



Comets

Summer 2019-2020 Presentation

Season Reports



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on a great Summer Season
Junior & Senior Teams



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Date	Time	Event
4/4 & 5/4		StGBA Round 1
15/4	7.30pm	COMETS Meeting
18/4 & 19/4		StGBA Round 2
25/4 & 26/4		StGBA Round 3
2/5 & 3/5		StGBA Round 4
9/5 & 10/5		StGBA Round 5
16/5 & 17/5		StGBA Round 6
20/5	7.30pm	COMETS Meeting
23/5 & 24/5		StGBA Round 7
30/5 & 31/5		StGBA Round 8
6/6 & 7/6		StGBA Round 9
13/6 & 14/6		StGBA Round 10
17/6	7.30pm	COMETS Meeting
20/6 & 21/6		StGBA Round 11
27/6 & 28/6		StGBA Round 12
4/7 & 5/7		StGBA Round 13
11/7 & 12/7		StGBA Round 14
15/7	7.30pm	COMETS Meeting
18/7 & 19/7		StGBA Round 15
25/7 & 26/7		StGBA Round 16
1/8 & 2/8		StGBA Semi Final
8/8 & 9/8		StGBA Final
15/8 & 16/8		StGBA Grand Final
19/8	7.30pm	COMETS Meeting

21st October 2020

COMETS - Annual General Meeting

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**REMINDER AT THE AGM
 ALL POSITIONS ARE MADE
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Every club needs a band of members who are willing to put in just a little bit each month on the committee.

All club members, senior players and parents are welcome and encouraged to stand.

Come along and step up to the plate!



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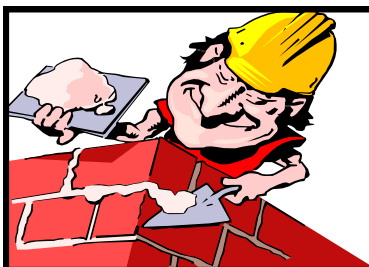
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PRESIDENTS REPORT - Summer 2019 - 2020

With the 2019/2020 season now over, It is time to reflect on the year that was. I would like to thank all involved. Parents, Grand Parents, Aunties and Uncles, Brothers and Sisters, and friends for helping out. Whether it was fetching and carrying players and equipment, helping in the canteen or with ground duty or the working bee. You are all volunteers and the club really appreciates the support in any shape or form.

Thank you to the players, Junior and Senior, whose behaviour on and off the field is something families can be proud of.

Thank you Suzette - all your hard work in the canteen
Jimmy - keeping our fields in top condition
Dru - stocking the bar and helping Jimmy
Dan - Junior Secretary and Junior registrar

Thanks to all involved in the Bunnings BBQ and all who helped out and enjoyed the club Trivia Night.

Thank you to the Comets executive for the time that is put into everything that they have done. Without your hard work the club cannot function.

Thanks to Scott Collins for the new website, it looks great.

To the team's who made the finals.

Senior League 2: Chris Little - Finished (Premiers)
Junior League 2: Steve Bourke - Finished (Premiers)

First Grade: Andrew Hodges - Finished (Runners Up)
Second Grade: Cameron Hall - Finished (Runners Up)

Well done to:

Reilly Vanzanten for making the CSJBA Junior League Representative squad.
Simon Pillington for making the CSJBA Little League Minors Representative team.

Lastly spread the news Comets are looking for players through all age groups.

Wishing you all a safe and successful year ahead and remember to Swing for the Fence.

Trevor Geldenhuis
Club President

Juniors - T-Ball Minors

Coach: Trevor Geldenhuis
Manager: Jeff Skinner

Team: Cooper Pitman, Nathaniel Bao, Cameron Seymour,
Tom Richardson, Sean Skinner, Axl Hatton, Oliver Bowdidge
William Dunstone, Patrick Stratton, Blaze Kearns

The T-Ball Minors began the season as a completely fresh team.

With patient coaching from Trevor and Kuean Geldenhuis the team quickly shaped up to achieve respectable results against other local teams, some who had experienced players returning from the season before.

It was a joy to see each player, without exception develop their skills, their progress attributed to the fine support from parents and coaches - a truly family affair.

We will be looking forward to seeing our young members return next season with more fine results expected without a doubt.

