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Whoa....another season done and dusted. This has been the biggest season I have been part of during my entire time at the Glenelg Rebels Softball Club. It has been filled with both jubilation and disappointments for all members...but that's softball...you win some and you lose some.



There have been many individual successes not just at the International Level but at grass roots. It's that feeling when you make that first catch or get your first hit for the season which is enjoyed by everyone.

A big well done to all our premiership winners this year, we will need to continue to strive for greatness in order to have continued success. Never be satisfied by your achievements, keep pushing for more. But also a big well done to all our teams who represented our club with great pride. All of our teams make it possible for even just one of our teams to be successful.

Players cannot play without the help of our volunteers who coach, manage, score, umpire, do working bees and car parking duties. So a massive THANKYOU to our volunteers who get us on the diamond each week.

I would like to thank my tireless committee who continue to work hard to continue to make this club great on and off the field.

Look forward to seeing you all back for the 2012/13 season.

Nat Mead – President



A Grade (Premiers)



Season 2011/12 started for me back in June last year when I started preparing pre-season training sessions, organising a Development Camp, organising and preparing a Glenelg Rebels Masters Team for the upcoming Masters Games and madly recruiting players. Whilst it has been a long season for me, it has been one that I will remember and cherish in years to come. Pre-season, a lot of hard work was going on behind the scenes by myself and senior players in securing new recruits to the club. One of the states upcoming pitchers, Stephanie Trzcinski came to the club from West Torrens together with Hayley Cross and Kayla Borovnik. TVR's unfortunate demise turned out to be a blessing when we picked up Kate Sczypiorski and an added bonus with a US Catcher, Katie Bartlett. I was also fortunate in getting a young Canadian Pitcher, Holly Denny. Vanessa Stokes made the move to the club also and as an added bonus, she bought her niece Nicollete (Sissy) Dunn from Alice Springs. It was at this stage that I knew with the current Glenelg players, together with these new recruits, I had the team that was capable of doing great things, but I didn't want to get ahead of myself.

I first had to prepare the Glenelg Rebels Masters Team for the Australian Masters Games in Adelaide in October. Little did I know back then that the team winning Gold was just the start of things to come in season 2011/12. The first 6 games of the season were a bit of a mixed bag as Lindy and I were trying to work out the feel of the team and the players themselves were trying to get to know how each other plays, but the results were already positive having surpassed what we had achieved in recent seasons. There was a buzz around West Beach that Glenelg Rebels A Grade were no longer the easy beats and that we had a team that was a force to be reckoned with!

Katie and Holly were slowly adapting to not only the

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Australian language and colloquialisms, but to the game itself. Whilst Katie and Holly were totally opposite in their personalities, with Katie being loud and out there and Holly being quiet and very shy, both the girls started to blend in with the players and the team was starting to gel.

By the end of the first half of the season, we had 7 wins, 2 draws and 3 losses, 50 runs for but only 16 against.

Defensively we had proved that we were the best team but we just needed to score more runs. We were sitting 2nd on the ladder with 16 points together with Seacombe on the same points but a better runs for and against. Sturt were currently on top with 21 points.

After the break we didn't start how I would have liked going down to Seacombe in a hard fought game 3-2. The girls came out in the next game twice as strong against Walkerville winning 11-1 and this saw a pattern emerging. We only lost 2 more games for the remainder of the minor round but after each loss, the girls rallied and would come out in their next game and smash the opposition. On our Club Day we played against Sturt and although we lost 9-4, the team showed tremendous strength and spirit, never giving up believing they could still win.

Glenelg finished 2nd on the ladder after the minor rounds and were facing Sturt in the Semi Final. The players had an impressive 120 runs for and only 46 against, the best in the competition. In the minor rounds we had 1 win, 1 draw and 3 losses to Sturt and we knew it wasn't going to be an easy match, but they were beatable.

Both Sturt and Glenelg were missing key players in the side due to Australian commitments in Canberra but we knew we had more depth. The girls were pumped and confident that it was our time to take Sturt and secure our spot in the Grand Final. We jumped Sturt early putting the runs on the board and had them chasing us. Holly was a rock in the middle striking out a number of their dangerous batters and she was backed up in the field by some great defence. The girls were buzzing and it showed in their batting. Even when Sturt threatened with runners on, the girls held firm and didn't let the pressure get to them. The end result..... a victorious win 5-2! 25 years on and Glenelg Rebels A Grade were playing in a Grand Final. Now we had to show everyone that we deserved to be Premiers!

Grand Final day had finally arrived and it was an exciting day for the club with 3 teams playing for Premierships. We already had 1 Premiership after our Men's team won their Grand Final a few weeks earlier. Congratulations to James and the team. Our U/13's started the day off with a great win over Onkaparinga scoring a massive 18 runs to 6. Congratulations to James, Chris and the girls. Our B Grade was playing on diamond 2 against Sturt and was a great prelude to the A Grade Final. The B Grade defeated Sturt convincingly 7-0 and was a great start for me having played in this Premiership side. Congratulations to Nat, Darren and the rest of my team.

