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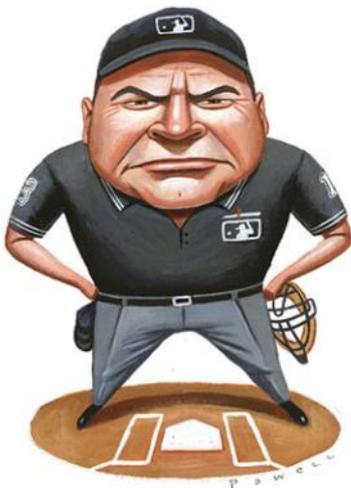
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**W**elcome back to another edition of the Marlin Mail, the weekly newsletter of the Illawong Baseball Club, and welcome all Illawong Marlin players, coaches, managers, parents and sponsors.



club has been selected to host the course.

If anyone, especially parents, who are interested in possibly umpiring, please speak to a member of the committee, because we again are always looking for helpers and umpiring is a task that gets overlooked. Coming up in the new year there will be a Level 1 umpiring course, and it will be held locally, and our

The committee would like to thank all parents who help out each weekend, but we are always looking for more volunteers. We know and appreciate everyone would like to sit and watch their children play, but if everyone took just a few minutes to help out, then everyone would get plenty of time to watch the games.





## Weekly Match Reports

As part of the weekly newsletter, a representative from each team will be asked to write a small match report each week. The team's weekly match report responsibilities will usually be shared around by your team manager.

The content of the weekly match reports, doesn't need to be overly long. The primary objective of the match reports is to allow the kids to see their name mentioned and feel pride in their achievements. So we need to ensure the match

reports touch on the positives of each match, and ultimately encourage the kids to get out there and have a go, and enjoy themselves.

You don't need to worry too much about the formatting, it's the content which is most important. I will handle the formatting and standardising of all reports while I am creating the newsletter. Once you have typed up the match report, just email it through.

I would like the match reports emailed though to [marlinmail@illawongbaseball.com.au](mailto:marlinmail@illawongbaseball.com.au) by 7pm on Monday nights, but the earlier the better. This will allow me to have the newsletter prepared for distribution by mid week.



## WEAR YOUR "PROTECTOR"

REMEMBER it is a MANDATORY requirement for players to wear their "protector" both at training and on game day. This is for the safety and long-term wellbeing of the players. Please parents remember to educate the players of this important requirement. Below is an extract from the current CSJBA 2010-2011 rulebook.

*8.02 All players, from U/10 Soft-Toss/Baseball, through Junior Baseball, must wear a protective cup at all times during the game. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that their child is wearing a protective cup.*

For further information please speak to your team manager or coach.



## WET WEATHER ADVISORY

Your coach or manager will let you know the system that they have in place for both training and game day if it is raining. On game day grounds are not inspected until 7:30am so if you have an early game you will need to assume it is still on until notified from 7:45am onwards. Some grounds in the Shire may still be open while others may be closed, so once again assume your game is on unless otherwise contacted. Throughout the week, the grounds are the jurisdiction of the Sutherland Shire Council, who will decide whether mid-week training is allowed to take place, again you must await for advice from your manager or coach confirming whether training will take place or not.

For further information please refer to the club website or speak to your team manager or coach.



**Please remember to take care outdoors.**

Please remember young children are more susceptible to extreme temperatures, so a reminder to all coaching staff and parents to take care in the sun over summer and be on the look out for our kids.

Remember to bring your **hat** and a **drink** and to **apply sunscreen** before you set off to baseball and to pack some in your bag to reapply during the day.

And don't forget your **portable chairs** and an **umbrella**, as seating and shade are usually very limited at the grounds we play!



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## Upcoming Events

Dates to note on your calendar



### Illawong Baseball Club Monthly Meetings

**Date:** 10th December 2014  
**Location:** Club Central Menai  
**Time:** 7:30pm

All are welcome to come along and offer assistance in running the club.