COACH

Trevor Geldenhuis

Juniors - T-Ball Majors 3 - Gold (Finished 4th)

Coach: Brian Hogan
Assistant Coach: Greg Stapleton
Manager: Mark Harris
Scorers: Kris Harrison

Team: Nio Harrison, Jack Harris, Marcus Brain, Logan Shumak, Harrison Bolling, Gabby Hogan, Max Hogan, Ashley Hudson, Elijah Dragarski, Kirraley Stapleton

The season started with a mix of returning players and new first time faces to expand the team out to 10 players. It didn't take long for everyone to get to know each other and early on looked like a group that was going to have a great season.

The first half of the season focused on forming/improving basic skills for all players. No point having fancy plans if we can't throw straight or catch! :) Dual emphasis was placed on ensuring we could make the simple play to first and focus on our base running. It was these twin basic skills that set the team up for expanding how to play the game and look for other avenues for outs. Consequently this set both the team and each player up for a strong 2nd half of the season (and hopefully a strong basis for each player going forward for the rest of their baseball lives).

The highlight of the season was the 2nd last game. The team played their best match and it all just worked. Our hitting and running was excellent all day giving us a really good score; not necessarily special as we normally hit well. But the running can be up & down and generally sets the tone for how we field.

That morning we looked sharp. For the first inning the movement was good, pick ups were clean, throws went the right direction and catches were taken. Team members proud of doing what they had been training for and seeing the results. An air of excitement was building over the team with smiles all round and you could sense it was one of those days where everyone was really, truly enjoying themselves.

Then had one of those magic innings. First hit, clean pickup, great throw to first, great catch ; OUT! Smiles all round again as we executed the perfect play. That set the tone for the innings; shortly and sharply we had 3 outs for only one run.

The best bit? The smiles as a season worth of learning and training came together for everyone on the day. Did we win the game? Yes but truly that didn't mater one bit; it was the way we played and the enjoyment of playing that really defined the day.

To the players; well done! Keep building on those skills and you'll go far. Keep having fun and you'll want to go far! :)

Thanks again to all the parents who assisted during the season; your support for the players is invaluable and I hope you took as much joy from your children as they took from the season.

COACH

Brett Hogan

Juniors - T-Ball Majors 3 - Royal (Finished Equal 2nd)

Coach: Paul Dunn
Manager: Christina Coyne

Team: Xavier Dunn, Luke Spratt, Ben Spratt, Jake Taylor, Charlie McLeod
Zane Bowman, Lachlan Entwistle, Thomas Gibling, Archie Coyne
Cooper Jacenko, Hamish Brell

Let's start with our team name... The only thing longer than our team name was the amount of time our opponents had to spend in the field and the distance Zane, Ben and Cooper could hit the ball.

The season was a success! We finished second in our division on the back of the players' hard work and dedication. We are quite pleased with our result but probably could have finished 1st had we had a better coach. He's the old dude in our otherwise perfect team portrait.

We hated loved training! Some of our favourite drills included cat and mouse, timed runs, sharks and dolphins and hit the coach. We never had enough time with bat in hand – probably because coach spent way too much time conducting fielding stations, catching and throwing. Thomas and Luke won several goodies for their masterful abilities of throwing the baseball in the jack-o'-lantern. Another training highlight were the birthday runs followed by birthday treats (perhaps coach wasn't so bad).

Several players excelled at training. Xavier's attitude and effort was top notch and he was always helpful in setting up and packing away. Mr. Fundamental, Lachlan, used training days to showcase his throwing and catching abilities. And we could always count on Luke to provide a laugh or two. Every team needs a Luke!

Game days were even more fun, from Archie making the first hit of the season (and earning the first player of the week award) to Xavier recording the last hit, driving in Thomas to score our final run. Games were a great opportunity to showoff our ever-improving skills. For instance, Ben not only became a great hitter, but when not blasting the ball into the outfield, he perfected his ability to force his brother, Luke, out at second. Typical older brother.

Zane and Cooper also became big hitters and it wasn't long until they had the rest of the team running two bases. I thought for sure Cooper's hitting abilities were going to result in a league first tee ball pee test. Mr. Hustle, Charlie, was always in the middle of making plays in the field. His work at pitcher and centerfield was exceptional.