Now my focus was on the A Grade. West Torrens had gallantly come from 4th position to have convincing wins over Seacombe 6-0 in the Semi Final and then defeating the favoured Sturt 4-1 in the Preliminary final. It wasn't going to be an easy game as they were on a high but we did have the upper hand throughout the season with 4

wins and 1 loss and we knew they were beatable. But finals are a different ball game altogether, which they had already shown.

The girls were pumped and didn't appear to be showing any nerves. I wish I could say the same for myself. Vanessa Stokes started in the middle for us and did a great job and was, once again, backed up in the field by the team with a strong defence. As the innings rolled by, both teams were getting hits and threatening with runners on, but just couldn't score that elusive run. Marni Nichols was ruling the outfield for West Torrens taking some great catches, all over the place, even in front of her own players. The Glenelg players showed no signs of nerves or pressure standing firm to make sure no runs were scored by West Torrens.

I think it was the top of the 6th innings and West Torrens had runners on 2nd and 3rd, 2 out and Mel McGie up to bat. Mel is always a dangerous batter and I knew if anyone could hit Vanessa under pressure, she could. She hit a deep fly ball to Centre Field and Georgia turned, ran, and took a great catch. This seemed to lift the team to another level and they came back with some strong hitting. We still couldn't get that run though to shut out the game but they still believed they could do it. At the conclusion of 7 innings we were tied 0-0 so it was time to go to a tie breaker. The girls held strong and managed to stop West Torrens from scoring but then West Torrens did the same to us, so we were locked again at 0-0 and the tie-breaker continued. At the top of the 9th innings West Torrens scored a run and was now leading 1-0. It was our turn and we were at the top of our batting line up. Young speedy Georgia Bevan was our runner at 2nd and it was time to bring in Bree McGee to put down the bunt to advance her. Although Bree didn't get the bunt down, she did her job as she caused an error by their catcher and Georgia took the opportunity to steal to 3rd to be in a scoring position. None out and up to bat is Sissy Dunn. She cracked it to the outfield for a stand up double scoring Georgia and the game was tied again at 1-1 with Steph Trzcinski up to bat and our fastest runner was now on 2nd. An outside pitch was thrown down by their pitcher and Steph went with it cracking it to right field. Sissy took off heading for me at 3rd and I yelled "GO HARD!" pointing to home, waving my arms madly and that she did. The throw from right field came to home plate and all I saw was Vanessa yelling at Sissy and the girls all coming out of the ball pen. I don't really remember much after that except looking at Steph to tell her to hold up at 2nd and then the umpire to see if he had called time and game, and then he did! A huge sigh of relief! After 25 long years of waiting for that elusive Premiership, we had done it! We were now the A Grade Premiers and it was time to celebrate after a long season and boy did the girls party!

It had been a great day for the Glenelg Rebels Softball Club with all 3 teams playing in Grand Finals and coming out Premiers! But still we weren't finished. Heidi and I went up to collect the Shield and we came back to the where the team and supporters were standing overcome with the excitement. They then announced the

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A Grade Player of the Grand Final, Nicolette Dunn (Sissy) and the look on her face was priceless. It couldn't have been a more fitting end to what was a great day and at times still doesn't seem real.

These players are a team of champions who showed great strength, courage and belief throughout the season and who I am very proud to have coached. I know that all of the players and members of this club are also very proud of them.

A Grade Awards:

Most Valuable Player & Batting trophy - *Katie Bartlett*

I remember when I first met her and recalling her bubbly personality which was always there during games and at training sessions. Her enthusiasm, encouragement, effort and experience were of great value not only to her own team mates, but other players in the club.

Most Valuable Player & Pitching trophy - *Vanessa Stokes*

She would often make everyone laugh but was deadly serious when she stood on the pitchers plate as she knew she had a job to do. She didn't like to let the team or herself down. She played in the STARZ team and was named in the A Grade Team of the year. She was selected in the Australian Team to play against New Zealand in January and then against Japan in March. She was recently named in the Australian Team to play in Canada in July at the ISF Open Women's World Championships. She is known as the 'Black Doll'

Inspirational Award - *Georgia Bevan*

In the beginning she was quiet but had this air of confidence about her when she took to the field. She had no fear and would dive for anything near her whether she was in the field or trying to sneak that extra base on any error the opposition made. She was always talking and it was as if she was permanently drinking Red Bulls and bouncing everywhere but was always encouraging and positive no matter what the situation. She would always be the first to put up her hand to try any position or volunteer to umpire or help out somewhere if a coach was needed to help players, in particular the juniors, no matter how frustrating sometimes it got for her. When young players were sitting on the bench she would always encourage and talk to them to help calm their nerves because she remembers what it was like when she first got to sit on the bench in A Grade.

