

Castle Hill Softball Club Inc.

Squeeze Play

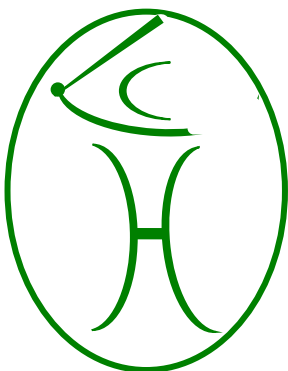


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If you are rostered on for an umpiring duty, please make sure you wear closed-in shoes and sign-on at the table outside the canteen at least 15 minutes prior to the game. Sign-on inside the canteen for canteen duties.

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



A stormy, then muggy, then rainy Round 6!

Congratulations to everyone on coping with the horrible changes in weather last week! Commiserations to our Junior Boys team who were once again washed out in the morning, and great work to all of our Senior grade teams for battling through the heat and humidity during the rest of the day!

This week for Round 7 is the CNSA's fundraiser round for the 2016/17 season. This year, the round is being organised 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 of our teams will again be playing at IPP this week (with the exception of Men's Div. 2 this Friday night who will still be playing at Stanhope). Except for the shirt and pants, we encourage everyone in the club next week to don multi-coloured hats, socks, hairspray, zinc, ribbons, shoelaces, nail polish, face paint - whatever you can think of! Cruisers will also have raffle tickets that will be sold on the day, as well as lollies and other colourful merchandise, and a gold coin donation will be collected from each player at their game. Last year for the Pink Round, everyone at Castle Hill really got involved, and I would love to see everyone with the same fun spirit and enthusiasm this year!

This Week: 18-19 November 2016

Team	Game	Diamond	Duties	Plate
Men's Division 2	SG Friday 9:00pm vs. BWC / GG / Waratahs	2		
Junior Boys Combo	IPP Saturday 11:00am vs. Waratahs	8	Plate umpire ONLY, IPP @ 11:00am, Diamond 9	Julie
Ladies B Grade	IPP Saturday 12:45pm vs. Cruisers	3	Umpiring IPP @ 2:15pm, Diamond 7	Rochelle
Ladies A Reserve	IPP Saturday 12:45pm vs. Blacktown Workers	5		
Mixed Division 3	IPP Saturday 2:15pm vs. BYE	-		
Mixed Division 2	IPP Saturday 3:45pm vs. Quakers Hill Blue	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. BYE

BYE

MVP: N/A

The men had the week off for Round 6 with the BYE! Good luck to everyone in this team when they return to the diamond next week at Stanhope Gardens.

SATURDAY GAMES

Junior Boys Combo vs. Eagles / Raptors

Washout

Unfortunately all of the Junior games were called off this week for Round 6 due to that pesky early morning storm! Hopefully the weather will be kinder next week and allow the boys to get back out onto the diamond for some game time.

In the mean time, here are some great action shots from their Round 5 game!



Ladies B Grade vs. Quakers Hill

Loss 19-11

MVP: Isabella Cortez

Batting first this week, Laura hit the first pitch to deep right field to get the game started, followed by nice hits to Gina, Julie, Gabby, and Zoe. We had four runs across the plate before a good double play ended our innings.



Fielding time and we knew the strong batting line-up from Quakers Hill would be hard to stop. Unfortunately they managed to score seven runs across the plate before we could secure an out, but we did have a few chances. It was only the final execution of the plays that let us down.

Batting the second time around we adopted the saying "anything Quakers can do, we can do too!". With that attitude, we scored seven runs of our own with great hitting by Laura, Julie, Zoe, Issy, Kristy, and Gina (who got hit by the pitch!). It seems like someone different gets hit every week - hurry back Rochelle it's your turn (ha ha). Fielding time again, and after a few good hits by the opposition we started to find our range in the field and restricted them to only five runs, with some very pleasing plays that we have been working on at training and in our games each week.

Batting again, and this time we had three up, three down very quickly. However, this was strange, as all three batters hit the ball very well, only to all be caught out. Any other day they would have been safe hits! Fielding again, and after loaded bases a massive hit was drilled to centre outfield. It looked gone for all money, but Laura made a very great diving effort only to just lose it on the way down. After another seven runs by the opposition, the game was called a little early as it was a very hot and humid day.

Well done to the catchers this week as they did a really great job in the hot conditions, and all the rest of the team for a great effort!