Coach was really proud of the team when about half way through the season the players began making outs by fielding and throwing the ball to the appropriate base. Many players got in on the action including Jake, Cooper, Ben, Xavier and Lachlan. Equally as impressive was Zane's unassisted double play in the final inning against St. Pats that helped secure the win, and ultimately 2nd place in the comp.

Juniors - T-Ball Majors 3 - Royal - Continued

Base running was another strength of the team. Archie and Thomas were quick and committed on the bases giving it their all and the opposition would have been brave to step in front of Charlie. Perhaps this commitment was learned from Jake's first timed run at training, which was the best demonstration of all out effort witnessed all season. Hamish was the most improved player running the bases with some impressive and quick runs over the final few games of the year.

Not all good work was done on the field. Hamish performed splendidly teaching his father how to properly score a game. Speaking of not being on the field, we did have one incident where a base coach was ejected from the game for unfootsmanlike conduct.

The season would not have gone nearly as smoothly without the efforts of our manager Christina. She did an exceptional job managing the dugout and organising the team throughout the year. Thanks also to the other parents who helped out along the way with scoring, base coaching, ground duties, or at training. Special mention goes out to Andy for scoring and his help at training and Jordan for scoring and stepping up when the coach was having back problems.

Last but not least the coach deserves a bit of credit, at least he tied shoes when they came undone in the middle of the games.

GO COMETS (Tee Ball Majors Division 3 Royal Blue)!!!

A year to remember and treasure!

COACH

Paul Dunn



Juniors - T-Ball Majors 1 (Finished 2nd)

Coach: Marney Wane
Assistant Coach: Craig Gocher

**Team: Cooper Gocher, Cooper Weigand, Zak Di Stefano,
Fletcher Nobbs, Andrew Reeve, Flynn Coupland,
Logan Wane, Jaxon McGee, Bailey Hall**

What an awesome and fun season we have had this year!

It has been an absolute blast coaching you all this year. You are all amazing kids who have listened to us (your coaches), learned new skills, improved on the skills you already had and had loads of fun doing so along the way. It has been great to watch your fielding, batting, base running and knowledge of the game get better and better as the season progressed.

There have been lots of very exciting games this season with some amazing double plays, classic catches, great batting, awesome outs and super-fast base running by everyone on the team.

You have always tried your best, played well as team and had a wonderful attitude towards the game. Because of this great effort and attitude, along with all of the hard work you put in at training and the games, we ended up coming second in the competition. Well done boys!

A huge thank you goes out to all of the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who have brought you to training and games, scored, manned the canteen and BBQ, base coached and lent a helping hand when needed. Also many, many thanks to our manager Emma Reeve – corralling 10 spirited little boys can be a challenge and you accepted that challenge head on.

We hope that you have all enjoyed yourselves as much as we have and hope to see you all back at Comets next season.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to coach you. We are so proud of you all and everything that you have achieved this season.

COACH

Marney Warne and Craig Gocher



Juniors - Little League Machine Pitch 1 (Finished 6th)

Coach: Michael Brian
Manager: Paul Mignacca
Scorer: Erica Jacenko

Team: Blake Sandilands, Liam Taylor, Chloe Wilson, Zac Jacenko, Toby Husband
Tyler Mignacca, Keiran Brain, Alex Carrigan, Byron Nobbs, Zac Bayley
Zaine Dragarski, Anderson Grant

The 2019–20 U10 machine pitched season was a season of development and encouragement for the team.

This team started the season with a 50:50 split of younger and older players with a few that have not played before.

At the commencement of the season we were assigned to the first division competition a fact which amazed the majority of us. Developing a strong sense of team spirit we began to focus on the bat. A big transition for those coming up from Tee Ball, I was extremely impressed to see how quickly the younger players were able to make contact with the ball being pitched from the zooka machine, which quickly alleviated their fear of hitting a live pitch ball.

This remained the focus of our training during the first few weeks with the aim to build confidence in batting a live ball. This paid dividends at the end of the season with a noticeable improvement in bat on ball success with our older kids hitting the ball further and harder than they had previously. All players had the opportunity to play a range of positions although we did start to focus on key positions for each team member by the end of the season. We had a couple of really strong, reliable hitters as well as a few strong catchers.

Towards the end of the season we had an increasing number of games that demonstrated strong teamwork, cooperation and a growing sense of the game, even if this didn't always result in a win.