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## Stamping out sport rage: tips for parents

We all know that sport is a fantastic way for children to learn important lessons about teamwork, rules, winning, losing and much more. It also keeps them fit, healthy and provides great friendships.

So it's a real shame that sport for young people can be ruined by sport rage. Sport rage is violence, bad language, abuse and general bad behaviour by players, coaches, officials or spectators.

At its worst, sport rage reduces a child's enjoyment of sport, undermines all the terrific benefits and can lead to drop out.

Many people have a role to play in stamping out sport rage. This includes our club committee, coaches, officials, players, spectators and parents.

As a parent, you can help reduce sport rage by being a good role model and creating a positive sporting environment. Here are some simple tips:

### Encourage fair play

- ✓ Cheer and acknowledge good plays by both teams
- ✓ Thank the officials, coach and other team after the game
- ✓ Respect officials, coaches and opponents

### Keep your emotions in check

- ✓ Be enthusiastic, but don't scream instructions from the sideline
- ✓ Don't get into shouting matches with anyone
- ✓ Never use bad language or harass others

### Help kids enjoy sport

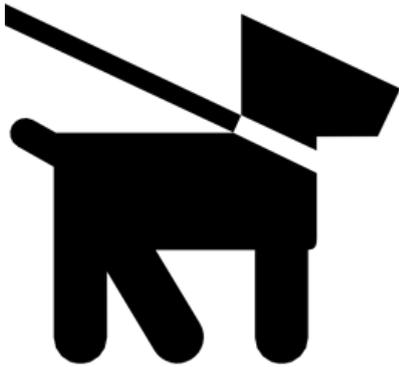
- ✓ Emphasise trying hard and having fun, not just winning
- ✓ Talk about the game, not the result.

It's also important to understand, uphold and support our club's code of conduct for parents.





## Dogs at Baseball Grounds



The club would like to remind all parents and spectators that if you must bring your dog to any grounds, that it must remain on a leash and that you are responsible for cleaning up after your dog.

To ensure that this does not become a problem at all fields, which could result in a total ban of dogs at baseball games we are asking that if you do bring your dog to our games or training, that you always make sure that they are on a leash.

## New State Laws



The Tobacco Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 passed through the NSW Upper House. This legislation represents a major step forward for tobacco control and public health. The Bill prohibits people from smoking around children's playgrounds, sporting fields and organised sporting events, covered bus shelters and taxi ranks across NSW.

This law is now in effect, so all parents and spectators need to now start to observe this new law and refrain from smoking around our fields and the children's games. The designated smoking area is next to the rubbish bin cage in the car park.



## Social Media

For the regular visitors to the club's website you will have noticed that there is now a Twitter feed giving you updates and messages. We will endeavour to post any urgent messages via Twitter such as wet weather announcements and ground closures. So sign up and follow along. The Twitter feed is also linked to the club's new Facebook account.

The club's Twitter Account is @IllawongMarlins

The club's Facebook page is found at [www.facebook.com/illawongbaseballclub](http://www.facebook.com/illawongbaseballclub)



## Clothing Range

Have you noticed some of the coaching staff, committee members and players wearing some of our new clothing range??

If you want are interested in purchasing the new gear, please contact our uniform officer Julie as listed below.

Julie can be reached at

[uniforms@illawongbaseball.com.au](mailto:uniforms@illawongbaseball.com.au)



## Match results for Round 9

Grade	Opponent	Location	Results
17/1's	Yarrowarra	Barden Ridge	Won 12 - 0
17/3's	Scots	Phil Austin	Won 12 - 8
14/1's	Giants	Barden Ridge	Won 9 - 4
14/2's	Bosco	Heathcote	Lost 15 - 7
12/1's	Cronulla	Sylvania Waters	Lost 14 - 2
12/3's	Giants	Aspley	Lost 12 - 6
10/1's	St George	Evatt	Lost 8 - 3
10/2's	Dolphins	Pioneers Park	Lost 8 - 1
8/1's	Cronulla	Barden Ridge	Lost 36 - 11
8/2's	Comets	Barden Ridge	Won 19 - 18
8/3's	Comets	Jannali	Draw 24 - 24



### Absenteeism

A friendly reminder to all players that if you know you are going to be away during a playing round, please let your coach and team manager both know. They put a lot of time into planning for games, drawing up player rosters and filling in paperwork. It's just courteous to inform your coach and manager that you will be absent or late. Put yourself in their shoes, how would you feel if you were trying to organise a party, and no one replied as to whether they were going to show up or not!



