

Play Ball



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**WELCOME TO THE SECOND
NEWSLETTER
OF THE 2019/2020 SEASON!!**

President Report

We are now a month into our summer season and it is fantastic to see the park full of players, officials and supporters enjoying this awesome sport each week!

Our Softball Batter Up program starts at 5.30pm this Friday 8th November, which will bring many more youngsters to the park to learn all about softball!

The Waverley Representative season has also begun with the Nomination Forms now live via Facebook and the website! Make sure you sign up soon to take part in this fantastic experience! This weekend also sees our first round of Fully Loaded Softball down at the park! It's set to be a fantastic night, filled with fun for the whole family. Bring down some chairs and enjoy what is sure to be an action packed night!

Our Junior teams have successfully integrated into the SEMR competition and are doing really well. It's a great experience for them playing around the South Eastern areas against some fantastic teams!

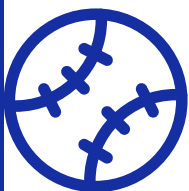
The Senior Team ladders are available online so make sure you keep up to date with where your team is standing! Night games and Double Headers have also started, so come down and support your club and watch some great softball! The Senior Team fixtures are also available on the website.

We have lots coming up at Waverley over the next few months including the Softball Australia U16 Girls and Boys National Championship tournament! We will need all hands on deck from the 4 - 10th of January 2020 - even if you have an hour spare during that time we would appreciate the help!

Waverley will be hosting the SV Peta Edebone Cup series over the next two weeks! The canteen and bar will be open so make sure you head down to see the best female softball players Victoria has to offer in this elite program! Games commence at 7pm & 8.45pm on the 13th & 20th November on Diamond 2!

See you all around the park!

Heather



Fully Loaded Softball to explode at Waverley

By Simon Ross



For the first time in Waverley's history, Open 1 teams will play Fully Loaded Softball for competition points on Saturday 9th November. In what promises to be a high-octane event, the six Open 1 teams will go head-to-head from 6 pm. Modified rules, including only 3 innings, loaded bases every innings and no time-outs promise an all-action event this week. Depending on results from the 4 pm games, Glen Eira will be looking for their first competition points when they take on the high-flying Glen Waverley Angels in the shortened form of the game. It's been a spluttering start for the Pink, who have had a forfeit and a whopping by the Angels in their four defeats so far. Angels will welcome back right-fielder Chelsea Radin, who was missed in their narrow defeat by Brandon Heights last start. Surprise packets Brandon Heights will take on reigning Premiers Northwood Falcons. Falcons will be looking to atone for their defeat by Heights on 12th October, when Home Run blasts by Tash Holt and Milli Mercuri consigned Falcons to a rare defeat. Syndal have also had a slow start to new campaign. A narrow defeat to Falcons last start has seen the Maroon and Blues languishing in 5th place with only one win. They will be hoping power bats Sarah Beales and Steph Davis rediscover their mojo in the 3-innings form of the game against in-form Raiders chucker Shannon Downing. It will be a carnival occasion. Catch all the action at Waverley Women's Sports Complex this Saturday.



Mini Comps for Open 1

Leaderboard from Rounds 1-4

The new Mini Comps for Open 1 have been in action for 4 rounds and have been a huge topic around the Ball Park. It's very good to see that every club has at least one-person polling in the three categories. Remember that there are **CASH PRIZES** to be won at the end of the round games!

The Greg Brown Batting Award

1. Tash Holt (BH)
2. Alannah Panza (SYN)
2. Jules Kinsella (GW)
2. Lori Stefanopoulos (ER)
2. Tori Russell (ER)
3. Gabby Mifsud (BH)
3. Georgia O'Donovan (BH)
3. Jess Chomley (ER)

The Belinda "Chop" Cunningham Base Running Award

1. Brea Kennelly (GW)
1. Erin Dunstan (NF)
1. Grace Peters (GW)
1. Milli Mercuri (BH)
2. Alys Young (GW)
2. Chelsea Radin (GW)
2. Chloe Goodfellow (BH)
2. Grace Bibby (GEMSA)
2. Kylie Steemers (GW)
2. Lori Stefanopoulos (ER)

The Paez 'Pinnacle' Pitching Award

1. Tania Puketapu (SYN)
2. Dale Stocker (NF)
3. Sharni Arthur (BH)



Open 1 Player Profile



Kelly Martin

How long have you been playing softball for?