Coaches Award - *Hayley Cross*

She has shyness about her and may not say too much come game day but she could always say something funny at the right moment. She always gave 110% and was full of energy and enthusiasm at training sessions, although easily side tracked. At the start of the season she lacked confidence with her batting so I got her to play B Grade as well to get more exposure with at bats and it certainly paid off. She finished the season with a batting average of .280, 50 at bats and 14 hits with 11 RBI's. In the field at the start whilst Lindy and I were trying to find the best fit for the players, we had her at short stop, outfield and even

3rd base, which she was dreading but she gave it all and never gave up trying to get it right no matter where we put her. On Grand Final day I remember speaking to her and letting her know that she was going to be our leadoff batter and the look on her face was one of OMG! Lindy and I knew she could do it so it was just a matter of convincing her she could. She has an unorthodox throw that you wouldn't think would get from the outfield to home plate the way it does, but it does. The improvement in her game this season has been great to see from when she first came to the club. She was a member of the B Grade Premiership side and finished 3rd in SASA B Grade Best & Fairest.

Lesley Claxton – A Grade Coach

B Grade (Premiers)



It was my great pleasure to transition from playing A Grade into my semi-retirement role as Player/Head Coach of the B Grade this season especially when it is sweetened by a B Grade Premiership. My aim of the season was to make the top four but to also blood many of the junior players in a controlled environment where they could enjoy the challenge of B Grade as well as ensuring our more mature players performed at their potential. Heading into the Christmas break we had a very up and down season so were just hanging on to fourth position. Obviously the Christmas break did us the world of good as we only lost 2 out of our 10 remaining games. We just missed out on the double chance but it wasn't needed as we were able to knock West Torrens over 4-2 in a tight Elimination Game. We ascended our dominance early in the Preliminary final by beating Walkerville by mercy 11-2 followed by another 7-0 win against Sturt in the Grand Final. All games were team efforts with the bat but Steph Trzcinski led our dominance from the mound.

Great leadership was shown by Larry Burke who was our utility player filling any spot required each week before making some spectacular plays at short stop. Mel Barnes although plagued with injury was an inspiration to the other players by her commitment and desire for the game. Lesley Claxton was able to come up with the game winning hit in the elimination final but did a good job behind the plate and at left field. We were bolstered by the infield experience and tremendous stretch

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of Bree McGee, the long hitting (however, often forgetting to run out fly balls) Hayley Cross and power hitter infielder Sophie Hoyle, with the RBI and Pitching K2 Queen Steph Trzcinski.

The Baby B's consisted of Elly Beal, Claire Bennett, Cara Davies, Molly Matotek, Sasha Penglase, Sally Pope, Bec Steer and Megan Wheatley. The improvement in the girls game sense was incredible but more importantly their belief in their own ability to be able to perform with the "big girls" was tremendous this season. In particular, Megan Wheatley to hold her nerve with a completely bruised and swollen hand behind the plate to lead the team in the finals was fantastic. Elly Beal's guts and determination in all facets of the game is inspirational (especially when she runs into fences) and Bec Steers coverage in the outfield is second to none.

Thanks to Darren, who willingly agreed to assist me this season and put up with my constant endeavour for perfection. Your "Good Cop" nature was received well by all the players but your invaluable knowledge really assisted our batting. Chris Wheatley is once again Manager of the Year (sorry Jane!!) by making sure that the bench was organised and well fed. Finally, thanks to my mum for scoring (and her offsider Aunty Sandra) each week and answering my 20 questions to confirm the innings and score!!

Thanks to everyone who played in the B Grade throughout the season, as your contribution to the team was all part of assisting it to a premiership this year.

Well done to the B Grade Premiership Team.

B Grade Awards:

MVP - Stephanie Trzcinski

Best Team Player - Larry Burke

Most Improved - Megan Wheatley

Nat Mead – B Grade Coach

C Grade Navy

When Babe Ruth said "*The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, they won't be worth a dime*" he was probably referring to C Navy.... Sadly, he's on the money. While our C Navy team has got an amazing amount of talent across the board, we just couldn't pull it together often enough this season.

We welcomed some new players to the club, and with our returning players, I started the season very confident of a finals place. But after a string of losses before the Christmas break, we never really gave ourselves a chance at the final four. When we played as a team, we were

awesome – but sometimes luck and lack of team discipline killed us off.

That's not to say we didn't have fun along the way – and the players had a very social year (the esky roster was often more important than the batting line-up!), but I know deep down that they are all disappointed we couldn't get ourselves into the finals. That said, we are a team with new players coming together for the first time, and when you look at the experienced teams like Sturt, West Torrens and Walkerville – they've been playing together for a lot of years and know each others games very well. That will be us next year – backing each other and knowing how to get ourselves and our team-mates - playing the best we can each week.

We saw some special efforts this year – a couple of good wins where everyone chipped in; promoting Morts back into C Grade was a bonus, and with Kelsey, Susie C and Katie all on fire, we had plenty of pitching options. Sylv battled on manfully all season with her dodgy hip, sadly missing the last few games. Nat, Em, Jess, Tarsh and Kylie all showed they have plenty in the batting box and in the field, so we have a lot to build on.