A special thank you is extended to Paul Mignacca who willingly put up his hand to manage our side. He reliably ensured that we were aware of where we needed to be and was always there to help out when needed. He also spent numerous hours of his own time organising various whole club events for the juniors throughout the year.

I am also extremely grateful to the many parents who assisted at training, warm up and with scoring, thank you so very much. It really did make it easy to coach with such great parental support by my side. The kids get a lot more out of it when they see their parents in there supporting their team and having a go.

Even though we may not have won many games it was a great to see the kid's determination, willingness to persevere and continue to learn along the way.

I hope to see each one of these players enjoy and develop their Baseball game in the years to come.

COACH

Michael Brian

Juniors - Little League Minors AA (Finished 7th)

Coaches: Ken Dickenson
Manager & Scorer: Barton Peeters

Team: Keizah Biddle, Brodie Dickenson, Billy Dunn, Jacob Martin, Ashley Nupier
Lucy Peeters, Ruby Peeters, Xander Burrows, Oliver Holden, Simon Pillington

Our team had a great season and despite only having the bare nine players most of the time, we still managed to finish first or second in the majority of our games. There were a few new faces in the team, Xander, Jacob, Oliver & Billy, and they all slotted in seamlessly, easing the loss of Simon who was traded mid-season to bolster the AA team which had had an unlucky run with injuries.

It was great to see the kids developing and improving their skills, with a few players becoming attached to certain positions, especially our pitchers and catchers. The best thing about being involved with this team, however, was the attitude that they took into each game and the smiles on their faces afterwards, regardless of the result.

Many thanks to Ken Dickenson for generously giving up his time, and the last of his hair, to coach the kids and to Joel Peeters, our pitching mentor and strength & conditioning coach. Big thanks to all the parents who repeatedly helped with ground duty throughout the season. Hopefully, we'll see you all again next Spring.

COACH

Ken Dickenson

Juniors - Little League Minors AAA (Finished 7th)

Coach: Katherine Peacock
Manager: Paula Westwood
Scorer: Peita Burgess

Team: Lucas Flynn, Loren Peacock, Simon Pillington, Jake Bolling, Charlie Westwood
Christiaan Wilson, Aiden O'Connell, Thomas Gee, Bryce Boulton, Kaelen Crossing

This team of kids had some hard work from the get go. We played most of our season having to borrow 2 or 3 players from other teams but boy did we give it a red hot go. Injuries always make it hard. So glad you are back playing baseball Thomas.

Lucas and Loren did all the catching this year in some pretty hot, humid and horrible weather conditions - we never heard any complaint and always willing to learn and encourage the rest of the team - it was always a pleasure to have you guys on the field and at training.

Our pitchers always made the batters work hard - Christian, Simon, Jake, Charlie W, Loren

Our batting improved out of sight this year and it was a pleasure to watch you " have a go".

Many teams we played didn't try to hit and score runs.

We played baseball every week.

We tried to hit the ball, our base running was awesome and we learnt new skills that if you continue playing will last a lifetime.

Our attitude to our team mates was my most favourite growth area - I hope that you remember these skills in life, at school and with your future team mates.

Being coachable, always giving 100 % no matter the outcome, persistence, communicating with each other on the field, helping each other with equipment, encouraging one another and being humble are qualities you should continue to practice everyday.

Starting a new sport is hard. Kaelen never gave up and every aspect of his game improved each week. With a huge smile on his face always and never forgetting his team responsibilities we love having you buddy.

Our on field learning - WOW what a huge achievement ... learning to play the lead runner, covering bases, learning the position numbers, relaying from the outfield, tagging , communicating outs. Great work.

Our 2 speed stars Aiden and Jake - my favourite part of practice was seeing you two compete for the title fastest runner.

Aiden, Jake and Charlie W fielding in the infield never disappointed and your arm strength always made our first base nervous. My favourite was your ability to take a chance, have a go or try something new.

Many thanks to Liam and Floyd who helped when I needed to juggle and to the supportive parents thank you.

