



ST IVES SOFTBALL CLUB Newsletter

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March 2014

Welcome back!

The 2014 season is just around the corner!

We're excited to see some fresh faces, as well as our returning players doing their thing on the diamonds this upcoming season.

For those of you that have played through the summer, we hope you've had fun, and for those that haven't, we hope you're ready to get back into it.

Not long to go now ... The first game is the 26th of April, make sure you mark it in your diary!

Just Play.

Have fun.

Enjoy the game.

- **Michael Jordan**

If you have any photos, interesting stories, match reports or anything from the season that you would like to share, please send them to:

Julz

Julia.landry88@gmail.com

We would love to hear from you!

Catching clinic

All aspiring catchers Kerrie Morgan will be conducting a series of catcher's clinics on Thursday evenings for eight weeks between 1 May and 19 June.

Kerrie is a current North Shore representative coach and former Australian player.

Training times are:

5.00-6.00pm (Under 13's)

6.00-7.00pm (Under 13/15's)

7.30-8.30pm (Under 17/19)

Cost for the program is \$160. Please register your interest by emailing clusted@optusnet.com.au before Friday 28 March 2014 with contact details, age and current grade of the player being registered.

Batter Up Program

We're looking for batter-up players aged 5-6 years old.

Have you got a niece, cousin/friend who would enjoy a safe fun way to start leaning this great sport?

There's no training, just games on a Saturday morning.

Hoodies

The new hoodies have arrived and they're awesome. They're super warm, really comfortable and extra stylish. Make sure you get yours before the season starts!



Coaching Course

North Shore will be running a Level 1 coaching course on the following dates:

18th May - 9am until 12.00 noon

25th May - 9am until 12.00 noon

2nd June - 7pm until 9pm

Attendees must be present at all of the above dates to be successful in obtaining their Level 1 certification. Coaches must be 14 years or over to gain their Level 1 qualification.

Anyone interested in registering for any of the courses Level 2 coaches or scoring courses please email Adam Huxley on ahuxley@bigpond.net.au with your full name, intended course level and contact details by 10 April 2014.

Working Bee

North Shore will be holding their annual working bees on

- 30th March – 9-12pm
- 6th April - 9-12pm

The working bee is essential in ensuring that all of the diamonds are in top shape ready for the first round of competition.

We are calling on as many of our members as possible to attend the working bee. Even if you can only make it for an hour or less, it all helps. Bring a shovel or a rake It's not just the grounds that need a spring clean.

It would be great to see as many of our St Ives members as possible at the working bee this year.

Scoring Courses

Do you ever get handed a score book on a Saturday and don't know what to do? ... How about heading along to the Beginners Scoring Night on the 12th of May at the Guide Hall at St Ives.

And for those of you that want to find out how and why the coloured pens are used when scoring, you can attend the Level 1 Scoring Course on 18th and 25th May.

Umpiring at North Shore

Junior Blues

North Shore will once again be running their successful Junior Blues program again in 2014. All junior players are encouraged to participate in this program to assist them in understanding the rules of the game of softball and to enhance their knowledge of the game generally.

North Shore provides mentoring throughout the program by fully qualified umpires.

Junior Blues also get a free lunch from the canteen

Blues in Training (BITs)

BITs are aimed at older players/parents typically from the age of 13 upwards. Each club is required to provide 1 BIT for every team registered. This year St Ives will be required to supply 5 BITs.

Therefore, by participating in the BIT program you will not only be increasing your knowledge of the rules of softball but also assisting all of your fellow club members by participating in this program.

Any players interested in taking part in, or wishing to obtain more information on, either the Junior Blues or BITs programs please email Cheryl Day on daisys@bigpond.com before 18 April 2014.

Pre-season training session

St Ives will be holding a junior pre-season session on Wednesday 9 April 2014 between 4.30-6.30pm at the St Ives Village Green.

The session will be aimed at players from T-Ball to Division 2 and will be focused on the key components of batting, throwing and fielding.

A number of highly qualified coaches and current players will be attending the session to provide invaluable assistance to players attending.

Players will be required to bring their softball gear including shin guards and mouth guards.

A gold coin donation will be sought from players attending the session as a fund raising initiative for the Club.

I think they will just rock-up to find out what team they are in...

Not sure on asking for money for the first training session....

If you are interested in attending the session please email
SOMEONE WHO WE HAVEN'T DECIDED ON YET



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