Thanks to our scoring brigade of Kylie, Carol, Vicki and various partners who pitched in during the year. Special thanks also to Vicki Sloan for being on standby to fill in and help out whenever we needed her – although she technically has planned on "retiring" as a player, I certainly appreciated her support during the season.

C Navy Awards:

Most Valuable Player – Michelle Mortess

Batting Award – Nat Hailstone

Best Team Player – the "Awesome" award – Kylie Preece

Jenny "JT" Turner – C Grade Navy Coach

C Grade White

The C White team was put together as a way of getting more development for our 17's and 15's, who would be moving up into to the senior grades over the year, and into next season.

Throughout the season, we had more than 18 different players on the score cards, including our own President, Nat Mead, coming out to help on the bench for a week, but the girls showed her how it was done, and we didn't need to put her on. As well as the junior players coming up, we had our core 'senior players' of Renee Stewart, Olivia Bell and Brie Murdick (who joined us not long before Christmas break), who performed well each week in any of the various positions I put them, without complaints.

The first game of the season proved to be a competitive game, only going down 6-5, however the next few weeks we struggled to find the right combinations in the field, with errors being a prevalent factor in a few mercy losses. As the season went on, we faced quite a few weeks where games would clash with the B grade and

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the 15's so we would struggle for numbers, but the girls who stepped up to fill the gaps earned their place in the side.

We came out victorious in our first clash with the "senior" Rebels Navy team, played at Club Marion, 6 -2, as the White team succeeded with the bat, and the Navy couldn't keep up! But, the Navy came back hard on our second and third clash, using their experience and game knowledge to keep us scoreless, whilst batting in 7 runs in the second game, and winning convincingly 21-2 in the third.

Our second win came against Seacombe in the second to last round, mercying them in the 5th 11-3 with a fantastic batting display from all players.

Although there weren't many wins for this team, I think the overall purpose and goal for this team was achieved, which was to expose more of our junior players to 'senior' softball and allow them a path to be selected in the B and A grade teams. At least half of the players who took the diamond for this team also played or benched for the two teams who won the premierships this year.

Thank you to Jane and Chris who managed for us this year and to Lynette, Shona, Cheryl, Liz and more than likely a few others who scored for us this season. To Katie Bartlett, Jenny Turner and Nat Hailstone, thank you for helping out when either of the coaches were not available. And – a big thank you to Brad Barry, my assistant coach – who, like me, had a vision this season, and we worked together to try and achieve some big goals for the club.

C White Awards:

Best and Fairest - Cara Davies

Most Valuable Player - Sasha Penglase

Most Improved - Olivia Bell

Tamyka Penglase – C Grade White Coach

D Grade

It is very difficult for players to enjoy their sport when they go through a season without actual premiership points success.

For this reason, I am personally very proud to be associated with this group which really "toughed it out" and for the most part, still seemed to enjoy "playing the game".

It has not been all "doom & gloom" however, with some very promising signs from some players, and hopefully this team will return next season to taste success, because they deserve it.

Lastly, congrats to the A's and B's for putting the Rebels back on the map in the best way possible, and lets all hope that maybe that success will filter down through all the grades.

D Grade Awards:

Best Team Person – Bec Catt

Most Improved - Ashleigh Steer

Best Player – Imogen Brown

John "Johnno" McGahey – D Grade Coach

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WOW! What a great season!!! I will start by congratulating the Men's, U13 Div 2, B Grade & A Grade teams on their Grand Final success! Such a great way to end a great season at GRSC!

The 17's team – Claire Bennett, Cara Davies, Megan Wheatley, Molly Matotek, Bec Steer, Maddy Forde, Jacqui Manning, Sasha Penglase, Savannah De Boer, Steph Trzcinski, Jana Tsesmelis, Sally Pope and Elly Beal started the season with a bye, but came out firing after the second round. In our first game we lost to Walkerville 9-3 and then battled through the remainder of the first round to win the following 7 games, going into division 1 sitting equal first, but 3rd on percentage.

In February we ventured to Mt Barker for the Junior State Championships. Joined by Cassie Williamson, we won our way into the cup division, and eventual Premiers for the 2012 Carnival. That weekend we were privileged to see some fantastic batting displays from Steph Trzcinski, hitting numerous home runs and in turn, provoking her team mates to do the same. The camaraderie seen on the diamond during the course of that weekend was such a proud moment for a coach!

Unfortunately we weren't able to find a win after the split, drawing with both West Torrens & Port, and going down to Walkerville & Sturt in hard fought games, meaning that we missed out on making a finals appearance.

In my eyes, finishing in 5th place does not do justice to the talent & dedication these girls have. Both Katie & I struggled each week to pick best players due to all the girls putting in every effort to win those games. There were tears & some tantrums, but most importantly, the girls seemed to be enjoying playing softball. The fact that all of the 17's participated in senior games this year, whether that was C White, B Grade or A Grade is a credit to the Club in ensuring these players are being trained & prepared for their upcoming senior playing careers.

