

Castle Hill Softball Club Inc.

Squeeze Play

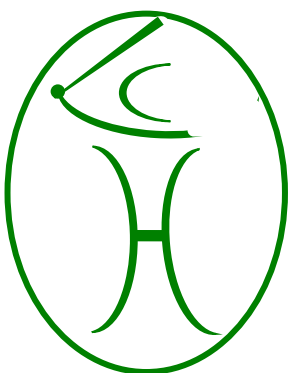


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If you are rostered on for an umpiring duty, please make sure you wear closed-in shoes and sign-on at the table outside the canteen at least 15 minutes prior to the game. Sign-on inside the canteen for canteen duties.

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



Good times and great classic hits for Round 2!

Congratulations to all of our teams for their Round 2 games - particularly our Men's team who had their first game on Friday!



A reminder to all of our coaches, scorers, and managers - please read the instructions provided with the new scorecards this season *carefully* before filling them out (I must admit, it got me the first time too!). And when completing the 'Team Management' section at the bottom of the card, please do

not write the name of any managers. These people are not officially registered; however, if they are written on the card, both the club and the CNSA will have to register them online.

Alongside Squeeze Play each week, please also see the CNSA website for their new newsletter, the 'Cumberland Catch Up'! This is a great way to keep up with everything happening around the grounds each week!



Cumberland Catch Up

We hope everyone is getting into their umpiring duties as well. If you have any questions about the rules or how to umpire, please let us know or consult the Rule Book!

This Week: 21-22 October 2016

Team	Game	Diamond	Duties	Plate
Men's Division 2	SG Friday 7:30pm vs. Cruisers Blue	2		
Junior Boys Combo	IPP Saturday 11:00am vs. Waratahs	9		
Ladies B Grade	IPP Saturday 12:30pm vs. Eagles / Seven Hills	7	Umpiring IPP @ 2:00pm, Diamond 5	Rochelle
Ladies A Reserve	SG Saturday 12:45pm vs. Waratahs	1	Umpiring SG @ 2:15pm, Diamond 4	Michelle
Mixed Division 3	IPP Saturday 2:00pm vs. Blacktown Workers	3		
Mixed Division 2	SG Saturday 3:45pm vs. Phoenix Green	3		

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. BWC / GG / WW

Loss 8-1

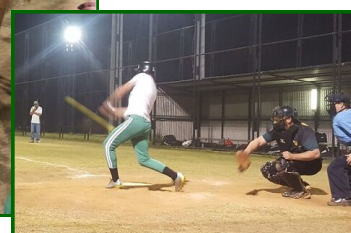
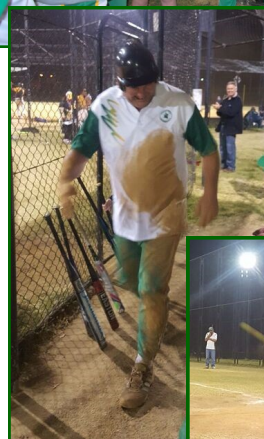
MVP: Allan Wright

A big welcome to Castle Hill's first Men's team in quite a few seasons! We welcome back a number of men from our Mixed Division 3 and 2 teams, as well as new members Danny, Mick, Allan, Dante, Matthew (Jnr), and Sabastian!

For a team that had never played together before, with some players having only picked up a softball bat once, they did an amazing job against a tough opposition for their first game of the season! Even though both opposition pitchers were quite good, everyone got bat on ball at some point during the game. Special mentions with the bat go to Sabastian (who in his first ever game hit a beautiful ball to deep centre field), Rod (who managed to make it to first base jogging, with the help of a few fielding errors), Dante (who hit a rocket of a ball to second base that they were unable to field, making it safely to first), and our MVP Allan, who hit a solo home run in his first game to deep centre field! The look on his face was priceless ("You want me to do WHAT?!") as his coach told him to go home when he rounded third base, scoring our first run of the game in the bottom of the sixth innings.

Our fielding also improved throughout the game, and we never let the opposition score seven across. Congratulations to Danny and Rod, who were thrown in the deep end and both pitched really well (with a strike-out each)! Joseph also had an amazing game in catcher, and Matt, Sabastian, and Mick covered the outfield superbly with some very big hits from the opposition. Allan also caught a great line-drive to second base. However, the fielding play of the game definitely goes collectively to Matt, Carlos, and Joseph - after the opposition batter hit a ball to deep left field, Matt hurled it in from the fence line to Carlos at short stop, who then fired the ball to Joseph at home plate, who dive tagged the runner coming home to claim the third out of the second innings. It was really fantastic to watch, and the dugout spectators went nuts!!