## Team Match Reports

Kids love seeing their names in print. Please forward your match reports by 7:00 pm on Monday evening to the Newsletter Editor, at [marlinmail@illawongbaseball.com.au](mailto:marlinmail@illawongbaseball.com.au) to submit a match report.



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**Under 12-1's**

No match report submitted due to bye.



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**Under 12-3's**

No match report submitted.



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**Under 8-3's**

No match report submitted.



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**Under 14-1's**

No match report submitted.

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**Under 10-2's**



Marlins v Dolphins known as the "Battle of the Big Fish" (I know mammal but it sounds better)

After the Marlins and their supporters cleared passport control and picked up their gear from customs the boys stepped onto the field at sunny Pioneer Park Malabar.

We looked good in our warm up but it was going to be a hot day on that Diamond.

**The Game**

Marlins to bat "top of the first" - game on Cooper steadied the ship early - tight anchor man Then Matthew was up - Bang he makes first.

Lachlan R on the plate strike one / strike two then boom steals first.

Samuel up next great effort - The hard part is not

breaking that batting line at any pitch - His eye was in early.

Eugene is up and looking "fit to hit" - Strike one then bang - Marlins have hit the lead.

Dolphins come back strongly but Lachlan S is keeping them on their toes with some great blocks as catcher

Spencer is up next - Some great "leaves" - This is what the coaches want to see - magic.

Phoebe next up - Has her game day face on and means business - Her dad gave her that last minute tip "pull that bat behind your ear" it worked (watch out coaches) - well done.

Will means business - Swinging well and making a great play.

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**U10/2's continued**

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The crowd is getting drawn into this game as these kids are tough as the temperatures start to rise.

Top of the third and onwards

Harry's is on plate and staring down the pitcher - bang "oh yeah" he slides into first.

Douglas is up with yet another great effort on the bat - Go the Marlins!

Jayden is up and has his "eye in" with some fantastic "leaves" this coaching staff are doing great.

The Dolphins are coming back at the Marlins which means a grandstand finish.

Marlins are fielding well with some great plays - Need to work on some of the base throws but we are getting there.

The Umpire calls game and the crowd cheer the Marlins back to the shade from the hot sun.

Well done boys and Phoebe.

The fans and Marlins check into passport control for the flight back to Sutherland.

Gooooooooooooo Marlinnnnnnnnnssssssssss

Proud Parent: Murray Reid



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**Under 8-2's**

Round 9 saw us host the Comets on the junior diamond, just our second game there this year and the cause of much excitement with the team, especially coach Jules who was unavailable for the first game there. Taking the field for the top of the 1st we managed one out, pitcher Tiffany tagging a runner trying to score from 3rd. Hitting down the 3rd base line and away from their runners the Comets managed to score 6 runs to be side away. We returned fire with our bats in the bottom of the 1st, with our the batters in our 1 – 4 spots, Lachlan, Angelique, Holly and Zac all hitting good singles to keep the scoreboard ticking over before Patrick cleared the bases by hitting a laser beam to left field. Our numbers 6 – 9 saw us get the 6th run needed to also be side away. When we took the field for the top of the 2nd the team knew they had to be on their toes to put the Comets away due to their clever hitting tactics. Pitcher Patrick got the first out by fielding a hit to his right and quickly tagging the

runner trying to score. The Comets managed to score 2 runs before a ground ball was hit to James at third base. James stepped forward to meet the ball and quickly retreated to his bag to force out the runner advancing from second. The Comets scored another run before a ground ball was hit back up the middle. Patrick fielded this cleanly and threw a strike to first baseman Shea for a 1-3 put out. In our turn at bat the team seized their chance to take the lead and pounded the Comets with a powerhouse display of hitting. Shea, Sienna, Chris and Tainui all hit into gaps and Tiffany squared up a ball for a 2 run home run to centre field. James and Ben followed with good hits of their own and another 6 runs were plated to give us a 12-9 lead. Slightly non-plussed at being put away for only 3 runs in their last dig the Comets came out full of intent but again ran into a determined defence that held to to another measly 3 runs. The first batter of the Comet innings was

