

Rustlers

**SUMMER
ANNUAL REPORT
1990-91**



PRESIDENT CHRIS REECE



CLUB COACH GREG BROWN

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The season started with major changes in the administration and new coaches in all senior grades. Greg Brown took over as Club Coach and Manager of the Firts, John Carlile - Reserves, Brad Lark - Thirds and Dean Smith - Fourths.

The Firsts had a difficult season following our failure to achieve Division 2 status at the November 1990 grading review and it is to their credit that they re grouped and came back to win the Division 3 Premiership 4- 3 against Blackburn and take the Club Championship with the help of the Reserves. The Reserves finished the season well clear on top of their ladder and were a little unlucky to lose their Grand Final 1-3 to Port Melbourne.

Our Thirds playing in Division 4 had a very successful season and reached the finals to finish third overall. The Fourths playing in the Division 2 Thirds competition also had a successful season and only missed the finals by a game.

The Under 18's had a tough year playing against the top teams in the state and finished in the middle of the field.

The Under 16's did not perform as well as we would have hoped and much more effort will be needed next season.

Two Under 14 teams played this season and achieved some fine results, both teams played in the Friday night competition and eventually played off for the Flag. The Under 14 Allstars also made the Grand Final to finish runners up to Waverley.

The Club ran an inter club Under 12 centre in which we fielded 4 teams. All played well, with 3 of the teams reaching the finals. The Centre Championship was won by a Cheltenham team. The Allstars acquitted themselves well, missing a finals berth by only 1 game and being a relatively young side should find it is their turn next year. The overall performances and development of the players in these teams is a credit to the coaches. The organisation of the centre was first class thanks to Peter Paturzo.

We hosted the Junior U12 Baseball tournament for the first time and the day was a major success even though our team finished fourth.

Tee Ball was again a major success story. We increased to 7 teams and all played extremely well and look like turning out to be fine junior baseballers in the near future. Cheltenham hosted the State Championship and won it for the third year in a row. The performance on the field on that day was outstanding and the work by David Coppens is providing an excellent foundation in the development of skills and teamwork.

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Fund Raising. The Club is in a strong financial position due largely to the dedicated efforts of our Bingo and canteen workers.

-Bingo:

Under the very capable management of Maureen Phillips the Club continued running the thursday afternoon session and since january 1991 has taken over a wednesday evening session which is being run for our junior section.

-Canteen:

Through the efforts of Tony Bailey and Wendy Johnson in particular, the profits from the canteen and bar are going to make a major contribution towards our commitments this season. The level of service has been outstanding.

The Future:

Club loyalty must remain paramount as we need to retain our existing members and recruit strongly to improve our playing strength. All our efforts must now be focussed on regaining a place in the Division 2 after the November Review and a rapid promotion to Division to Division 1 the following year.

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PRESIDENT - SUMMER

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COACHES REPORT 1990/91 - GREG BROWN.

Season 1990/91 was certainly a disappointing one in some aspects. If we focus only on our preseason goal of making it to the new division 2, we would have to say that it was not a successful year. However, there were also some very good things to come out of the past season. Confirming that we are easily in the upper half of division 2, even without our two frontline pitchers has to be a good sign. If we can keep our pitchers healthy and available for selection each week, I believe we can push for the top of division 2.

Our defense has proven itself to be excellent this year, and I see no reason why this shouldn't get even better next season. Our defense is probably the least of our worries.

Our batting, though, should be the focal point of our attention. While we did hit the ball well this season, we did it against some less than overpowering pitching. We must get as many swings both off the tee and in the tunnel, as well as working hard when we get some live hitting opportunities. If they are prepared to do the hard work, I know we have the hitters who can get the job done.

Another good thing to come from season 90/91 was our ability to bring some talented junior into our senior teams. Nathan Bailey, Craig Witchell, Jamie Morgan, Ben Wenke, and Anthony Smith all made appearances in our first or second teams, with all doing a more than adequate job when they were called on. These players are just some of a very talented group of juniors who will come up in the next couple of years, and ultimately make our first and second nines even stronger than they are today.

Our second nine making the grand final, our division 4 team making the semi-finals, and our thirds posting a win-loss record of 12-6 shows that we are doing things right as a club. All we need is a good result from our first nine in our most crucial year next year to boost our confidence and put us on track for our ultimate goal: a spot in division 1.

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CHELTENHAM BASEBALL CLUB

SUMMER SEASON 1990/91

PRESIDENT	Chris Reece.
VICE PRESIDENT	Graham Lewis.
SECRETARY	Debby Strange.
TREASURER	Alex Porreca.
GENERAL COMMITTEE	Greg Brown. Matthew Stewart. Mark Diamond. Terase Connor. Tony Bailey. Maureen Phillips. Michael Trevora. John Ferguson.
SOCIAL COMMITTEE	Tony Bailey. Tony Dinnie. Val Bailey. Mark Phillips. Joy Lewis. Terase Connor John Stewart Glennys Harris
JUNIOR CO- ORDINATOR	Michael Trevora.
BAR MANAGER	Tony Bailey.
CANTEEN MANAGERESS	Wendy Johnson.
GROUND MANAGER	Matthew Stewart.
UNDER 12 CNTR MANAGER	Peter Paturzo.
T/Ball CNTR MANAGER	Rosalyn Paturzo.

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1990/1991 COACHES

CLUB COACH

Greg Brown

FIRSTS

Greg Brown

SECONDS

John Carlile

THIRDS

Brad Lark

FOURTHS

Dean Smith

1990/1991 SCORERS

FIRSTS

Teresa Connor

SECONDS

Joy Lewis

THIRDS

John McHarry

FOURTHS

Val Bailey

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THANKS AND APPRECIATION

MANY PEOPLE HAVE CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME AND EFFORT TO THE CLUB THIS PAST SEASON , SOME MORE VISUAL THAN OTHERS IN THEIR ASSISTANCE.

WE WOULD SINCERLY LIKE TO THANK ALL THESE PEOPLE, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE OF YOU BEHIND THE SCENES, AND THOSE THAT HAVE SAT UP UNTIL ALL HOURS TO COMPLETE TASKS YOU HAVE DONATED YOUR TIME FOR, AND FINALLY TO ALL THE HUSBANDS, WIVES AND PARENTS FOR THEIR TOLERANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE BASEBALL FANATIC IN THE FAMILY.

TO NAME EVERY ONE IS INDEED AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK, BUT YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND YOUR UNYEILDING COMMITMENT THROUGH OUT THE SEASON HAS BEEN GREATLY APPRECIATED.

THANK YOU ALL ONCE AGAIN AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ONE AND ALL FOR THE 1991/92 SUMMER SEASON.

Regards,

Chris Reece.