Thank you to everyone for making this first game so much fun, especially the opposition who declared in the third and fifth innings, allowing us to practice our batting. Thank you also to Deon for taking photos during the game, and everyone who came out to watch! Bring on next week!



Match Reports

SATURDAY GAMES

Junior Boys Combo vs. Eagles / Raptors

Loss 12-6

Another tough game for the Junior Boys this week, who unfortunately couldn't build on their very strong first inning with the bat. Both Ben and Jack were getting their eye in really well with the opposition pitcher, and it looks as though the boys have joined a really fun team this season, with lots of support and encouragement from each other! Great job this week, and good luck for Round 3!

Ladies B Grade vs. Cruisers

Loss 16-1

MVP: Meera Roy

Batting first, we got off to a great start with Caitlyn reaching first base safely, before a good hit by Gina was somehow stopped by the short stop, forcing the out at second base. After a couple more good hits and loaded bases, a fly ball and a close call on tagging-up meant it was three out and time to field. Cruisers scored seven runs across with their first batting innings, which was very surprising for us as we felt we were playing really well and only missed a few fielding opportunities.

Our second time batting we had singles to Isabella, Laura, Rochelle, and Kristy, and managed to score one run with a double play on loaded bases getting us again (we will have to work on our tag-up plays!).

Fielding time again with another seven runs across the plate by the opposition, and the same results as the first innings. We unfortunately missed a lot of chances for outs - it was very pleasing that we made the correct plays at the time, it was just the execution that let us down slightly.

Batting again we had good hits to Caitlyn, Gina, and Meera, who were all unfortunately caught in the outfield to end the innings. A homerun hit to deep centre field with a runner on base in the bottom of the third by Cruisers ended the game via Mercy Rule 16 runs to 1. Even with the score the way it finished, it was very much not a true indicator of the game - we actually out-hit them in the batters box, but our fielding execution let us down. But all in all a very good effort as far as the coaches were concerned!

Ladies A Reserve vs. Phoenix

Win 9-7

MVP: Emma Timbrell

It was a unanimous vote this week for MVP, as Emma had an absolute blinder of a game! Playing third base, everything that was hit to her was cleanly fielded, and her throws to first were just on fire. She even took a diving catch from a line drive hit, and apologised profusely to Laura and myself for fielding all of the balls (to which we both replied, "we're old, you move faster than us, go for your life!"). In her first appearance on the diamond for the season, Laura also had a great game at the pitcher's plate and two fantastic at-bats, with two big hits to centre field.

Speaking of hitting, the whole team had a great game! Notable mentions include stand-up triples to Aimee (who made her poor coach run three bases as well), Carolyn, and Jenny, with a few really nice doubles to others as well. As always, it was our third innings curse that let Phoenix back into the game after a 9-0 lead, but we managed to hold them out in the bottom of the fourth to take the game. Great first win of the season ladies - hope it got rid of a few more cobwebs! See you all 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!

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Mixed Division 3 vs. Quakers Hill Blue

Loss 14-4

MVP: Danny Russell

The game started off really well, with everyone in the line-up getting a bat, with singles to Julie, Darren, Mark S., Gina, and Issy, a double to Mark, and a triple to Danny, scoring four across. Time to field, and Jackie stepped up to the pitchers plate, with a valiant effort in the heat after being on the field umpiring in the previous timeslot. She gave the fielders plenty of opportunity to get into the game, with most of the batters hitting. Danny took a great outfield catch to get one out before Quakers Hill got seven across the plate. Unfortunately, our second batting dig didn't go quite as well as the first - Julie was caught to a great take in foul territory, and before we knew it there were three out and none across.

Danny took over pitching in the second fielding innings, and again he did a great job after pitching the night before, getting an out. But the wily batters were now waiting for our errors. Issy took over at short notice and we got one more out before they managed another seven across. All in all a really great effort! We are still finding our feet as a team, and as we get used to each other on the field our plays will improve and the outs will come.

Mixed Division 2 vs. Phoenix Gold

Loss 6-4

MVP: N/A

Well what can we say - we came, we saw, we went home early. For those who were at the game, you know we were quite competitive against a tough opposition, but were unfortunately unable to convert that to a win. A bit of conflict towards the end of the third innings meant the game was called early, and so we will start our season afresh in Round 3! See you all then!

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

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