As with any team there are always many people in the background helping in their own way, and to all of those people I thank you for being there for the team this season, whether that was driving the girls to training or games, supporting on the sidelines, putting up tents, carrying gear, cooking bbq's & many other things.

Thank you to Chris Wheatley & Jane Bennett for managing this year & Lynette De Boer for scoring the majority of the games. Also thank you to Jenny

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Turner for stepping in & coaching over the October long weekend, Mt Barker & during the season when needed. And although she's back in the USA, the biggest thanks must go to Katie Bartlett for her undeniable coaching expertise & being a major mentor to the girls. I hope we can manage to get Katie back to Australia for next season, not only for her playing ability in the A Grade, but her coaching & mentorship would be an asset to the club as a whole.

See you all next season.

U17 Awards:

Best and Fairest - Sasha Penglase

Most Valuable Player - Bec Steer

Most Improved - Maddy Forde

Tamyka Penglase – U17 Coach

U15 White

With our mixture of first and second year players, the difference in ability, softball knowledge and intensity was very clear from day one. This made it quite challenging, but gave a perfect opportunity for the younger girls to learn the level that they needed to be at to compete in this competition.

The first 9 rounds were our grading where we finished 4th with a 6-3 win loss record and made it into Division 1. After the split we just couldn't find our winning edge in some close games against Port and Sturt Navy, and missed out on the finals.

We didn't really have a clear pitching option when we started, and in the end every player except Sara had a pitch throughout the season and she was very close to having a go. Amy and Alana ended up being our go to options, Alana with her accuracy and Amy with good pace and aggression. Both of them have a strong will to battle through on the mound and I commend them for this. Elly with her leadership and knowledge of the game, lead a solid team of catchers. Mia learned a lot about catching this season and coped with the step up to under 15's easily. Sara was a reliable option and also played 1st base for a lot of the season. Bek and Eleanor are extremely versatile utility players and played almost every position on the diamond at some point through the season. Erin was a solid contributor with the bat and an aggressive base runner. Jess and Tasma were the two players who needed the most convincing that they could compete at this level, but both gained confidence and skill as the season went on. Sara, Elly and Eleanor were our stand outs as far as safe hits, earned runs and runners batted in go. Generally our batting and pitch selection improved as the season went on and less strikes got left out on the diamond.

So overall, I was a very proud coach and we had a lot of little victories throughout the season, but just lacked a bit of firepower to compete against the top level teams. Bring on season 2012/13.

I couldn't have done it without the help of my assistant Dean Jury, scorer Kylie Buckney and team manager Sharon Ward. Thank you all for helping complete this great team.

U15 White Awards:

Most Valuable Player - Elly Beal

Best and Fairest - Sara Threadgold

Most Improved - Jess Ward

Brad Barry – U15 White Coach

U15 Navy



The U/15 Navy team reached the preliminary final of division 2, going down to West Torrens in a hard fought battle 16-7.

Whilst only having 7 regular U15 players for the season, we were ably reinforced by several members of the U13 team Coco Ponury, Chelsea France, Kate Green and Amber Dodd-Mobius who came straight over after playing their own U13 game to enable us to field a side. All of these players gelled extremely well and for me it was a great pleasure to be part of the visible improvement of all players. This group of girls, also including Rebecca Green, Sophie Pope, Lucie Sutherland, Taylor Kilpatrick, Carly Vaselli, Erin Bell, Lily Wright, epitomises all that I love about the game and also what Glenelg as a softball club represents and supports. The girls have shown me friendship, commitment, camaraderie but ultimately enjoyment for which I thank them for.

Coaching a team is only achievable with the effort and support of many people, whom I would like to thank: To the parents of the girls for providing transport and all that goes with the complexities of playing and training. To Boris my assistant coach, whilst not available Saturdays due to his own coaching commitments, thank you for giving me ongoing support at trainings. To Leann and Phil managers extraordinaire, Lisa Pope consultant scorer and also JT and Brad for their help with coaching and general dynamics of the team.

The individual awards for the U15 Navy

MVP. Rebecca Green: Attitude, leadership, commitment, passion and ability – Rebecca will go a long way with softball on determination alone!

Most Improved. Lily Wright. Batting strength, outfield and teamwork.

Coaches Trophy. Erin Bell. Without fail, no matter what.

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the task, batting, fielding, performed everything asked of her to the best of her ability.

Lastly, but equally important is the behind the scenes work that goes on by our hard working committee members. Thank you especially to Wayne Davies and Nat Mead. Wayne Davies, extraordinary effort in convening the junior teams with unmatched diplomacy, integrity and passion. Nat Mead. The many hours of planning tournaments even those that she does not attend. Nat has pushed all of our juniors into the attention of selectors, providing them with access to skills coaching and availing all junior players to be part of the exciting times ahead for the Glenelg softball club.

Thank you everyone.

Kay Bevan – U15 Navy Coach

U13 White (Div 2 Premiers)



The 10 little angels that I had the privilege of coaching this year all were honestly a dream to coach, they listened (most of the time), learned, played extremely well and fair. Special Thanks to:

Bree, Georgia and all the players from Glenelg Navy - both the U13 teams worked very well together throughout the season, you are very much a part of our success.