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quickly put away when pitcher Holly fielded a sharp ground ball before turning to fire a strike to first basemen Tiffany for a crisp 1-3 put out. The Comets managed to sneak 3 runs in before Tiffany made the second out unassisted, skipping to her right to snag a ground ball heading for right field and racing to her bag to beat the runner charging down the line. Patrick's speedy reflexes and good awareness got us the third and final out after he seized on a well hit ball to short centre field and beat the not quite switched on Comet runner at first base to second to record the force out. Picking up the bats for the bottom of the 3rd we knew that runs meant a good chance of victory and the batters hit accordingly. Despite one runner being thrown out going for first base the rest of the team combined to pile another 6 runs on the Comets to give us an 18-12 lead after 3 innings. Patrick hit his second HR of the game, this time a 3 run shot to left field and Tainui hit a solid double into right field, his second great hit of the game. His blazing speed and ability to hit the ball make him a near impossible out for opposition fielders. Entering the fourth inning the Comets fought hard. Despite a great 1-3 out when Shea ranged to his right to field a

ground ball which he sent with pinpoint accuracy to first baseman Holly, the Comets managed to score 6 runs to tie the game at 18 all. Needing 1 run to win our batters stepped up and went about their work with great professionalism, single after single after single resulting in the winning run crossing the plate and leaving a disappointed Zac in the on deck circle. The Golden Glove Player of the Match went to Tainui for his consistently good hitting and running, and his application at training. Well done Tainui!

The team is improving on a weekly basis, and their fielding is a joy to watch as they rarely allow an inning to go by without recording at least one out. Coupled with their hitting up and down the order they are turning into quite a formidable team which is reflected by them sitting in equal first place on the ladder and having the second best defensive record in the competition. Well done kids!

Coach: Julie Southwell  
Assistant Coaches: Will Peters and Paul Childers  
Manager: James Taylor



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Under 10-1's

The team travelled to Lugarno to play St George, in a whopping 6 innings tournament!

1<sup>st</sup>: saw great hits from **Callum** and **Hamish** - both out to LF. **Kallan** hit to SS who threw wild an invoked the pass-ball which walked **Callum** home. A hit from **Aidan S.** RBI'd **Hamish** to home. The fielding highlight was a catch taken by **Josh** down in RF. Marlins up 2-1.

2<sup>nd</sup>: The feature was a 2-base hit from **Bryce** out to LF. **Callum**, **Ollie** and **Josh** had solid hits that were unfortunately thwarted at by St G's SS to 1B. **Bryce** continued his form with a fielded ball for an out on 1B. **Aidan P.** (SS) combined with **Ollie** (2B) to close the innings. Marlins up 3-1.

3<sup>rd</sup>: **Aidan P.** had a fantastic hit out to RF. **Tyler** and **Aidan S.** had hits to 2B but unfortunately both were

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## U10/1's continued

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picked up by St G for outs at 1B. St G were 3up and 3down on K2's, Marlins still in front 3-1.

4<sup>th</sup>: Short but not so sweet for the Marlins this innings. 3up and 3down due to an assisted put out from 3B to 2B, then a fly caught at 2B for a double play back at 1B. Errors in our fielding, combined with savvy stealing from St G saw them get 2 home. The best part of our fielding this innings was an "out" from **Aidan S.** who took a fly at 1B. Score 3-3.

5<sup>th</sup>: Our boys lost their hitting mojo...3up and 3down on strike outs. Solid hitting from St G saw them with 2 runners getting home. Score now St G way 5-3.