COACH

Katherine Peacock

Juniors - Junior League 2 - Gold (Minor Premiers - Finished 1st)

Coach: Steve Bourke
Assistant Coach: Steve Audet
Manager: Simone Johnstone
Scorers: Max Pillington and Peita Burgess

Team: Riley Audet, Kade Bourke, Matthew Evensen, Lila Flynn, Oliver Harriss
Emily Johnston, Xavier Nancarrow, Sara Pillington, Callum Smith, Tara Weekes

Unique, that's the word I've chosen to sum up the 2019/20 season. A season that if we hadn't lived it, we wouldn't have believed it. The season as a whole was progressing nicely for the association, then December rolled around and Mother Nature decided to have her say. First there were games cancelled due to smoke, so much smoke, then the Christmas Picnic was cancelled due to severe water restrictions amidst horrific bushfires. If that wasn't enough the first round back after Christmas saw many games cancelled due to heat, ridiculous, too hot for the pool heat, followed by the wettest weekend I can remember...and that's when things for us started to get weird, but first, back to where the season began.

This season started with a relatively unchanged team from the past two years where we had been able to compete in the finals and the expectations were that we would put a competitive team on the diamond once again, and that we did. Four wins to start the year and, whilst we certainly weren't playing our best baseball, we were travelling okay. Round 5 saw us come up against the only other undefeated side in Marlins, a game which we lost but certainly weren't embarrassed. This game was played in miserable windy conditions at Barden Ridge and with a few kids away and a "Rookie" behind the plate I decided to not show all my cards in anticipation of further meetings between these two teams before seasons end.

After this we continued on our winning way but at no stage did we seem like the dominant team with a lot of close games played in amazing spirit. Round 11 saw the Comets Gold v Marlins rematch and with our full team on the diamond we were able to come away with a 1 run walk-off win in the bottom of the 4th and final inning, a result that did not sit well with Marlins, especially considering they had a 5-1 lead going into the bottom of the 3rd. This win saw us move into 1st place where we were able to stay for the remainder of the regular season. Many of the remaining games were won with us coming from behind, something that I attribute my constantly greying hair to, but something I believe has been huge for this team. This was never more evident than in our Round 17 game where a win was needed to secure the Minor Premiership. Some early struggles with the bat and with yet another early deficit we were able to power home for the much needed win.

With the Minor Premiership in the bag the CSJBA decided that they would reward us with, not the traditional home field advantage, but rather a semi-final back at Barden Ridge, home of the 2nd placed Marlins. With coaches, parents and kids all bewildered at this decision we headed into enemy territory for our "home" semi.

I'm going into detail about our semi-final because, whilst it wasn't the perfect game of baseball, the end result sums up these kids perfectly. Before the game I told the kids that if we were in touch with Marlins after both starters were done we had them covered. The game was, as predicted, a hard fought clash with both starting pitchers throwing 3 great innings each. We were down by 2 (a 2 run double in the second was all that separated us) when both teams went to their relievers, a scenario that I was more than happy with. It was now that the belief these kids had nurtured within themselves off the back of all the come from behind, close victories came to the fore. The top of the 4th saw some awesome displays in the field which not only included a runner caught stealing 3rd, a great catch at centre field with a runner on 2nd, and a tough put out at first, but all the extra efforts like backing up, that many kids don't put a value on, but us coaches we love to see. It also saw zero runs across the plate! We then headed to the bottom of the inning which saw us start to put runners on base and we were able to see all the time spent on base running at training pay off. More of the "little things" such as moving from 1st to 3rd on an infield ground out and scoring from 2nd on a throwing error to 1st were things that the kids may not have seen as important a season ago but ultimately had more of an impact on our season than anyone could have foreseen.

Juniors - Junior League 2 - Gold (Continued)

The 3 runs in the 4th saw us grab the lead but with ample time for another inning Marlins were confident they could get the win. What happened over the next 5-10 minutes was a display of baseball that made me very proud of, not just the kids that made the plays, but every member of this team. An early walk and a stolen base saw the tying run on 2nd, but with the Marlins obviously suffering from short term memory loss, he was also thrown out by our catcher trying to steal third. Another couple of walks and stolen bases now saw the tying run on 3rd, the go-ahead run on 2nd and the heart of their order coming up with just 1 out. If you take a look at the scorebook the next thing that it shows were 2 awesome consecutive strikeouts thrown of some of the Marlins best hitters. What it doesn't show is the pressure that this was done under and the positivity that was being displayed by the whole team towards their teammate on the mound, as well as by the best bunch of parents and supporters any junior team could wish for. The kids walked from the diamond happy but not realising that was it, Comets up 3-2 and no need to bat again! To say we were elated is an understatement, but we were also subdued knowing we were to play again in a fortnight, most likely against the same opposition.

