

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, what a season to take over the role of President! I usually don't mind a bit of chaos and madness, but I think we got a double-serve of everything this season.

Prior to the Christmas break, we had heat-waves and rain impacting our season; then we had COVID-19, which really threw our lives upside down. My thoughts (and those of the whole club and committee) are with all of our families who have been closely affected by this pandemic. Fingers crossed for a speedy recovery, and for a time when things can get back to normal.

What this period of isolation and social distancing has done is given me some time to think more closely about the season, and what it means to me to be in a club like Rebels. It's like a family to me, and not being able to see anyone within it has been very tough – I'm sure it is the same for many of us. We are missing out on seeing our friends and family – our Rebels family. But we are doing it for the right reasons – and that is so that our larger community can be safer and we can get through this faster.

That means sadly for us – no finals, no presentation night, no way to celebrate the end of the season. But that is small-fry compared to what could happen if we don't do the right things. I appreciate that while it was a frustrating end to the season, it is unprecedented and hopefully something we will never see again.

Many things went right for us this year – and I will come to that in a moment. And yes, some things didn't. Rest assured the coaches and committee are working through a plan for next season, and a way for us to come back bigger and stronger.

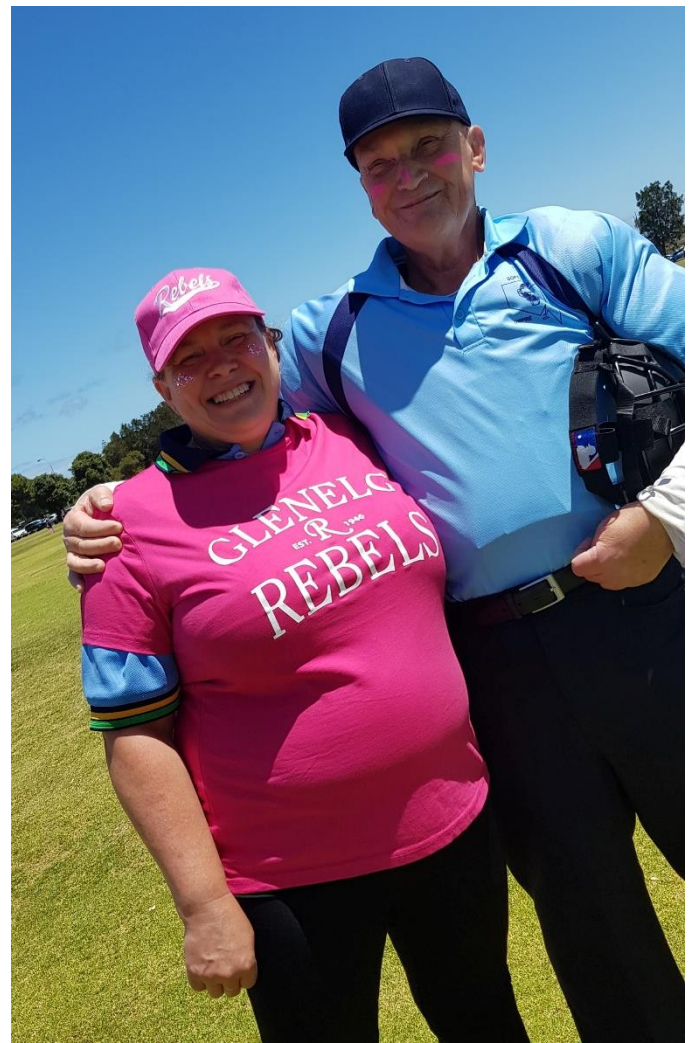
I want to acknowledge the work of Natalie Brinkworth, who returned to the club as A Grade coach this year after a few years away from the game. Nat brought a passion and a level of military-like organisation that flowed through the club – from seniors through to our emerging juniors. One of my goals is to grow our club culture, and people like Nat bring a lot of very positive vibes to the group, and I look forward to working with her again next year.

Her coaching team of Cathy, Pete, Kay and Andy (and more recently Gary) bonded as a group, and it was particularly obvious how the players enjoyed the structured training plans and having team rules and expectation clearly spelled out early on.