All the parents - you play a thankless but invaluable role for your children and their team, I know you must all be super proud of them ☺

Jill (and Geoff), I am very grateful to you for taking on the Managers role. You were always there when I needed you and did a great job with the players on game day.

My wonderful scorer Sandy, for being perfect in every way! Your scoring and support to me every week was amazing.

To Chris, my assistant coach. Mate you were a great assistant and your input was instrumental to our success. I couldn't have done it without you all.

To my players – I have never coached a team like you before but hope every team I do coach in the future are as good as you. You thoroughly deserved your success and I hope you cherish it, as I know I will. I hope to see you all wearing the Glenelg uniform for many years to come.

For the Awards this season – I wish I could have given you all one.

Best Team Player – Jasmyn Brown. If we chose a team captain it would be Jasmyn, she has tremendous leadership qualities including positive talking, good concentration, and leading by example. Jasmyn was one of the team's best hitters and fielders.

Best Hitter – Amber Dodd-Mobius. Amber was amazing this year leading most offensive categories including most hits, highest batting average, most RBIs and highest on base percentage.

Most Valuable Player – Lauren Jury. Lauren's fielding was terrific, her team work and support were excellent, she was our go to pitcher – including the Grand Final where she gave up no runs and she was so consistent with her batting including the 2nd highest on base average and NO strikeouts for the whole season.

This year I wanted to give back to the club and sport, add a bit of knowledge to the players games and really hoped I could give them a good softball experience – in return I got exactly the same, the players and the team gave me such a rewarding time and I won't forget it, they were a constant reminder to me that softball is as fun as you want it to be.

Congratulations to you all for a wonderful season and to the club for an AMAZING year!

James Harris – U13 White Coach

U13 Navy

For the U13 Navy team, the 2011/2012 season was successful, eventful and fun. As the two U13 teams were split evenly at the start of the season, Glenelg Navy had a range of skill and experience levels. This did not stop the girls coming together quickly as a group and working cohesively on and off the field. The girls responded well to changes in positions for the first part of the season until they found their roles just before the Christmas break. The rivalry between the two U13 teams was tested in a showdown which proved the even split of players, resulting in a draw.

Glenelg Navy's success continued through the first half of the season and their hard work earned them a spot in the division 1 draw after their return from holidays. Unfortunately on some occasions the girls were still waking up from their Saturday morning sleep in, and a few slow starts let the 'A' teams of Sturt and West Torrens get ahead. On many occasions the girls fought back losing by just a run.

Although we weren't as successful in the second half of the season, against other clubs which decided to 'stack' their sides, the girls gave them a taste of the Rebels determination and enjoyment of the game, whether winning or losing.

The girls have been a pleasure to coach this season and hopefully will continue to play the game for years to come.

U 13 Navy Awards:

Best & Fairest – Ruby Kromer

Best All-Rounder – Mali Place

Best Team Player – Coco Ponury

Georgia Bevan – U13 Navy Coach

U11

This season the under 11's have improved a lot and shown much promise for the seasons to come. Overall it was a pretty frustrating one for all involved, with the team only being able to play 8 games but within those 8 games their knowledge of the game, skills and ability to work as a team improved greatly.

I am very proud of how much the team has improved this season they have come a long way. Their knowledge of fielding and execution of plays has improved dramatically and they have all become more confident in the batting box. By the end of the season they were hitting the ball really well.

At the beginning of the season we really struggled to work as a team but in the end we were all working as a unit, which for me is a greater achievement than any score line we could have produced.

I would like to thank Jenine Brown for being my assistant coach, Sue Campbell for scoring and all the other parents who came out and supported the girls every week and helped out in whatever way they could, it is much appreciated.

I hope everyone enjoyed their season and I hope to see you all out here next year.

Bec Catt – U11 Coach



The Men's (Premiers)



The Men's team had a great year but we didn't leave anything to chance (not like last year) and recruited well in the off-season. Dan Waters, Nick Green, Scott Fairley and Marcus Cramp all former

premiership winners at Glenelg came back to the club - all 4 are proven match winners.

We also got a little luck with the arrival of two International sporting sensations - Phil Crisp a NZ Rugby Union star and Junior Francis who has played Hockey for Australia, took up permanent positions on our roster. We even recruited an Umpire to play for us this year - Dave Borovnik came on as an extra player but ended up playing the equal most games for the season on the team.

Our multi-cultural club has a lot of different players from all corners of the globe and our team is no exception... Canadians, Irish, Romanic, Victorian, Russian and Kiwis make up a little over half of our team - unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to one of the best blokes you'll ever know... Our good mate Dave (the Doc) Chiasson will finish his university studies this August and head home to Canada before starting his next adventure somewhere in Europe. Dave has been an awesome player and one of the most genuinely nicest guys I've ever met. We'll miss you Dave.

