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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 really hot and bothered Round 11!

Welcome back everyone to a super hot first round back at softball! I am happy to see that everyone managed to survive the heat, and commiserations / congratulations to our Mixed Division 2 team whose game was called when the temperature reached 41 degrees at Stanhope Gardens!

We are now definitely on the downhill run to semi finals, and if you want to keep track of the games and ladders, these can be found in the 'Results' section of the Cumberland Nepean website. Keep up the great work everyone, and here are the current ladder positions of each of our teams:

> Junior Boys: =3rd place. Ladies B Grade: 4th place. Ladies A Reserve: 3rd place. Mixed Division 3: =5th place. Mixed Division 2: 2nd place. Men's Division 2: 3rd place.

In a few weeks time, on Saturday 18 February 2017, the CNSA will be holding a movie night on the diamond at Stanhope Gardens as a family-friendly event for all club members, family, and friends.



This will be happening after the Ladies A Grade games and the President's Cup, so this is a fantastic reason to come on down and watch some great softball before staying for a movie! We hope to see many of you there!

This Week: 3-4 February 2017

Team	Game	Diamond	Duties	Plate
Men's Division 2	SG Friday 7:30pm vs. BWC / GG / WW	2		
Junior Boys Combo	IPP Saturday 11:00am vs. Waratahs	9		
Ladies B Grade	IPP Saturday 12:30pm vs. Cruisers	5		
Ladies A Reserve	SG Saturday 12:45pm vs. Greystanes	1		
Mixed Division 3	IPP Saturday 2:00pm vs. Quakers Hill White	5	Umpiring IPP @ 12:30pm, Diamond 7	Sean
Mixed Division 2	SG Saturday 3:45pm vs. Phoenix Green	3	Umpiring SG @ 2:15pm, Diamond 4	Michelle

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

FRIDAY NIGHT GAME

Men's Division 2 vs. BYE BYE MVP: N/A

The men got an extra week off for the break, with the BYE. Good luck to this team next week as they re-take the diamond for 2017!

SATURDAY GAMES

Junior Boys Combo vs. Eagles / Raptors Win 14-9

Another win for our Junior Boys team!! This was a particularly exciting game, and congratulations to all of the boys for such a great win. Even with a grand slam by Eagles / Raptors in the second innings, they still managed to hold on, with four of their own home runs in response! Really great work, and good luck next week!

Ladies B Grade vs. Quakers Hill Loss 12-4 MVP: Isabella Cortez

Right! Christmas is over and we are now ready to make our run towards the semi finals in the Ladies B Grade competition! This week, we only had six players when the starting hooter went off and it looked like a forfeit was on the cards, until another green uniform was spotted parking the car!

We decided to bat first in order to give our seventh player a chance to make it to the diamond, but unfortunately before they could even get across the bridge, we were all out. Fielding at times is difficult with nine players, but with only seven it seems like the gaps are everywhere. We did our best to try and stop the strong Quakers Hill side from hitting through the infield, but they still scored seven runs across the plate to end the innings.

Batting time again and the coach asked all of the players to bunt, as it was a good time for us to practice the skill that may come in handy a bit further down the track. This was our most successful time of the game, scoring four runs in the innings with a combination of nice batting from us and a few fielding errors from the opposition that we really capitalised on. Quakers Hill scored another five runs in the next innings before we made three very good outs, and over the next three digs both sides were unable to change the score. This was really great team softball to end the game! Keep up the great work ladies.

Ladies A Reserve vs. Eagles Win 14-0

MVP: Emma Timbrell

An excellent game against Eagles this week to restart the season! A combination of really great batting and even better base running had us leading strong from the beginning of the game, with some good outfield hits to Aimee, Laura, Sutto, Deon, Emma, and Coomzy.

Our fielding was even better, stopping Eagles from scoring any runs at all during the game (in fact, only three of their batters got on base, and none of them made it to second)! Laura and Deon performed awesomely at the plate as usual, with two strike outs and a great foul fly catch. However, even after having five games off, Emma was once again unanimously voted as MVP, by successfully taking five of the eleven outs of the game (including a line drive to third base). Great work ladies, bring on next week!

Mixed Division 3 vs. Waratahs Win 10-9

MVP: Darren Billington

Congratulations to everyone for sticking it out in the blistering heat!! Gabby had a really great first game back after recovering from her injury, and it seemed like every ball in the first innings went to her! Darren hit a beautiful home run over the fence, and the umpire kept us going for almost five minutes after the final siren went so nuts to him! We pulled ahead by one run to take out the win due to that home run and a beautiful third out in the first innings, with Mark B. at first base throwing to Julie at home plate for the tag. Great game everyone, keep it up!

Mixed Division 2 vs. Eagles

Called due to the heat MVP: N/A

It was a bit too hot this afternoon, so the Mixed Division 2 team got to go home early due to the weather. Hopefully next week will be cooler! CASTLE HILL SOFTBALL CLUB INC.

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