Thank you to our other coaches – you all volunteer your time each week to put a team on the diamond. It's not just Saturdays and training nights – many more hours each week is dedicated to the team, your players and the club. So to Vicky, Johnno, Brad, Amy, Jessie, Jess, Emily, Mark, Claire, Taurie, Shippo and Zoe, thank you very much.

To our umpires – Chrissy, Johnno, Tara, Craig and our green shirts Alice and Zoe – great work again. Without you stepping up each week, our players would be umpiring a lot more games. Our club is very fortunate to have you with us.

It was also great to see Chrissy recognised by Softball SA in their end of season awards last week, and for attaining her Level 2 umpiring accreditation.



And speaking of awards, well done to Taurie Pogue who was not only selected in the A Grade team of the year, but also finished fourth in the A Grade Association Best and Fairest. Taurie had a great season playing with us, and is very keen to return.

Thank you to Zoe Conley who was with us for the start of the season. Her pitching contributed greatly to a no-loss November for our A Grade team – that has not happened for many, many years!

Special thanks also to Ivana Malkova – a player who just wanted to play softball. Thanks to the generosity of the McGee family, Iv found herself a new place to stay and a new family – and plenty of new friends while she was in Adelaide. Thanks also to Tony Beck who was Host Dad for Taurie, and to my family for hosting Zoe at our house.

Thanks to our very generous sponsors, in particular to Club Marion who again came on board to provide us with the best training venue in the league, as well as a terrific space to have our meetings and social gatherings. We are so looking forward to when the Club opens again so that we can check out the new renovations.

Club Marion also helped us send our Under 16 team to the Junior State Championships in Gawler. It was a terrific opportunity for our younger players to get valuable game time and we are very fortunate that Club Marion's generosity made it affordable to all.

To our awesome Trailer Towing Team – each week they pick up and drop off the trailer to West Beach. Brad, Kylie, Leah, Ricky and Melissa have lugged that thing around all season – saving us all the drama of carrying kit bags and tents, and it is really appreciated by everyone at the club.

A big shout-out to Leah Gregory for doing a considerable amount of work pre-season to contact new sponsors and get us connected to several new local businesses. This extra income goes towards new equipment (bats, balls, helmets, face masks) and helps keeps our fees the lowest in the Association. We don't know what next season looks like yet, but I can only urge you to continue to support our sponsors, so that on the other side of COVID-19, we are all still in this together.

Lastly to my Committee – Liz, Sharon, Keryn, Kylie, Amy, Tom, Shippo, Amanda, Carmel, Molly, Kylie, Jane, Chris and Bree. Thank you for also giving up your time to make sure Glenelg Rebels remains a club of choice. We are all on the same page – we want to grow the club, make sure people are welcome and that we strive for success on the field. Come with us on the journey.

Thank you.

Jenny Turner
President

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS ROUND



As always, we (as a club) should be super proud of our efforts in fundraising for breast cancer research.

The BCA round started as a fund and awareness raising game between Glenelg and Walkerville A grade teams in 2010 – since then more than \$20,000 for Breast Cancer awareness, research and support. This year we involved clubs from other Associations across the state – and we're keen to make it bigger and better – whenever we can get back out there! Thanks to Jane for making the pink uniforms pop for us.. see below Breeza and Gemma!



A GRADE

The season kicked off for the Senior Squad in late July. We set expectations and team values to help guide us through the season. Our season was to be guided by the values; **Attitude, Gratitude, Respect, Selflessness** and **Commitment**.

We took things back to basics to build confidence and a solid base to then develop from throughout the season. Cathy ran a great athletic program throughout the entire season which gave the players quick movement which they could translate into all aspects of play.

We were fortunate to have Zoe Conley pitch for us for the first part of the season. This allowed games to be kept tight on the scoreboard whilst we continued to build on our skills. Zoe threw many tight games but her no-hitter against West Torrens was her best for the season. Montana supported Zoe in providing strong support from behind the plate as well as throwing out runners who tempted their fate in stealing.

After the Christmas, there was a change in the guard with Amber and Tayla (with cameos from Taurie) who took control of the mound. The partnership between the two gave us flexibility to change things up when required and both stepped up to the challenge and were able to contain teams to modest scorelines. They were equally supported by Courtney who also liked to throw out a runner or two!