Big thanks to all the guys involved this year - it was a great year and it was a pleasure to coach and play with you all. To the most important member of our team - Lindy Rattigan, you have once again been awesome, amazing, supportive and the reason we have a competition to play in. Please never leave us!

Our Award winners

Best Team Man - Phil Crisp. Phil played all but one round that he missed due to injury; he trained hard and did extra when he could. He was a regular at all our social functions and was always a positive voice on the field and provided some quality inspiration throughout the season.

Best First Year Player - Junior Francis. Junior showed us all that hard work and dedication pays off. His commitment to the team is second to none and was one of our most consistent and reliable players. To top off his great season, he hit in the game winning RBI in the tiebreaker in the final game of the grand final series.

Most Valuable Player - Dave Chiasson. Dave was easily our MVP; he led the team in hits, batting average and runs scored. Not only was he our best offensive player but he also pitched the majority of the season, of our 16 games he threw 43 innings, 75 Strikeouts @ 70%

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strike percentage, 8 wins 0 losses and an ERA of 0.000 – that's right – no earned runs!

Well done on a terrific year, the way we gelled as a team has created a bunch of new friendships and that to me is more important than the premiership but it was still AWESOME to win! It is a pleasure to play for Glenelg again, the Men's feel so welcomed and are honoured to be a part of the best club in the State. Congratulations on the 3 other premierships and here's to our continued success in the future. Cheers

James Harris - Men's Coach

Grants Success

Any Grant money that the Club is lucky enough to receive is used to provide resources that we normally couldn't provide without raising fees.

As most grants require an arduous application process, not to mention that we are competing with other sporting clubs from all ranges of sports, we were grateful to have been successful this season with the following grants:

Club One Small Grant (Clubs SA) - \$220 to put towards a First Aid Kit to be housed in the Club Trailer.

Active Club Grant (SA Gov – Dept of Rec & Sport) - \$9350 for batting equipment to aid in establishing a batting program.

Marion Sports & Community Club – Member Club Sponsorship, venue & facility use.

The money awarded through these processes is paramount to improving the facilities & the services we provide and we therefore would like to thank and acknowledge the entities listed above that made the funding available.

Winter Development Academy

Just a reminder that Softball SA will be running a Winter Development Academy. The primary goals for the Academy will be to standardise the coaching techniques for the sport by exposing all **current or potential Junior players and coaches** to the best available softball minds in the state.

It is proposed that they will run 8-10 x 3 hour sessions that will be structured to ensure that common skills are covered and passed on to the next generation of players and coaches to take back to the individual clubs and associations. The Venue will be West Beach.

In conjunction with the playing development we will run coaching accreditation courses to ensure we increase the

skill level of our local coaching pools, and there will be involvement for the scorers and Umpires to allow for opportunities to have input from them prior to the new season.

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Waverley Carnival



This year's Easter Softball carnival saw 13 Rebels (& countless family members) travel over to Waverley to represent some of the various combined Adelaide sides including U13 (Red), U15 (Red), U17 & U23 (as well as Tamyka Penglase as U17 Coach).

The U13's & U15's both went down by 1 run in their respective grand finals, with the U23's taking out top spot. Double congratulations to our very own Steph Trzcinski who added the U23 MVP Award to her premiership medallion.

Congratulations to all the girls who did the club proud with their conduct both on & off the diamonds.

SAPSASA Carnival

Glenelg Rebels also made their presence felt at this year's SAPSASA Softball Carnival with 8 girls representing 5 different zones, with 4 of the girls earning Div 1 or Div 2 championship medallions.



Well done girls: Ruby White, Jasmyn Brown, Lauren Jury, Jessica Johnson, Oakley Lewis, Amber Dodd-Mobius, Ruby Kromer & Coco Ponury (absent).

2011-2012 Club Awards

BEST CLUB PERSON

Donated by Gerald Brown (LM)
Nat Mead

CLUB SERVICE AWARD

Donated by Tom Whitworth
Craig Paech

YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARD

Donated by the Marion Sports & Community Club
Megan Wheatley

JOHNSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

Donated by Chris Szpunar (LM)
Steph Trzcinski

JOY BANNISTER MEMORIAL TROPHY "ROOKIE OF THE YEAR"

Donated by KB & John Bannister in loving memory of Joy
Katie Bartlett

Congratulations to all of the Rebels that have gone on to represent Australia, South Australia, Adelaide, Development or SAPSASA Teams for the 2011/12 Season.