13 years

What position do you play?

Outfield

If you could be another player for one game, who would you be and why?

Sarah Beales - we all know she's a great batter

Go to snack on the bench?

Fruit

Favourite movie?

Secret Garden, I watched it over and over when I was a kid

Favourite singer or band?

I'm not fussy, whatever is playing!

Funniest person on your team?

Gabby Mifsud, for her perfectly timed one liners

Favourite softball moment?

Getting a double play from deep outfield to second base to put an end to a long fielding innings

Favourite softball field?

Blacktown, can't beat the field that the Olympics were played on, stepping onto diamond 1 with the big stadium is something to experience

Super power?

Invisibility

Important News

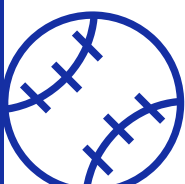
Peta Edebone Cup

Games

*Waverley is now hosting the PECUP
on the 13/11 as well as the 20/11*

Rep Teams

*Nominations for players and
officials have gone out on
the WSA Facebook Account*



Waverley Easter Carnival 2020

WSA is holding their annual Easter Carnival

When - Friday 10th to Monday 13th April 2020

**Location - Waverley Softball Association
- Cnr Waverley & Jells Road, Wheelers
Hill, Vic.**

**To register your team, please copy the link and fill out
the form**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdYExGAAfMgsO4ITq4XRKX-lXXDpKEKtjE4DQwomzPVM-pUBw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>

Early bird pricing applies now:

- \$250 per team (team umpire provided)**
- or \$660 per team (no umpire provided)**

For enquiries please email waverleyeaster@gmail.com

Need assistance with accommodation?

Look no further then the NOVOTEL GLEN WAVERLEY who will be providing a special rate to all families and teams who are headed to Waverley! Room rates include breakfast and much much more!

Make sure to contact Dushy at the Novotel for the best rate and let them know you are attending the Waverley Softball Easter Carnival!

Phone - 03 8561 2342

<https://www.novotelglenwaverley.com.au/>



The Young Ones

Julia Hoon Lai



Hello, my name is Julia, and I would like to share my journey with softball. It all started when I was with mum in the shopping centre, and we walked past a softball team recruitment booth. I glanced at my mum and saw the most hopeful eyes. I could immediately tell that mum was going to sign me up.

And so, she did. At first, I never thought that I would do well, AT ALL. And guess what, I was right. On my first game, I cried. I just couldn't hit the ball! My teammates supported me, but I tried my best to not look at them.

But mum didn't give up on me, and made me train almost every day, and soon in the next game, I managed to hit the ball and made it to first base. Among all the fielding positions, I played pitcher the best.

How I got into pitching was very simple. I was actually intimidated by pitching and always tried my best to avoid it.

However, mum decided to make me practice pitching to conquer my fear.

Every day I had to do 20 balls. Now I up my practice to a 100 pitches 3 times a week.

I was playing for under 11s and under 14s in my club for the past 2 years. This year, mom signed me up for trial to represent Victoria in the School Sport Australia Softball Championship, 12 years and under category

When the day finally came, I had a tinge of excitement, but I tried my best to stay calm. There were 2 trials, both involved playing games against each other, demonstrating ability to bat, field, catch, throw, knowledge of the game, ability to communicate with teammates, and sportsman ship.

After the trials, I felt like my chances of being selected was 50/50. I stood out a little bit, but I wasn't a complete stand out. I felt like I could have done better. I was relieved I was selected when mum broke the news

I know this is only the beginning and I have a long road ahead of me. So, I'll try my very best to contribute in my little way, to making Victoria softball shine like a star.

True or False?