Our infield was made up from Bree, Gemma, Ivana, Taurie and Aleesha. Between them we saw some awesome double plays and tough forced outs as well as some athletic diving from the pivots. The speed from the outfield was given by Regan, Caitlin, Megs and Skye who entertained us with some spectacular catches, impressive 9-3s and awesome throws to make subsequent outs. We also saw Georgia Bevan return to softball who gave us some extra versatility to our field.

Our hitting turned up a few notches after the break. With the need to score more runs to support our pitchers, our hitters pulled together to put some impressive rallies together by getting the basics right and scoring in text book fashion. It wasn't enough to get us over the line, but they continued to fight til the end of each game to make us a team to be reckoned with.

Thankyou to our guest coaches Gary Brinkworth, Taurie Pogue and Jarryd Farrell who provided the team with different insights to hitting.

A big thankyou to Cathy Lambert for agreeing to come along on the journey with me this season, your positive energy and listening ear was invaluable to me and the team. To our support staff Simone Thompson and Chris Wheatley, thankyou for ensuring that the girls were looked after and the runs were coloured in the right way. The team thinks we might lose Simone next season if she decides to come out of retirement to play after her MVP performance in the summer slam.

I am proud to have coached a group of wonderful young athletes who individually who each brought their differing attributes to build a strong and resilient team culture. You all battled against adversity and came out the other side showing a lot of heart and care for one another. I look forward to seeing you all develop not only as players but as young women building our future.

MVP – Taurie Pogue

Taurie was an all around asset to our team. She definitely punched plenty of power with her bat but was able to do some pretty spectacular dives at shortstop in the field which quite often got us out of a tough inning. Her voice and direction in the field was invaluable especially to help guide our young battery in the latter half of the season. She was always willing to help the team out in anyway which meant that we also got to see Taurie reignite her passion to pitch. She provided not only strength in our team but also gave us plenty of laughs.

Quiet Achiever - Courtney Shepherd

Courtney had limited opportunities in the first half of the season but continued to work hard on her hitting in the B Grade. When she was given opportunities in the A Grade, she grabbed them with both hands in both the hitting and catching department. She held her position in the line-up getting herself on base and moving our runners around. She also threw out many runners who dared to steal on her. Her improvement and attitude this season was outstanding.

Player's Choice Award - Taurie Pogue

This was an award voted on by the players to determine which player best displayed our team values throughout the season.



B GRADE

Welcome to the wrap of our B Grade Season.

With appointments of Nat (Head Coach) and Cathy (Assistant) to A Grade, I applied for the B Grade Head Coaching position. I applied for the position without having an Assistant in place so I approached Kay Bevan to assist me and I was very pleased and grateful that she accepted the role. Kay and I have worked well together in the past and we are very much on the same page on how we see our roles as Coaches. So this made for cohesive Coaching for our Team. We also had Andrea Slade come on board as the C Grade Coach for this season which made for a great Team. Working together to come up with new ideas and plans together.

A big thank you to our support team - Liz McGee who was our Team Manager and Chris Wheatley who also helped out throughout the season. Marcie Trzcinski for Scoring and our Team Stats. Our back up team of Scorers being Liz McGee, Michelle Townsend, Carmel Edwards and Simone Thompson - you are all a vital part of the Team and we couldn't get on the diamond without you!

Pre-season was a great chance to get our teeth into with the Battery Training and then the real training started. With great numbers present because of the new Coaches made it exciting to the group of Players. I guess as a fresh start for them all to be out early to show what they can do. With these numbers and Players on our list we made the decision with Committee's backing to field the Teams we did for this season. In the end, it didn't work the way I had hoped as we had to cover B and C Grade games that clashed at the same time. We used A Graders in B Grade to cover the gap. I had intended this season to be starting to build the next A Grade Team. With movement through B Grade and C Grade to build our Season. We were hoping Players could show their strength, which would then put pressure on the A Grade. We did achieve this over the season with players coming into our Team with form or to get their game back on track.

Our season started off slowly which I can only say because of the uncertainty of where the player was listed and where they saw themselves playing, Grade wise. Once things settled down we started to get confident with our Teams goals and stimulated each other, in doing this.