Softball Australia Representation/Awards

Australian Representative

Vanessa Stokes Open Women – Aussie Spirit
Jan 2012 - New Zealand Series
Canberra,
March 2012 - Japan Series
Canberra

Australian Squad Members

Steph Trzcinski Under 19 Women – Aussie Pride

Australian Official Appointments

Lindy Rattigan Under 19 Womens Statistician
Sydney 2012 - International Youth Cup

Natalie Mead Under 19 Womens Selector

Awards

Under 17 Girls Best Pitcher at 2012 Nationals
Steph Trzcinski

South Australian State Team Representatives

SA Starz (Open Women)

Katie Bartlett
Georgia Bevan (Squad Member)
Holly Denny
Steph Trzcinski
Vanessa Stokes
Nat Mead (Asst Coach)
Lindy Rattigan (Statistician)

Under 19 Womens

Georgia Bevan (Vice Captain)
Sophie Hoyle
Steph Trzcinski

Under 17 Girls

Sasha Penglase
Sally Pope
Steph Trzcinski
Megan Wheatley

Under 17 Boys

James Harris (Head Coach)

Softball SA Awards

Life Membership

Lindy Rattigan

The Steve Hamra Trophy U17 Girls MVP

Steph Trzcinski

Outstanding Achievement within Softball SA

Vanessa Stokes

Adelaide Shores Junior Softball Athlete of the Year

Steph Trzcinski

Adelaide Competition Awards

The Best player in the Women's League Grand Final is voted on by the umpires that officiate in the final – donated by Emmsee Sportwear

Nicolette (Sissy) Dunn

A Grade Team of the Year

Vanessa Stokes (Pitcher)
Katie Bartlett (Catcher)
Lesley Claxton (Coach)

Premierships

A Grade Premiers
B Grade Premiers
U13 Div 2 Premiers

Mens Fastpitch SA

Premierships

Open Men's Premiers

SA Development/Adelaide/SAPSASA Representative Teams

Under 15 SA Development – Canberra

Elly Beal
Mia Davies
Alana Steicke
Nat Mead (Coach)

Under 13 SA Development - Canberra

Jasmyn Brown
Mali Place

U23 Adelaide – Waverley

Steph Trzcinski

U17 Adelaide – Waverley

Cara Davies
Sasha Penglase
Bec Steer
Megan Wheatley
Tamyka Penglase (Coach)
Chris Wheatley (Manager)

U15 Adelaide – Waverley

Amy Buckney
Mia Davies
Bek Jury
Alana Steicke

U13 Adelaide – Waverley

Amber Dodd-Mobius
Jasmyn Brown
Lauren Jury

SAPSASA

Amber Dodd-Mobius
Jasmyn Brown
Jess Johnson
Lauren Jury
Ruby Kromer
Oakley Lewis
Ruby White
Coco Ponury

Softball SA Life Membership



A thank-you from Lindy Rattigan:

44 years ago I played my first softball game...and this week I had the privilege of having Life Membership awarded from SA Softball. I would like to say thank you to everyone that has been with me across the journey – I hope I have been able to make a difference. Special thanks to all of my family, Mum & Dad, and my son Scott for your support (and Ireland, who has already started her life volunteering at softball with raking the diamonds after the men's games!).

To the Life Members of Glenelg Rebels and Softball SA, I have worked closely with most of you - and you have been inspirational. A very special thanks to my earliest mentors and legends of the game – you showed me the meaning of commitment – to Jim Szpunar, Richard Coombe, Vicky Kolen, Chris Szpunar, Julie Dale, Lorrie Brown, Jill Williams and Alan McAuliffe (and many of the other umpires) – I truly thank you for your guidance and personal support over the years. There are far too many to thank individually, but to all who have shared the times, the laughter, the tears and especially the success of this year – the amazing celebrations – thank you. My hope in softball is for those who have gained a lot from softball, to someday have the time to return the commitment as a volunteer and see a whole new side to the game.

Regards,
Lindy

Annual General Meeting / Special General Meeting

Advance Notice of AGM / Special General Meeting

Note that nominees for positions will be posted to the website following the close of nominations (Awards Night) on 21 April.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GLENELG REBELS SOFTBALL CLUB INCORPORATED TO BE HELD AT THE MARION SPORTS & COMMUNITY CLUB ON MONDAY 14 MAY 2012, COMMENCING AT 7.45pm.

The purpose of the Special General meeting is to amend the GRSC Inc Constitution to acknowledge the name change of the former South Australian Softball Association Incorporated, to Softball SA Incorporated.

The constitution is available here

http://www.glenelgrebels.softball.org.au/uploads/res/5267_59684.pdf

The Special Meeting will be immediately following by the AGM.

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AGENDA

- 1 Present & Apologies
- 2 Minutes of previous AGM – Season 2011-2012
- 3 President's Report
- 4 Financial Report - Audited Financial Statement
- 5 Nominations:
 - 5.1 Patron – Mayor Felicity-Ann Lewis
 - 5.2 Auditor
 - 5.3 President
 - 5.4 Vice President
 - 5.5 Secretary
 - 5.6 Treasurer
 - 5.7 Committee Members – maximum of 8 members
- 6 Meeting close

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You'll see articles popping up in our newsletter and they are happy to cover any topics or answer any questions you may have.

Stay tuned for details of some exciting presentations they will be offering to our club too.

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So, if you or someone you know may be interested in becoming a Glenelg Rebels Sponsor for the 2012/13 season, contact Nat (0408 082 665) or Adriana (0416 357146) for more details, or visit our web site.

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