What we didn't realise that day was that was our Grand Final, our season, because the next few weeks saw the weird set in. The following week of finals would've been washed out if it wasn't for our very own Jim McDonald at Jannali, all the crew at Chifley, and some foresight from the CSJBA that allowed all divisions to play. It was then on to a wet & miserable Grand Final Day that saw 5 divisions complete their Grand Finals but despite warming up in the rain this unfortunately didn't include us or the other Comets Grand Finalist. We then went back to training on the Monday looking towards a rescheduled Grand Final which was ultimately cancelled due to a now all familiar thing called Covid-19. Our 2019/20 season was over and we read on the CSJBA website that we would be awarded Junior League Division 2 Premiers. Whilst we didn't get to celebrate a Grand Final win I know that this team deserve this title and when we are finally able to get together as a team to congratulate one another, it will be a truly rewarding moment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every single parent of every single child in this team. I can't remember a game where our supporters were outnumbered by the opposition, a testament to all of them and the priority they place on their kids. Everyone is on the same page as me and how I have tried to teach their kids what is the best sport in the world. To those that help me at training (Liam, Rob, Max, Craig), those that do the scoring and pitch counting (Simone, Max, Pieta, Tania & Deb) to those that do their stint (and sometimes others) on the BBQ and in the canteen, and all who put up with my constant messages, game and training alerts and my general obsession with the game of baseball, thank you very much. A huge thank you to my wife Tania for putting up with my sometimes obsessive behaviour during the season, a special thanks also to Simone (the best Manager ever) and my assistant coach Steve who have again helped me unbelievably this year. It is truly appreciated. A thank you also to Harry, Jasper & Bryce for helping out this year on the rare occasions that we were short.

I know this is a ridiculously long season report, but I just want to make a special mention to the four awesome girls in our team. In a team sport that as the kids enter their teens, is dominated by male participation, we all love to see girls in there having a go, but to say that's what these girls do would be doing them a disservice. In a team of only 10 members we can't win a premiership if 40% of them are just "having a go". They contribute in every way that is expected of every player in the team and not only hold their own but rather are as vital a part of this team as any other member and I am extremely proud to call myself the coach of each and every member of this team.

COACH

Steve Bourke



Juniors - Junior League 2 - Royal (Finished 8th)

Coach: Dan Spooner
Assistant Coach: Michael Sant and Geoff Marks
Manager: April Butterly-Locke
Scorers: Michelle Morgan-Spooner

Team: Ash Dicker, Bob Olivier, Charlie Marks-Bradford, Edee Sant, Ethan Locke
Harry Morgan-Spooner, Isaac Epplett, Jack Stalenberg, Jasper Holben
Leo Marks-Bradford, Ryan Sutherland

The 2019/20 season was always going to be a tough one.

Once again, we had a team where 5 players were together last year and 6 players came in to the team. This included one player coming from another club, one returning from a year off with injury and another 2 players returning to the game after several years off. And for the first time in a long time, I unfortunately did not have a girl in my team. We worked hard on getting physically fit and building a strong team bond.

The emphasis this year for the boys was growth. The boys are going through a pivotal time in their lives and we were all about expanding them, both physically and mentally and emotionally. And for me to do the same. I was not so worried about how many games they won, but how they went about playing them. We wanted them to know that, while they could always return to playing and behaving in a conservative manner to achieve results, that it is also ok to take the opportunities presented and that they can be satisfied, or disappointed with their results.

While the results were not flattering, I believe that the boys did achieve their growth. They put themselves in positions to win, or be competitive in most games and often had the opposition backed in to a corner, only to be their own worst enemy in letting them get away. We had the opportunity to be re-graded down to Div 3, but we managed to stay put and I believe, even with their limited success, that this was the correct grade for them. They learnt a lot about themselves and their team mates and what pressure, commitment and support can do. The final innings of the season showed that, where everything came together. We pitched a clean final fielding inning and then came out to bat, where we hit, stole, supported and played with heart. We didn't win that game, but we showed what we can do.

The boys will all be stronger next year for these efforts and I hope they all come back next year to fulfill that. I feel that I grew a lot through the season too and that is thanks to these boys.