Leading into Christmas we started to really test the top teams and win a few of these games with great work from the team. The best game I look back at. We started with our best Team on the Field. But we didn't get away to a great start. So we made some changes and by using all 13 players we had, we came away with the Win. This showed me and hopefully the Players that we as a group, could achieve these goals if we prepare properly for these games.

Taurie's influence in our club this season was the stand out to me, in particular the way she prepares, plays and how she reads the game. These are all the aspects of the game we all need to be aware of to make us better player. Ivana was also a great addition, with her history of softball of training and playing multiple games every weekend. Her arm strength was unbelievable which is work that has been done over her time as a player. Zoe's impact was short but sweet for our Club, and she help steer the Team from the front.

With Amber and Tayla holding down the Pitching in our Team, it was great to see the work they had started to do pre-season and build up over the long season – it was pleasing to see. It was great to see them pitching out the season in A Grade and did well when they were asked to - a credit to them both on achieving this. They offered great flexibility in B Grade, with Amber playing Second base and Tayla at First whenever they were not pitching, giving them the opportunity to build their game up. Courtney to me is a great Catcher who is still learning about her craft behind the mask and has again taken leaps and bounds again this season. She was throwing out runners weekly, this kept us in the games. Her bat was good and then her opportunity came in A Grade to bat and then it took off. Her belief in herself was all it took. Skye was another player who took the reins of her position at Short stop, to learn and understand more this season. I thought that between Courtney and Skye they would share this spot this season but between them both they controlled these positions to keep our team in the game. I knew I could always rely on Skye to be put into the Outfield, as she has always done this role in past.



Aleesha was another player that has all the glove skills of a talented Player, who can track a ball and not show hesitation or fear of any ball being hit her way at 3rd base. The soft hand and speed in which her glove gets into position is a credit to her and her Coaching in past years. Gemma was also a player that had a great season with our B Grade. Her confidence soaring and opportunities in A Grade keeping her busy all year. The support and leadership within this team, she gave us direction and the team grew from this. Gemma took her opportunity when it became available with some solid hitting.

It was great to have players like Jade, Ana, Laura, Jess, Ashlee, Bronwyn, Emily, Penny and U/18 Players in Jasmine and Hayley getting opportunities to play in our season. A pathway for them only this season as these players were needed to cover our C Grade games week in and week out. Multiple games is the bonus. You learn more from the game than trainings, if you are alert within these games to see what others do or ask questions. Watch and learn. Build-up this knowledge. This is the pathway to be that better player, if this is what you want!

We pushed the Teams above us, every step of every game. We had great success against them and only losing by a run or two. Once we had our confidence in each other, we battled hard each and every week. I thank everyone that took to the field and played their part in the success we had this season.

I look forward to watching you all in the coming years, to see you all achieve your goals in this game of softball. Good luck and stay safe over your break now and I look forward to seeing you at the start of next season.

Peter Edwards and Kay Bevan
B grade Coaches



MVP Tayla Mead

Outstanding Season with the ball and bat. Putting our team into a great position to be in a winning position every week. Nothing has ever seen to be too much for her to take on. Will always take that ball and do her best, no matter the cost. Thank you for all you have done this season and you certainly got stronger as the season went on. Well done.



Coach's Award Amber Dodd Mobius

Started the season strongly and gave her all to the pitching craft that helped us throughout the season in A and B Grade. The workload of playing this year was very much appreciated by us. Pitching and playing in multiple games took its toll. All the best for your future.

Achievement Award Courtney Shepherd

A solid performer week in, week out. With her behind the mask gave us outs with stealing base runners and always gave us that every game. Her bat then came alive and she finished off the season hitting well in A grade. With all your hard work over the years has paid off for you and I hope there is more to come if your studies allows. A big future for her at this club as a catcher/short stop.

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C GRADE – C NAVY

Not quite the season we had hoped for in C Navy – injuries, work and a fairly fluid starting 9 every week made it a bit tricky each week to get our “game faces” on. Lucky C Navy is a resilient bunch, so we pulled through with some good wins (not enough to get in the top 4) but still some good ones to keep us smiling. (apart from the ones we lost when we really shouldn't have – we'll just blank them out, shall we?)

