

Castle Hill Softball Club Inc.

# Squeeze Play

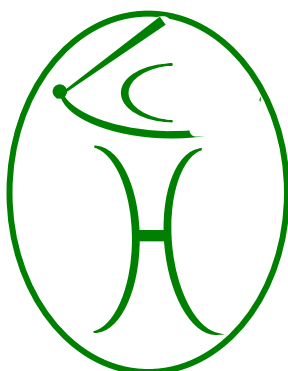


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If you are rostered on for an umpiring duty, please make sure you wear closed-in shoes and sign-on at the table outside the canteen at least 15 minutes prior to the game. Sign-on inside the canteen for canteen duties.

**Failure to complete a duty may result in the club being fined.**



## A successful Round 1 for Castle Hill!

Congratulations to all of our teams for a great first week of softball! We hope everyone enjoyed their games, and good luck for Round 2!

Have you ever wanted to become a levelled umpire? Or just want to sharpen your knowledge of the rules for your club duties and games? Well look no further than the 'Blues N Training' program. The program runs every second Friday night at Stanhope Gardens or Saturday morning at IPP, and all ages and abilities are welcome! It really is a great program to be a part of, and I highly recommend it!

Also, for anyone interested in becoming a Head Coach or Development Coach for any of the CNSA Representative Teams, your presence is requested at a quick meeting this weekend, Saturday 15th October, at 10:30am at IPP or 4:00pm at Stanhope.



**Come and Join the Blue Crew**

Join our Softball Umpire Family

**COME AND JOIN OUR BLUES N TRAINING PROGRAM**

**When:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Night (Stanhope) & Saturday Morning (IPP)  
**Time:** 6pm on Friday & 7am on Saturday  
**Starts:** 14 October 2016  
**Cost:** **FREE**  
**Who:** All ages welcome  
**Contact:** Andrew – [cnsaumpires@gmail.com](mailto:cnsaumpires@gmail.com)

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## This Week: 14-15 October 2016

Team	Game	Diamond	Duties	Plate
<b>Men's Division 2</b>	SG Friday 9:00pm vs. BWC / GG / Waratahs	2		
<b>Junior Boys Combo</b>	IPP Saturday 11:00am vs. Eagles / Raptors	9		
<b>Ladies B Grade</b>	IPP Saturday 12:30pm vs. Cruisers	5		
<b>Ladies A Reserve</b>	SG Saturday 12:45pm vs. Phoenix	2		
<b>Mixed Division 3</b>	IPP Saturday 2:00pm vs. Quakers Hill Blue	9	Umpiring IPP @ 12:30pm, Diamond 7	Sean
<b>Mixed Division 2</b>	SG Saturday 3:45pm vs. Phoenix Gold	3	Umpiring SG @ 2:15pm, Diamond 4	Michelle

**Please Note: You must be 13 years or older to do an Umpiring or Canteen duty.**

## Match Reports

### FRIDAY NIGHT GAME

#### **Men's Division 2 vs. BYE**

BYE

MVP: N/A

With a last-minute change to the draw, the men had the first round off, and instead will start their season next week with Round 2!

### SATURDAY GAMES

#### **Junior Boys Combo vs. Cruisers / Greystanes**

Loss 8-7

Such a tight game for the first round of the competition, with Cruisers / Greystanes unfortunately coming home strong in the last innings for the win. Both of the Castle Hill boys have been training hard with the Quakers Hill team over the last few weeks, and that training paid off with both Jack and Benjamin scoring more than once during the game! Great job boys, and good luck for next week!

#### **Ladies B Grade vs. Quakers Hill**

Loss 11-5

MVP: Zoe Atkins Smith

Another season underway and it was great to see all the smiling faces of the old crew returning, and a big welcome to our newest members Jackie, Olivia, and Gabriella. We hope you enjoy the softball and have fun!

On to the game - we won the toss and decided to batt first. Leading off, Isabella hit the pitch to right field to get us started, and next pitch Gina hit a great line drive to first base. Unfortunately, Quakers Hill grabbed the double. Next batter up was Olivia who had a good hit, only to be put out by a great fielding play.

