

Castle Hill Softball Club Inc.

# Squeeze Play

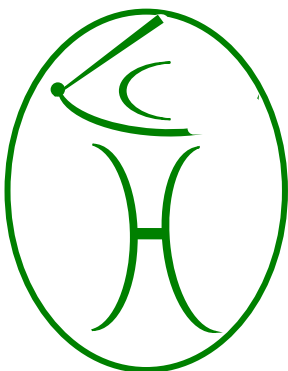


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If you are rostered on for an umpiring duty, please make sure you wear closed-in shoes and sign-on at the table outside the canteen at least 15 minutes prior to the game. Sign-on inside the canteen for canteen duties.

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



## We are officially a third of the way through the season!

Congratulations to all of our teams for making it this far into the season! Last week with Round 5 meant that we are officially one third of the way through!

This week, because the construction works at Stanhope Gardens are not yet complete, everyone will once again be playing at International Peace Park (IPP). Again, please note the game time changes, and check all of the diamond changes at the canteen before heading off to your game or umpiring duty. Please also take this opportunity again to stay behind and/or come early to watch some of the other Castle Hill teams play - we love seeing everyone cheering in the green and white on the sidelines!

Next week for Round 7 is the CNSA's fundraiser round for the 2016/17 season. Last year the clubs supported the Breast Cancer Foundation, and this year the round is being

run by Cruisers Softball Club and is called the 'Colour Me Happy' fundraiser, raising money for the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

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All teams will again be playing at IPP for this round. Except for the shirt and pants, we encourage everyone in the club next week to don multi-coloured hats, socks, hairspray, zinc, ribbons - whatever you can think of! Cruisers will also have raffle tickets that will be sold on the day, and gold coin donations will be collected at each game. If anyone has any contacts for possible raffle prizes, please let me know or email the Cruisers' Secretary at [cruiserssoftball@optusnet.com.au](mailto:cruiserssoftball@optusnet.com.au).

## This Week: 11-12 November 2016

Team	Game	Diamond	Duties	Plate
<b>Men's Division 2</b>	SG Friday 9:00pm vs. BYE	-		
<b>Junior Boys Combo</b>	IPP Saturday 11:00am vs. Eagles / Raptors	-		
<b>Ladies B Grade</b>	IPP Saturday 12:45pm vs. Quakers Hill	-	Canteen IPP @ 10:45am-12:15pm	-
<b>Ladies A Reserve</b>	IPP Saturday 12:45pm vs. DEFERRED	-	Umpiring IPP @ 2:15pm, Diamond ?	Michelle
<b>Mixed Division 3</b>	IPP Saturday 2:15pm vs. Greystanes	-		
<b>Mixed Division 2</b>	IPP Saturday 3:45pm vs. Quakers Hill White	-		

**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. Titans**

Loss 14-1

MVP: Danny Russell

With only eight men this week (and only seven to start with - Joseph forgot it was the early game, but we forgave him because he brought baked goods!), and against such a tough opposition team, we held our own. Unfortunately, the Titans men were just too good, picking our gaps in the field with a number of stand-up doubles and triples. Congratulations to everyone for trying so hard to cover these gaps, especially in the first innings where Matt would pitch the ball and then proceed to take the throw into third base! Sabs, Danny, Matt, and Mick also had phenomenal games in the outfield, chasing down anything and everything that came to them, and holding up a number of the Titans runners at second base. They scored seven across in the first and third innings - our best fielding performance was in the second dig, with a line-drive catch to Matt at shortstop, and a caught foul fly by Allan at first base, stopping them from scoring any runs across.

We struggled a little in the batter's box against tough pitchers; however, we at least got some bat on ball! Great job to Matt, Sabs, and Allan who all got on base at some stage after being slammed by the pitched ball (I hope those body parts aren't hurting too much anymore!), as well as Joseph for his safe hit to deep centre field (they underestimated us and the outfield had moved in too far!). Rod was our one and only run at the top of the third inning after a walk to first, and was carried around the bases through great team batting by Allan, Mick, Dante, and Joseph.

Congratulations men on a really tough game this week! Enjoy next week off with the bye, and I will see you all again for Round 7!

### SATURDAY GAMES

#### **Junior Boys Combo vs. BYE**

BYE

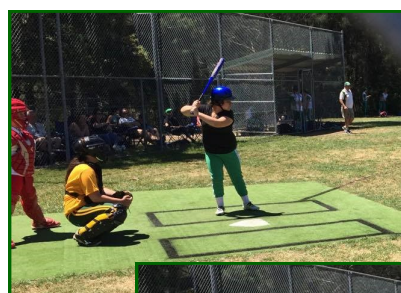
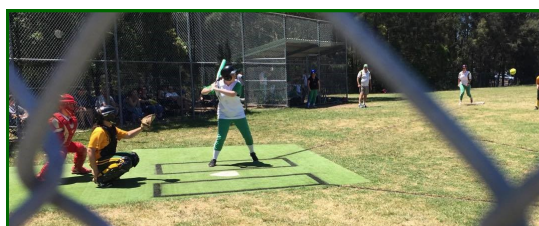
Our Junior Boys had the week off again for Round 5 with the bye. They will take the diamond again next week, back at the beginning of the team / game rotations. Enjoy your week off, and the very best of luck for your next game!

#### **Ladies B Grade vs. Phoenix**

Loss 13-12

MVP: Gabriella Westleigh

The team played exceptionally well this week against an evenly matched opposition! It was neck and neck for the whole hour and fifteen minutes, and unfortunately we came out just behind at the end of the game. Well done ladies for a phenomenal effort - we are really starting to find our own in this competition!