One thing we always had was a good vibe – win, lose or draw, our core crew were there each and every Saturday for the right reasons. We wanted to play good softball and hang out with our friends – isn't that what it is all about? While we were disappointed with the overall outcome of the season, on reflection it actually gave us all plenty of opportunities, and gave some people a real chance to step up. It also gave some of our juniors a chance to play an extra game, and get some diamond time with some experienced players like Laura, Kylie,

Bec, Susie, Amy and Molly. We managed to work through our Double Jess situation most weeks, with either a Bungert or Easton-Hegarty version available on alternate weeks. When both turned up, it was a joy to behold. We also welcomed Alema Pilot to the team. She was just hitting her sweet spot when injury hit, and she went down with a broken ankle. Never ideal but even sadder for Alema as she was super keen on having a great first year at Rebels.

We often needed backup players, so thanks to the girls who chipped in – in particular a handy fill-in by the name of Natalie Brinkworth. With a bit more of a pre-season, this player shows lots of potential, and could be a star on the rise!

Thanks to my offsidars this season – Vicky Kolen, Nat Hailstone, Robyn Princess Venning-Smith and Leah Gregory. What a team. Let's keep it rolling next year ladies.



To the votes -

MVP Rebecca Preece

Speaking of someone who stepped up remarkably this year; when we needed a pitcher, Bec was there. Week in, week out, she was at training, watching her daughters Steph and Chloe play juniors, and then be at our game ready to go. She did an amazing job, and certainly contributed to most of our wins. She also played every game, which is pretty impressive in itself!

Best Team Player Laura Barry

You could have an entire team of Laura Barrys, and the world would be an amazing place. The first to offer to help, to pack up gear, to put the tent away. We need more Laura's. But she can also play softball pretty well, so we are very lucky to have you with us. Congrats on a great season, which involved pretty much playing anywhere I asked, and doing it all with a smile. Laura also finished second in our batting, with an average .441.

Best Batting Average Award – Molly Matotek

The last award is a tough one because I had two players who have made significant contributions to the team. Both Sue Campbell (.429) and Molly have been strong all season, with Sue missing only 1 game and being reliable in the batting box and as a back-up pitcher. Molly's batting at the top of the line-up got us away in several games; she finished with a batting average of .518, and really helped the team out with her positive vibes from behind the plate. A batting award but could have each been a Coach's Award for always bringing it on game day.

Jenny Turner
C Navy coach

C GRADE – C WHITE

The core C Grade White team consisted of Ashlee Conway, Jade Downs, Emily Fry, Ana Helbig, Laura Helbig, Penny Kidsley, Hayley Phillips, Bronwyn Sawyer, Jasmine Trigg and Jess Ward, as well as a few juniors and senior members of the squad that helped us out in various games so we had a full team on the diamond.

Thank you to JT and the Rebels committee for giving me the opportunity to coach this year; it's been a real joy to help the girls become better softballers. Thank you to the girls as well for your patience and graciousness in giving me the space and time to improve my skills and settle in as a coach.

We finished the season in 6th place out of 10 teams in C grade. With eight wins, nine losses and one draw. Unfortunately, our record doesn't show how well the girls actually played the game - with grit, determination and the hunger to win.

A huge thank you to Nat, Cathy, Pete and Kay for their generosity of time, spirit and capacity to pass on the invaluable knowledge, skills, advice and share their vast experience of the game with me. I have truly learned from the best.

Thank you to my Team Manager Jane Bennett for all her help with the team, ready first aid skills, ice packs and addition to our bench food. We love you Jane.

Huge thanks to my wonderful scorer Sharon Ward for all her time, effort and invaluable advice. She was a great help to me and her timely information helped making on field changes much easier. Thank you to all our parents, partners, families and supporters for giving up their time and social life to help us play softball, without your love and understanding we could not play the sport we love so much.

Our main pitcher Emily did an excellent job pitching with Ashlee, Hayley and Bronwyn doing their part to help us stay competitive and give us the best chance of winning the game.

Jade and Penny were our catchers. Their great skills and ability to direct on field plays and help out our pitchers and got us out of quite a few tough spots. Well done ladies.

My batting plan this season was to get the girls involved in solid team batting with everybody playing their part in getting on base, scoring, improving their pitch selection and having a plan of attack when in the batter's box. It was very rewarding to see it come to fruition as their skills and confidence in the box improved and built with every game we played.