Fielding time, and after a lead-off home run that went down the hill and out of sight (which was allowed), the next batter reached first base and after a couple of errors they scored their second run of the innings before some great plays by us ended the Quakers Hill dig. This included a great catch by Zoe at third base, that was hit like a tracer bullet, and some more great fielding plays.

Batting time again and we scored 5 runs, with good team play and great hits by Gabriella, Caitlyn,

Kristy, Isabella, and Gina. Gina hit the ball down the hill and out of sight with loaded bases (which was unfortunately not allowed), as the opposition coach called for the ground rule and not to argue the point we gave them the call (even after their first batter did the same).

Quakers Hill loaded the bases in their batting dig before a nice infield play at home plate gave us the first out. After a couple of runs the bases were loaded again before Laura (who was fielding at third base), made a great double play with a fantastic catch and a quick-as-lightning step onto third base to end the inning.

We had some more good hits at our next bat, but were unable to add to the scoreboard before the final out. Leading 5 runs to 4 going into the bottom of the third inning it was time to change up the fielding positions, and we had a few little errors and missed chances allowing Quakers Hill to score 7 runs across the plate before the game was called.

A very good effort for the first week against a good opposition. Well done ladies!

#### **Ladies A Reserve vs. Seven Hills**

Loss 13-8

MVP: Jenny Bloomfield

Welcome back everyone to a new season, and a special welcome to our new team mates, Jenny and Emma!

After a bit of a slow start against a very good opposition team (still dusting off the cobwebs!), we found our mojo, and hopefully it continues in the weeks to come. Although we had a few fielding errors here and there, overall Seven Hills got the better of us in the second innings, picking the gaps in the field really well and scoring 7 across the plate. It didn't help that we were playing on a non-fenced diamond, with Ange and Emma getting a great workout in the outfield! We hit back hard in the end however, scoring 7 across ourselves to shorten the gap in the score line. Some really great batting displays by Ange, Aimee, Carolyn, Jenny, and Emma, and a stand-up triple to yours truly (oxygen to third base, stat!!).

Certainly not a bad start back on the diamond after our stint in Ladies A Grade last year! Great work ladies, and I will see you all next week for Round 2!

## Match Reports

### Mixed Division 3 vs. Raptors

Win 7-0 (by forfeit)

MVP: N/A

Even though the other team had to forfeit for our first game, we played a friendly match, lending them a few players to make it fair (cheers to Jayden and Zoe!). Raptors had never played the game before, and so we took the opportunity to cycle through some different positions. Congratulations particularly to Danny and Jackie for giving pitching a go after a few seasons off; it was great to give them a bit of practice with no pressure! Looking forward to next week's game when our season proper will start.

### Mixed Division 2 vs. Blacktown Workers

Win 12-0

MVP: Bren McLean and Aimee Sutton

Well, what a great start to the new season! Welcome back to the old crew from last season, and an extra special welcome to newcomers James, Carolyn, and Laura.

We were on top from the start, with BWC unfortunately only having one male in their line up. There were almost no fielding errors, with some spectacular double plays and fly catches. Ange also took some amazingly difficult throws to first base, with Rod and Carlos at third base and short stop purposefully making her work for it! Aimee and Deon also had a blinder in pitcher and catcher, and nothing made it through our outfield dream team comprising Bren, Joseph, and James.

When it came to our batting digs, out hitting was on fire. Bren started this season's home run derby with a brilliant hit to deep left field, scoring three runs in the first innings, and backed it up with a stand-up triple in the second. Other honourable mentions in the batting go to Aimee (double to left field), James (triple over centre field's head), Deon (single to deep centre field), Rod (double to centre field), and Carlos (stand-up triple splitting centre field and right field).

We declared in the third and fourth innings to give BWC a chance to bat; however, our fielding was just too good and the game ended 20 minutes early due to the mercy rule. A fantastic first game team - bring on next week!

Congratulations to each and every Castle Hill Softball Club team member each week! We hope you are having a great time and meeting new people, and we are sure you are always representing the green and white well and giving 110% for every game.

Good luck to everyone for your next game, and most importantly, have loads of fun! See you all out on the diamond!



*Please send us through any photos each week of your games, so that we can include them in Squeeze Play!*

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