Thanks also to Michael Sant and Geoff Marks for always being there to assist with coaching and to Michelle for scoring for us and always spending a couple of hours with me after the game analyzing the scorebook and working out how we can improve.

COACH

Dan Spooner

Juniors - Junior League 1 (Finished 9th)

Coaches: Trevor Geldenhuis
Manager: Julie Little
Scorer: Jodie Proudlock

Team: Benjamin Little, Luke Proudlock, Reilly Vanzanten, Kale Hadenham, Kuean Geldenhuis, Lachlan Connolly, Kye McSweeney, Samuel Morgan, Alex Morgan, Sophie Anthony

Well what a tough season for the Junior League Division 1 for 2019/2020. Even thou the team didn't finish in a position we would like too, the players enjoyed each other's company and had team spirit.

JL1 had 9 teams in the competition which could have been broken into 2 divisions. We were in the bottom of the table most of the season. Even thou we only won 2 games out of the 15 played most of the games we lost were only by a few runs. Our team just couldn't make it happen on the day.

There are two games of the season that stands out.,

Round 3 against Cronulla Black we lost 7-5. Our team was awesome. Even thou we did lose we really made an impression on Cronulla. We took them by surprise as they knew we had lost against Cronulla Blue 15-0 in round 1. This Cronulla team is now in the Finals this year after beating Cronulla Blue in the semi. The other game is Round 5 against Bosco. We played at Heathcote at 3.30pm it was a very hot afternoon. Our team was on fire. We beat Bosco 6-4. It has always been a bit of a competition against Bosco each year as most of the players have played against each other since TBALL.

At the end of the season we took out the wooden spoon but this doesn't reflect the growth in the players in both friendship and skills.

The kids enjoyed each week at training with their training games with the whiffer balls trying to out play each other.

Each of the boys should be congratulated & proud of themselves on coming to training and game with team spirit.

Special mention to Reilly good luck with the trials for the Junior League Rep team. Hope you make it and represent Cronulla at the BNSW competition in April.

A big thankyou from the players and parents to Trevor for coaching the kids this year. Thankyou to Deryk and Armen for base coaching at the games. Thankyou Jodie for scoring each week.

Thankyou to all the support from the parents coming along to the games and watching the team.

Hope to see all you boys back next year for 2020/21 season were most of the team will be moving up to Senior League.

GO COMETS.

COACH

Trevor Geldenhuis

Juniors - Senior League 2 (Minor Premiers - Finished 1st)

Coaches: Chris Little
Assistant Coach: Marty McDonald
Manager: Tony Ash
Scorer: Barton Peeters and Paul Henville

Team: Jack Little, Oscar O'Neill, Joel Peeters, Jackson Barker-Ash, Jai O'Neill, Toby McDonald, Matt Henville, Lachlan Daly

This very capable team of young men have performed exceptionally well, having traversed the regular season undefeated for a third consecutive season. By any standards a truly remarkable effort and one which I know the boys and their parents are very proud of. At the same time, I write this report with a tinge of nostalgia and sadness as this will be the last time this team will be together as one. Most of the boys have been together since the under 8's and now in their final season as Juniors, have grown into young men bound for Senior Baseball next year. As a club, the Comets have been nothing but a positive influence on their development as young men & baseballers. The club can be extremely proud of the role it has played in their collective upbringing. As the saying goes, it takes a village to raise a child. It would be remiss not to acknowledge all the coaches that have played a part in their development including Paul Henville, Andrew Hodges, Brett Elliot, Marty McDonald, Pete Munro & Stuart Martin. Thankyou. The various managers over the years including Tony Ash & Julie little. Thankyou. Our perennial Scorer Barton Peeters. Thankyou. I would also like to thank Steve Bourke and Trev for allowing their players to fill in for the team when required. All those players contributed to our success and were a welcomed inclusion. Finally, a big thankyou to the parents & grandparents of all the boys for their support and patience.

Player Summary:

Joel Peeters

A very talented baseballer both sides of the ball. Joel is our starting pitcher who has excelled again this season with his all round skills showcasing his most deserved MVP award for this season. Joel has been a pleasure to coach, he works hard, and is well respected by his opponents and his team mates.