R1 on 1st, when F7 catches a foul fly ball near dead ball line. R1, who legally tags up, advances toward 2nd on the catch. F7 intentionally runs over the dead ball line, after R1 touches 2nd.

RULING: R1 is awarded 3rd and the ball is dead

**Circle 'True' or 'False' and drop off
your answer at the Pavilion... tune in
for next month to see the answer**

**The correct answer
for Issue 1 was True**



Match Reports

Hard Knox Panthers Pink 2 lost to Brandon Heights Gold 6

OPEN 4, 19th October D4 (Chambers Pool)

The result of this game was overshadowed by two or three incidents. The first was a broken leg suffered by Chrissie Iliadis when sliding into 2nd Base. In a gracious act of sportsmanship, every Hard Knox player exited the dugout and stood and applauded as Iliadis was carried off the diamond. Late in the game, persistent rain had made the pitching rubber treacherous. Heights Coach Glenys Bryce declared, saving Panthers pitcher the possibility of her own season ending leg injury. Then Bryce declined to keep her team's runs, insisting the score revert back to the previous completed innings.

HK Panthers had no answer to the superb pitching display by Heights Di Eggington. Eggington gave up three BB, no hits and 3 K2's. She also had a couple of assists in an effort that completely shut down Pink's offence. She was given enough run support by power hitting by a powerful Heights batting line-up. Having said that, Pink's pitcher Julie Boland kept HK in the game with tight pitching that had to be hit. She conceded 2 BB's & a K2.

Both Clubs and teams are to be utterly commended on the way they approached this game and the spirit in which the game was played. They are a credit to their Associations and to Softball. Well done! We wish Chrissie a speedy recovery and hope to see you back on the diamond after Christmas.

Hits: O'CONNELL.S (30, BRYCE.G (2), WIDJAJA.E, LEMMON.M (2), ILIADIS.C, ATKINSON.N, EGGINGTON.H (2)

Glen Waverley Angels 14 defeated Eastern Raiders 7

U17, D2 26th October 2019

The best thing I saw today: Bella Currie's foul fly catch from 3 d base off Maddy Grbac. When it was hit, I thought 'No way'. But Currie sprinted about 15 meters and made the grab low down to the ground. Fabulous. But that was not the only good thing in this game. It had everything. Great pitching by Raiders and Glen Waverley's. Fantastic, power hitting. Two inside-the-park Home Runs by Taimania Graham (ER) & Briar Tarai-Rangi (GW). Some great plays. Tremendous strategic coaching. It was a joy to see two accomplished junior teams playing great softball on our feature diamonds.

Hits:

Glen Waverley

Smedley.B, Burchett.S (2), Yee.C., Miller.R, Tarai-Rangi.B, McCulloch.Z, Attard-Luxford.E

Eastern Raiders

Graham.T (2), Nicol-Dimardi.S, Leach.C, Gray.E, Fairweather.T (2), Pex.G (2)

Glen Waverley Blue 10 defeated Bruisers 1

Open 3, 19th October D3 - 5.30 pm (Double Header)

On Saturday, we saw the young Glen Waverley Blue team come up against the experienced Bruisers outfit who are new to Open 3 softball at Waverley this season. The GW Blue team was made even younger by absences and injuries meaning that the age range was, with dispensations approved, only 12-16!

GW Blue batted first bringing in two runs on the back of an Imogen Bodley home run through CF. Bruisers responded with a run of their own to Wenda Donaldson following a double to LF. The next couple of innings were pretty tight with both defences playing strongly and the young GW team also giving up some easy outs due to base running errors. Both teams' pitchers were on top with only a few hits & errors offering any base runners to the game.

However, at the top of the 4th, with the score at 3-1, the young Angels found their bats and hits started to flow with some multiple base hits and some aggressive, but smarter base running (and a few Bruiser errors), saw the youngsters pile on 7 runs in what would be the final inning. Rachel Miller on the plate then closed out the game for the Angels, well supported by her fielders who took two really positive catches to finish the game. A 10-1 win to the Angels being the final score.