6<sup>th</sup>: Again we were 3up and 3down on strike outs!...It seemed that instead of tiring, St G was firing!! This innings saw them with x1 3base hit & x2 2base hits,

with all 3 runners making home. Tine was called and the Marlins sadly went down 8-3.

Awards this week to:

Bryce – for his cracking 2base hit to LF and his UA out at 1B.

Hamish – for his solid hits through SS to LF and his game enthusiasm

**Man of the Match this week = Josh** – for his terrific catch at RF (which even had him stunned for a bit) and for achieving 2 hits from his 2 appearances at the plate.

Manager: Renae Simpson



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## Under 14-2's

The 14/2's were up against Bosco Navy at Heathcote. Patience persisting, our 1<sup>st</sup> at bat saw all 6 of our batters attain 1B, then with good stealing and base running helping to achieve this. Then Bosco was also able to get 6 home but only just as with **Ellesha** pitching she combined with **Matt** at SS to pick off the runner at 2B. She then went on to field her own pitch, throw to **Tom** at catcher who tagged the runner coming home.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> innings saw a new pitcher for Bosco – who was tough. Mia scored our only run for the innings by stealing from 3<sup>rd</sup> to home on a wild throw to 1B. Elena started the 2<sup>nd</sup> innings pitching. Jack fielded a ball at 1B to make an out. Elena got the 2<sup>nd</sup> out by pitching 3 strikes in a row. Bosco started to see the ball

making a few hits. They managed 6 home, with 2 outs on them for majority of the innings.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> innings sadly saw no runners crossing the home plate. Bosco took 2 catches in foul territory...just not our day. Sam came up to pitch for only his 2<sup>nd</sup> time this year (due to injury) and was starting to find the zone only to have time and game called.

The bounce of the ball was not with us today, but if the team continues to work hard and support each other at training and game time – the rewards will come.

Coach: Paul Simpson



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**Under 17-3's**



A warm afternoon at Phil Austin saw the Illawong Marlins come up against the Arncliffe Scots team. This time we had a point to prove after we were beaten 8-1 the last time we met.

Our team was a pitcher down as poor James had been suffering from a stomach bug all week so our team combinations were about to change. The coach decided to lead out with a new pitcher Kristen. Considering she had not pitched for 12 - 18 months she held the Scots team to only 4 runs home after two innings. Well done.

Our fielding had improved since the last time we played this team. Carl took a great catch out in the deep, Clayton and Cooper combined to get two runners out on third, Cooper took a great foul ball catch on third while Andrew and Kristen combined to get a runner out on first. Well done everyone.

Batting was also strong today with everyone getting bat on ball. There were a few strikeouts but overall it was a great team effort.

Finally, Mark had a standout game as his catching

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behind the plate was outstanding with very few balls getting past him and his home run out to right field and speed around the bases topped it off.

Our player of the match was Kristen Grundie for outstanding pitching. Well done everyone the TEAM

played well again.

Thank you to all who came and watched and to the scorers, base coaches, manager Stuart S and our coach Stuart H.

Proud Parent: Tracie Grundie



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**Under 8-1's**

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After having several games away it was great to be back at home and playing on the main junior diamond. It was a late game and played under hot condition and against a super Cronulla team.

The team fielded strongly in the first 2 innings against the strong Cronulla batting making a number of good stops to restrict the Cronulla runners. Our outfield was kept busy all day and special mention to Rhys, Jaxon, Jack, Jonah, Taj, Cayde and Logan who fielded some hard hits and kept the ball in front of them.

Our batting was restricted today due to some great fielding but the kids tried hard. The most pleasing part today was our base running with the majority running through first base. Cayde was strong with

the bat today with some big hits to the outfield. Ryan, Isaiah and Kurt got on base a number of times which was great. Well done to Jack for hitting a home run.

Man of the match was tough today with great overall games from Cayde and Rhys. Cayde was awarded man of the match for his strong hitting while Rhys should be congratulated for his good fielding and batting.

The McDonalds award went to Jonah for his fielding efforts.

Coach: Stuart Fletcher