## Match Reports

### Ladies A Reserve vs. Greystanes

Draw 5-5

MVP: Jenny Bloomfield and Aimee Sutton

A very tough game this week against a top-of-the-table opposition. Thank you so much to Kristy and Laura from the Ladies B Grade team who filled in for us, stopping a number of gaps in the field! We really appreciated the help!!



Aimee had a blinder in pitcher, as did Deon behind the plate, with three strike-outs (it should have been four, but we won't mention the five strikes in a row, in the same spot, that went unnoticed by the plate umpire for one of the Greystanes batters). However, Aimee unfortunately pulled either her ACL or thigh muscle towards the end of the game and had to retire from the pitcher's plate, and Carolyn (with no prior warning) took over superbly! Jenny and Ange covered a lot of big hits that dropped early towards left and centre outfield, including a fly catch each, and Kristy and Laura covered the right hand side of the field, stopping the runners in their tracks as they went to round first base. We had a couple of errors in the field overall, but defended really well to come back from behind to secure the draw.



The Greystanes team had a very good pitcher (one of the best we have come up against in Ladies A Reserve for a while), and we struggled for the first few innings trying to get bat on ball. In complete contrast to usual, our best innings were the third and fourth, as the hits and runs started to come. Ange had a great hit to centre outfield, and good team batting by Aimee, Deon, and Carolyn brought her home in the third dig before we were forced into the field again. In the fourth inning, a slammer cricket shot to left field by yours truly, a walk to Jenny, and an unfortunate hit by pitched ball to Emma allowed us to have a number of people on base, and more smart batting by Kristy, Laura, Ange, and Aimee scored another three runs. Down by one at the top of the fifth, Deon hit a screamer stand-up double to left field (it would have been a home run easy, but it unfortunately went down the hill and out of sight), and she was aided across home plate by hits to myself and Jenny. With the tie in our grasp and a win out of the question, we slowed down the plays and managed to hold on for the last five minutes. A great team game ladies! Good luck to Emma who is jet-setting overseas for the rest of this year, and 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!

## Match Reports

### Mixed Division 3 vs. Quakers Hill White

Loss 14-5

MVP: Danny Russell

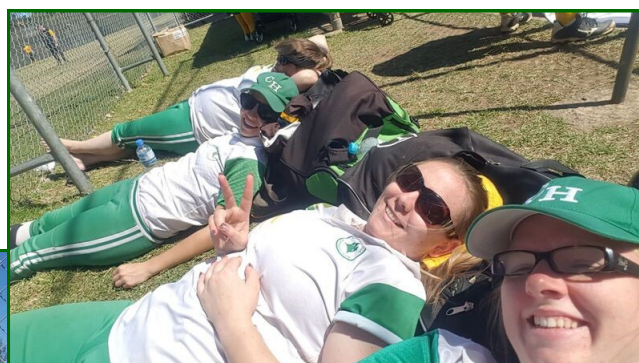
We batted first this week and started fine with runners getting on base, but with a couple of forced outs at third we only had one run across the plate before we had to field. After a week off, Jackie was a bit rusty at the pitcher's plate, and with Julie also under the weather we had an early change for both pitcher and catcher. Even with this though, Quakers Hill were able to get seven across.

The second inning was much more satisfying! We got four runs home, with good hits to Issy, Danny, Sean, Jayden, and Mark S., before Gina's infield fly ball caused some confusion, and despite the umpire calling the out, no one heard and Mark S. was called to run by the base coach and we had two out. We are all much more aware of the infield fly rule now! Sean took over pitching when we went back out to field, and the batters were all willing to have a go. We had a couple of chances but unfortunately only one stuck and Quakers Hill scored seven runs again.

In our last batting dig, even though the innings wasn't completed and so the runs didn't count, megagrutz to Danny and Mark S. who both hit spectacular home runs over the fence - we want more!!



## Match Reports



### Mixed Division 2 vs. Cruisers

Win 7-2

MVP: James Collis

This was by far the most fun-filled Mixed Division 2 game we have played in a long time! With good friends in the opposition team, the game was full of laughter and a great deal of jovial ribbing, making it a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon. That being said, both teams were quite evenly matched, which also made for a challenging game, as can be seen by the closeness of the final score.

Even though she had injured herself in the Ladies A Reserve game, Aimee pitched really well to Deon behind the plate (she said that she had found a way to pitch that didn't hurt her leg, but I still wasn't overly pleased!). Rod and Carolyn at third and second base picked up everything that came their way, sometimes making Ange really work for that catch at first base! Joseph also had two big hits come to him at centre field, but with two phenomenal throws still managed to get the out at first base! James at left field also had five spectacular fly catches (each one looked even better than the last), and it was only on a few fielding errors (mainly from too much laughing) that we allowed them to score their two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Cruisers had a very good pitcher, and so it took us a while to get our eye in. However, once we did, we steadily ticked over the runs as the innings progressed, with one in the second, two in the third, one in the fourth, and three in the fifth. Honourable mentions with the bat technically go to everyone, but each person had at least one great hit, some of which include: Ange (singles to centre and left field), Aimee (single to centre field), Joseph (double to deep centre field and single to left field), Deon (double to deep left field), Rod (double to centre field - and he ran, again!), Carolyn (singles to left and centre field), Leanie (beautiful cricket shot to centre field), and Julie (a screamer through shortstop).

Thank you to everyone for making this week such a fun game! Thank you also to Julie who stuck around after her Mixed Division 3 game to fill in for us and score, in case those that were already injured needed to have a break, as well as Isabel and Vikki Armsworth (Castle Hill veterans) who came over to watch and score the game for us. Great game everyone, and bring on next week!

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

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