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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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Ladies A Reserve vs. St. Michael's / Cruisers

Deferred

MVP: N/A

Our ladies game has been deferred this week, due to the majority of our opposition being at either the Under 15's State Championships or the Pan Pacific Masters Games on the Gold Coast! We will be organising with St. Michael's shortly a time to replay this game, so keep an eye out for emails and texts with the details in the coming weeks.

Mixed Division 3 vs. Greystanes

Loss 18-10

MVP: Danny Russell

Batting first on a hot day, we made their pitcher work really hard for the outs, but unfortunately we only managed two runs home with loaded bases in the first inning before it was time to field. Giants were eager to hit and run and did just that! Sean gave our fielders plenty of opportunity to get us into the game by pitching balls they wanted to hit, and with a great outfield catch to Danny, despite a couple of fumbles, we got them out and it was 2-6.

As their pitcher tired, we got some good safe hits in, with singles to Danny, Mark B., and Julie, and a double to Gina. Olivia got a hit of her own - by a pitched ball for the second time this year, and stayed out on the diamond and stole home really well! Honourable mention to Darren who overran third base on a steal, but managed to get back with a great dive to beat the tag. With seven runs across in the second innings we were back in the game! Unfortunately, however, Giants weren't giving up, and with some great hitting and even better running, scored seven across the plate themselves.

Only one run scored by us at the top of the third meant the game was gone, but we took the field again so Mark S. could roll his arm over and see if he could get the ball over the plate - and the answer to that is YES, he could! Great job to everyone who went back out onto the field in trying conditions at the request of 'Grumpy Coach', especially poor Jackie who was really feeling the heat by the end of the game.

With a BYE this week, hopefully everyone will have plenty of time to recover. See you all in two weeks!



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Mixed Division 2 vs. Quakers Hill White

Win 12-0

MVP: Rodney Worth

This week was a fantastic effort on the diamond in some very hot and windy weather! We were on top from the beginning of the game, and kept it that way (no third innings slump at all!). Welcome back to Carlos this week as well who made a surprise trip back from Adelaide just for the game!

We started the first inning at bat, and although it took us a while to get into the swing of things in the batter's box (pun intended), we were eventually picking the gaps in the field really well. Their pitcher was quite fast, and we did really well to get bat on ball. Our base running was also really great, and we capitalised on every opportunity. Honourable mentions with the bat go to Aimee (single to left field), Bren (singles to left, centre, and right field, and an unlucky slide coming into home plate with an obstructing catcher), James (with two singles and a double to right field - he really seems to like that spot!), Carlos (single to left field, and a second unlucky slide at home plate resulting in a nasty back / bottom bruise), and Rod (a beautiful bunt up the third base line, after which he actually ran hard to first!). The best hit of the game (and the best hit I have ever seen), however, goes to our MVP this week, Rod, with a beautiful grand slam home run over the fence in the fourth inning. The hit firmly secured our lead, and from that point onwards we couldn't lose. For those of you who are familiar with the diamond layout at International Peace Park (IPP), you will understand how high the fences are surrounding the diamonds that back onto the train line. Rod hit the ball from Diamond 5 (river side), and over one of those fences, completely clearing the train tracks. It is safe to say that we won't ever get that ball back!



In the field we were just as successful. Everyone performed at 110%, and we only allowed one of their players throughout the whole game to make it as far as third base. Special mentions go to Carlos (who took a screamer of a line drive at short stop), Bren (who took every single throw cleanly at first base - even the ones that weren't quite on point!), the whole of the infield, including Aimee, Carolyn, Rod, and Carlos (who made amazing plays to take the lead runner at every hit), and Deon at catcher, who threw two amazing outs at second base on the steal. Both throws were from the knees (a special skill that Dee has been working on), never moved higher than two metres off the ground, came out like a bullet, went straight to the target (aka Carlos), and scared the runners so much that they both stopped halfway between first and second base in absolute shock. Needless to say, after this point (except for the two boys in their team that could run like rockets), no one from Quakers Hill tried to steal any more bases.

A really, REALLY fantastic game everyone! There wasn't a single thing I could fault! Thank you to Julie for sticking around once again to score for us, and acting as our 'in case of emergency' substitute on the bench, and to Issy for taking some photos! Congratulations all, and I will see you all again next week for our fundraiser round!



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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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