loechel-Baker

State Representatives and Australian Representatives

Little League North	Joseph Papps Zac Esca
Under 16	Joshua Loechel-Baker
Under 23	James Henty Dayle Child
Adelaide Bite	Mat Smith Wilson Lee
Schoolboys	Rhys Owen
College	Chris Doyle Josh Tols Greg Mosel
Signed Players	Dylan Child (Pirates) Wilson Lee (Pirates) Jackson Lodge (Pirates)
State Coaches:	
U14 Adelaide Southern All-Stars	James Henty Ian Reval (Assistant)

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FINALS STANDINGS SEASON 2010-2011

TEAM	WIN	LOSS	DRAW	MINOR ROUND	FINALS
Div 1	8	16		9 th	Did Not Qualify
Div 2	8	8	1	8 th	Did Not Qualify
Div 3	9	8	1	5 th	Did Not Qualify
Div 4	4	14		9 th	Did Not Qualify
Div 6	5	11	2	7 nd	Did Not Qualify
Under 18	8	9		7 th	Did Not Qualify
Under 16	6	4	1	4 th	Lost Grand Final
Under 14	1	16		6 th	Lost Elimination Final
Little League	4	9	1	6 th	Lost Elimination Final

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