Jackson Barker-Ash

A monster of a young man who can crush a baseball. JBA is our First Baseman who has excelled at that position and also as our clean up hitter . Jackson works hard and has improved his throwing skills to such an extent that he is now one of our relief pitchers. A pleasure to coach, works hard.

Matthew Henville

Another physically strong young man, Matt has developed into a very capable catcher and big hitter. Hits the ball very hard and runs the bases better than most. A pleasure to coach. Will really miss his smiling face at training and around the diamond.

Oscar O'Neill

Extremely gifted athlete who has excelled in all facets of baseball. Oscar essentially covered two outfield positions due to his amazing speed and athleticism. Some of the plays he made had to be seen to be believed. Another strong hitter and relief pitcher who throws the ball hard. A pleasure to coach and a real rare talent.

Juniors - Senior League 2 - (Continued)

Jai O'Neill

Brother of Oscar and the baby of the team, Jai is also one of the stars. A very consistent player with outstanding skills on both sides of the ball. Jai is our 3RD baseman and back up catcher and plays both positions with aplomb. Has gone from strength to strength as the season has progressed and has been invaluable to the teams success.

Jack Little

Jack is a skilful Shortstop who performs well week in, week out and is very consistent. Doesn't get a lot of opportunities to execute plays however nails most chances he gets. Jack is also our leadoff batter who does his job as asked by getting on base and letting our big guys drive him in. Enjoys a chat.

Lachlan Daly

Lachy plays left field and is our back up 3rd baseman. He is also our most improved player and a pleasure to coach. He works hard and has been awesome with the bat this season when his team needed him. Lachy is physically strong, throws the ball hard and is a strong hitter when he squares up on the ball.

Toby McDonald

Toby is one of the young ones and is still eligible to play juniors next year. He is our Second Baseman who is very consistent and reliable. A capable batter, Toby is also an accomplished bunter and has excelled at that skill when required. A pleasure to coach. Enjoys his baseball.

COACH

Chris Little



COMETS SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Xmas Party 2019

Unfortunately due to the extreme weather and devastation of the fires, our Xmas Party was cancelled.

Thanks to all who put in the time and effort to try and get the day up and running.

Hope to see you all at next year's party.

Trivia Night 2020

This year's annual Trivia Night was held on the 15th of November. It was a great night shared with family and friends. There were plenty of laughs, fun games and the throwing around of knowledge.

As usual Colin Burgess donated his time as MC and Quizmaster throwing questions of all topics which personally hurt my brain but seemed to be too easy for table 1 who ultimately won the night.

A special mention to the best dressed female, Julie Little and best dressed male Warwick Smith who had stand out costumes which really embodied theme of the night, "a league of their own".

A very special mention to all who helped me personally in the lead up, on the day and night (you know who you are) as well as all team managers for organising great hampers and of course all sponsors for providing silent auction items and prizes in particular the Johnstons from Harvey Norman Penrith who were able to pull together some fantastic silent auction items.

Thanks to all who attended and contributed to the success of the night.

Congratulations to those who won games and prizes.

I look forward to enjoying next years night with you all again.

Paul Mignacca

SUMMER 2019 - 2020 AWARDS

Most Improved Junior Non-Pitched Team	T-Ball Majors 3 - Royal
Most Improved Junior Pitched Team	Junior League 2 - Gold
Jimmy McDonald Award	Rhys Peeters
Comets Family Award	Morgan-Spooner Family
Junior Representative Players:	Simon Pillington Reilly Vanzanten
Junior Team Coach	Chris Little
Junior Club Person	Joel Peeters
Jessica Clay Award	Anderson Grant

Seniors:

1st Grade:	MVP:	Heath Fisher
	Batting Award:	Zac Jones - Avg 0.488
2nd Grade:	MVP:	Daniel Carberry
	Batting Award:	Michael Everett
3rd Grade:	MVP:	Rhys Peeters
	Batting Award:	Angus Bright - Avg 0.372
7th Grade - Gold:	MVP:	Bailey Tregillgas
	Batting Award:	Keith Suckling - Avg 0.612
7th Grade - Royal:	MVP:	Dylan Turner
	Batting Award:	Eden Willie - Avg 0.410

**THAT BRINGS US TO THE END
OF SUMMER 2019-2020...**

**HOPE YOU ALL HAD FUN AND
ENJOYED THE SEASON**

SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR !

