



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2011

Here we are already 1 month into the new season and I would like to congratulate all players, coaches, umpires, scorers and support staff for their efforts so far, after all the hard work in the pre season the results and team man ship between all players across all grades is fantastic and there is certainly a great feeling and buzz around the club.

SENIORS

This season we are fielding 4 senior teams, due to the drop in numbers it was not fair to make a 5th team struggle for numbers each week, so the committee felt it was the correct decision to field only 4 senior teams and therefore put our best possible teams on the diamond. Thank you to the coaches Mouse, Dan, Quinny and Beefa for taking charge of the teams.

After a hiccup in the first game our 1sts have come out blazing winning their past 4 games to be sitting 2nd currently, it was great to see Josh Leite (only 2 days off the plane from the States) blow the opposition away in his first game throwing 76 strikes and 14 strike outs, it was a great start for Josh and the club. Great to see some of our U18 players holding their own in the 1sts along with the 'older brigade' to keep ticking the runs over. Welcome also to the senior ranks Nick Veale, who in tandem with Josh are a formidable compination.

Mouse and Dan have provided a new training program which has meant more players across all teams at training and the new drills are keeping all on their toes!!

The 2nds, 3^{rds} and 4ths are performing well all having won games some close and some not so close!! Well done to all players.

MASTERS

We have once again a great number of over 38's registered for Masters, currently we have 17 players on the team and because of this we will seriously look at adding a second team to play in the Div 2 South comp. We have a bye for Monday 7th November so we would encourage and players interested in joining the Master team to come along for a game on this night commencing at 6.30pm, if we can have 22 'keen' players we will apply for an extra team to Baseball Victoria, luckily most games are played within a ½ hour from the club in this division. Check out the web site – We want You!!

JUNIORS

We have 5 junior teams this season 2 x U18, 1 x U16, 2 x U14 and 2 x U12 competing on Sunday mornings, although still going through the 'qualifying' rounds, we are seeing some great results (and not some great results because of the uneven pool allocations), it is great to see the coaching the kids are receiving and we must give a big thank you to these guys for the time and effort they provide to the club, along with the support staff.

DOMESTIC & T Ball

It is also great to see so may kids participating on Saturdays mornings, the T ball and U12 domestic comps attract around 60 kids, with new playing times and playing format and the

Aussie T ball kits for all T ballers the atmosphere is fantastic. A big thank you to Tim Moon who has the Saturday mornings running so smoothly, it is also a credit to our 'senior junior players' who impart their knowledge and skills to the kids on Saturday mornings, you too are a credit to yourselves and the club.

I would like to acknowledge the support of Casey Softball Club for their support of the club using Sweeney Reserve this season, we now have a great diamond for the U16's to play on with pitching mound and base paths plus the use of 3 other diamonds. They also are providing us with full canteen facilities every Sunday morning. My thanks the Brett Barnett who has spent many hours in preparing the diamonds, yes even on the new ride on mower the club has purchased, his tireless efforts have provide in (subject to weather) great diamonds to play on. Also thank you to Graeme "Tumbles" Harris for his time and equipment to help with the preparation, club people like these guys are hard to come by and their support is more than appreciated.

BATTING CAGES

Grant Beasley has spent tireless hours on the drawings, quotes and submission to council for the new batting cages. Currently we are waiting on council approval to remove a couple of trees before we can turn that first bit of soil, I know Grant can't wait, and thanks for your time and effort so far.....the best is yet to come!!

FUND RAISING & SOCIAL

Movie fundraiser: All players should have received flyers etc. for the Movie tickets, please make an effort to have these back by the deadline of 20th November.

Photos: We will once again be having team photo's, will be done in time for Christmas

Ladies Day: KEEP THIS DAY FREE >> Saturday 28th Jan vs Springvale, tickets available shortly

Chocolates; The sales of chocolates is a great profit making venture for the club, this season ALL money raised will go to the batting cages so ALL players SENIOR, JUNIOR & DOMESTIC will be asked to sell a box PLEASE.

JOSH LEITE

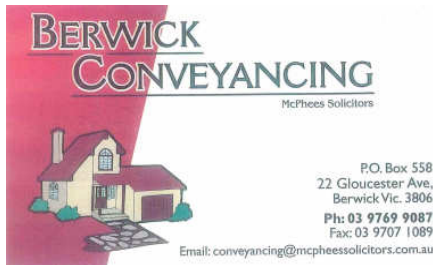
I would like to make a special mention to our Non National / Import, Josh. Since arriving off the plane on the 13th October since sincere attitude and commitment to Berwick has been second to none. Besides his great from with both the bat and ball in the 1st, we is assistant coach for the U16's who are overwhelmed with his knowledge and attitude to both them and the team, after the first week we already know all of there names. Josh also represented the World All Stars vs. Melbourne Aces last Friday and although only pitched 1 innings, struck out two (including our own signed junior Adam Silva), muffed fly and 6 to 4, 4 batters and a dozen or so pitches (photo's below). Well done Mick, you certainly know how to pick talent!!



Josh has also offered to provide pitching coaching to our U12, U14, U16 and U18 players interested on a Wednesday night, let your coach know if you are keen to learn more on pitching. A special thanks to the Beasley family who are kindly providing board for Josh, and Shane and Matt from **Australian Country Outfitters Pty Ltd** www.outfitters.com.au who have provided Josh employment.

SPONSORS

This season we were lucky to attract over 40 sponsors to the club. All sponsors are listed on the web site, please try to support them, as they support us. Congrats to Berwick Conveyancing who were drawn out on Sponsors Day as the Major sponsor for the season, also thanks to Jet Couriers for their generous support.



FEES

Can all players please ensure their fees are paid or a scheme of arrangement in place with Robyn Surtees, Treasurer. Now we are 1 month in there is no excuse. The committee does not want to enforce the no pay no play

If anyone has any queries or requires any information please don't hesitate to contact me craig.wood@dorma.com or mobile 0418 308 076 or any member of the committee.

Kind Regards,

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President

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