Our batting for the season started off well but really improved after the Christmas break with Ana and Laura at three and four finding form and hitting home runs consistently.

Jade was excellent as lead off and Penny really cemented her spot as second, both of them getting on base and scoring runs easily.

Jess, Emily, Jasmine, Bronwyn, Ashlee and Hayley all put in solid contributions with the bat to get us on the score board and stay competitive.

One of the highlights was Hayley scoring a fantastic homerun to close out the game for us against Southern Districts then very nonchalantly walking off to pack up her gear. Classic.

Managing our injury list became a real art form and the girls team spirit was sorely tested with them regularly playing out of their preferred positions just so we could field a team. They handle this very well.

Our MVP and Best and Fairest awards were nominated by the players themselves.

Best and Fairest - Jess Ward

Excellent team first attitude, exemplary commitment to our club and in upholding our squad values of Attitude, Gratitude, Respect, Selflessness and Commitment to both our team and club. Well done Jess, keep up the great work.

MVP - Ashlee Conway

She really stepped up to the plate this year by keeping the girls motivated, leading our team discussion and giving great insights into our strengths and weaknesses and how to improve both. She has gained confidence in her batting, fielding and overall softball mindset. She has set herself up as an example of a future leader, is exceptional at keeping everyone on task, calling the plays and encouraging everybody to do their best on and off the diamond this season. Her positivity and dedication to the team has been top notch. Congratulations Ash.



Coach's Award - Jasmine Trigg

She has had an excellent year with the bat and in the field. Her positive attitude and fun personality has made her a valuable player and team member. She listens to and follows instructions well making her a dream to coach and has the potential to be a fantastic softball player. Good luck for the future Jas.

Andrea Slade
C White coach

D GRADE NAVY

Three or four weeks out from start of season we only had three "confirmed" players and had already spoken to Port & W/Torrens re combining teams as they were also struggling with numbers, but these negotiations fell through for various reasons. It was suggested that we cancel our D Grade for this season but I wanted to go ahead despite the obvious problems associated because then there would be players not getting a game at all and could be lost to the club forever.

Fortunately we acquired six more players who contacted the club and we had enough to go ahead. One or two had played softball "a bit" before, but most had not played at all. Also there was the fact that they were all shift workers through different industries and would not be available every week.



I thought we could easily work around this if only 2 or 3 were unavailable at a time. **WRONG.** It eventuated that I had to find between **3 and 6 players every week except one (plus a scorer).** The only time we had the full 9 D-Graders was our last game. This was unfortunate and no one's fault. In fact one of our players was only available for 5 games.

Because of this, we used 30 players for the season and I am forever grateful to the 21 players from the two 2 C-Grades, under 14, 16 and 18 teams who helped us during the season, plus the 5 or 6 scorers we had help me and saved me from doing it.

It was a very tough year for all concerned and believe me, I was only trying to teach the new players, while also helping those more experienced, and help improve everyone along the way.

I sincerely apologise for ruffling a few feathers at times through my way of explaining, frustration and confusion of the fact that for so long I naturally expected that what I was saying would be easy to understand, and completely forgot some players had never heard softball terms before. It was not intentional.

Please be assured that I was trying to coach the team with various abilities to the best of my ability and knowledge and only wanted to give everyone an opportunity to learn the game and improve, rather than not having a team at all.

Coaching this team was difficult and I would like to thank the "experienced" players in the team for helping the "rookies" with whatever questions they had during the season, you were a bigger help than you know.

We only won two games, but the players were always doing here best wherever they were asked to play and I think all

finished the season with improvement from when they started.

I really hope you enjoyed your season at Glenelg and I know the club wants to see you again next season.

As I mentioned before, I had 21 players fill-in during the season, and some had already had a game at 2pm but didn't hesitate to stay and help us in a 6pm game. Also, to those who scored for us during the season (you know who you are). A huge **THANK YOU** from D-Grade, because without you, we may have had to forfeit some games. Much appreciated by all of us.