Imogen Bodley, going 3/3 at the plate with 2 outfield catches was the Angels' highlight. Wenda Donaldson was the best for the Bruisers with 1/3.



Umpires... Dealing with Conflict

The second umpiring training session of the season was held on the wet day of 26th October and this was the first “Dealing with Conflict” course. Created and presented by Deputy UIC - Training Roy Arscott, the 30 minute long presentation provided an introduction into how to talk with team members and how to not create and avoid an “ugly” situation during a game. Attendants had filled the meeting area of the umpiring change rooms with some recently accredited umpires attending and many “green shirt” showing their interest throughout the session. The presentation included demonstrations, videos on infamous overseas based coaches and many “on the spot questions”. At the end of the presentation Roy highly encourage everyone to attend the corresponding umpiring course "Managing teams” course. A date and time for this course is yet to be confirmed.

Earlier in the month the Victorian Umpiring Committee had finally ratified and issued the Level 1 certificates for David Sutton and Darcy Messenger who were our final Level 1 Candidates of the previous season. The VUC had also assisted the WUC and the Waverley Executive Committee in the purchase of new VUC approved Umpiring Green Shirts. This purchase results in all Green Shirt umpires looking more professional on the diamond across the whole park. We hope they won't be wearing these green shirts for long!

Lastly, in September the National Umpiring Committee had formally appointed four Waverley Umpires, plus Stuart Tyler, to represent Victoria at the following Softball Australia tournaments in January:

Under 14 Regional Girls (Perth)

Stuart Tyler - Assessor

Kian Privitera

Jason Irvine

**Under 14 Regional Boys
(Canberra)**

Jason Irvine

U16 Boys and Girls (Waverley)

Lucy James

U18 Female (Sydney)

Chris Trengove

Stuart Tyler

Congratulations and enjoy!



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WSA welcomes the Pinnacle Health Club Caribbean Park as a sponsor for the season 2019-20.

Pinnacle Health are proudly sponsoring the Open 1 Mini Competition's Pitching Award this season along with providing vouchers, scanner and locker room sessions too.

Pinnacle Health Clubs is a family owned business out of the Eastern suburbs with 6 locations in the community. Pinnacle is a full service health club with the latest in training styles and programs all under one roof. This includes a dedicated wellness/reformer pilates studio, small group team training and also 24/7 access gym.

Please give the Manager, Brochelle Georgeson a call for all your fitness requirements on 8672 5059.



WSA is proud to continue the affiliation with Fielders Choice Victoria as the preferred supplier for the season 2019-20.

Fielders Choice offers indoor training facilities, weights, pitching machines etc and can accommodate team training sessions too.

If you are lucky enough to hit a HOME RUN during game days on D1 & 2 then Fielders Choice will donate a \$10 voucher for you to use in store.

Please give David Privitera a call to discuss your softball apparel & equipment requirements on 9545 3174. or drop in to the store at Unit 9/35 Dunlop Road, Mulgrave, 3170 [inside the Nexus Business Park where the Adidas Store is located].



MELBOURNE
GLEN WAVERLEY

WSA welcomes the Novotel Hotel Glen Waverley as a sponsor for the season 2019-20.

The Novotel Hotel are proudly sponsoring the softball competition with Vouchers and an amazing Overnight weekend experience in a Deluxe Suite, dinner for two and movie tickets (valued at \$500.00).

NMGW will provide a preferred hotel rate to all families attending the

Easter Tournament and Softball Australia 2020 U16 Girls and Boys National Championships. There will also be on ground support with one of the famous NMGW food stalls at the Easter Tournament.



Mulgrave
Country
Club

Your Club

WSA welcomes the Mulgrave Country Club in Mulgrave as a sponsor for the season 2019-20.

Mulgrave Country Club are proudly sponsoring the Open 1 Mini Competition's 'Batting' and 'Base Running' Awards this season.

The Family Friendly Club continues to support individuals, charities, sporting clubs and schools in the local area. There is a range of activities, dining options, pokies, live music/shows, trivia, members areas and a redeveloped Terrace Area for relaxing on those sunny days.

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