John McGahey
D Grade coach

Kaoru Award – Chris Rudd

Best Team person - Rebecca Casey

Most Improved – Eleanor Jarvis

Most Valuable – Mel Rudd

UNDER 18

This season was full of challenges and kept us on our toes, and unfortunately we didn't perform at the level we wanted to. Though despite our record, it was a season full of tremendous growth both physically and mentally. Some of you guys stepped up as leaders and set great examples for your teammates, and provided guidance for the younger ones playing up with us. I am very proud of how we finished, record aside, you guys grew and began to really compete and enjoy yourselves. It was an honour to coach you all, and I thank you for your effort and energy each week!



Thank you so much to Shippo, Liz and Sue for your help every week, and to Claire, Brad, Mark and JT for helping out towards the end of the season.

Taurie Pogue
Under 18 coach

Best team player – Jasmine Trigg

Most consistent batter – Tara Johnson

Most improved- Hayley Phillips

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UNDER 16

Wow, this was certainly one of the most unique seasons I have ever been part of, even before it came to a premature end due to COVID-19. We had 14 players to rotate through the team and it proved to be quite a challenge. Luckily for us we also had under 18 and under 14 teams that were short on players, so it gave our girls a great opportunity to have extra games, while helping those teams get on the diamond. I am so proud of our under 16 girls for stepping up to fill the gaps in those other teams and also a number of times in the seniors.

With that many players to develop, we naturally had to try different positions and line-ups. Although this is a good opportunity for some players, it also makes it hard to settle the team. The girls worked really hard on everything we asked of them and the effort to improve was never in question. We maintained a great team spirit during a season where, unfortunately we couldn't turn the effort and energy into results in the field.

We were also able to take the team to the Junior State Champs in Gawler and had some good performances up there against some strong and quality opposition.



I'd like to thank my assistant coaches Mark and Claire for all of their help throughout the season. You just can't coach such a large group without great support and they provided this. I also want say a massive thank you to Keryn for scoring the whole season. Thanks to all the parents who helped manage, umpire, score and offer general assistance throughout the season. Thanks also to JT and the committee for the opportunity to coach this wonderful group of players and all their support.

We had our challenges this season but I feel we all learned a lot that will only help in our future softball journey. I want to see all of you back at winter training when we're able to resume and work even harder next season to start turning the results in our favour. I think you're a very talented group of strong young women and you deserve more success than we had this year. The biggest and best takeaway I have from the

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season is that we all have so much more to learn and improve on. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart, each and every one of you have made my season fun and inspired me to learn more and go around again.

Our trophy winners this year are

Best Player - Tayte Nicholson

Like a number of our players Tayte had some interruptions due to injury but still proved to be such a valuable asset to the team. She has a great understanding of the game and when she's on the diamond, others around her seem to gain an extra leg.



Coaches Award - Laura Murray

Laura is the player that every coach wants on their team. She is solid at her main position, first base but also never says no, or backs down from a challenge. Laura steps up at every opportunity to help out other teams and takes it all in her stride.



Most Improved - Brooke Deroussent

Brooke's first year at the Rebels was one of huge growth. She worked hard on her basic skills and we saw her find a natural position in the outfield and make it her own. She also found her social spot in the team which is so important to feeling that you belong.

Brad Barry
Coach

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UNDER 14

RUNNERS-UP

Players: Eden Lapidge, Emma Walters, Georgia Loy, Chloe McKenzie, Ireland Rattigan, Lily Pine, Bea Thomas, Alice McGinn, Nicola Bini, Zoe Farrell.

The 2019-2020 finished with the drama and uncertainty that was there for much of the season.

Sadly, player numbers were very low with only 5 core players registered.

After many attempts to recruit players at carnivals, school newsletters, come n try days, Facebook posts, we only managed to gain two extra players before Christmas. This saw our core group extend to seven players not enough to continue playing without seeking permission from the association to allow three of our Under 16 players to bolster up our team when needed.

Up until this time we were extremely grateful to the Sturt Softball Club for allowing their extra players to fill in each week otherwise there wouldn't have been a game played. This saw a fantastic show of sportsmanship both from the Sturt and Glenelg players embracing new friendships and experiences. Softball the big winner there!

Post Christmas, saw the Glenelg Rebels field Glenelg players only, thanks to Alice, Nicola and Zoe who agreed to help out the Under 14s as well as play their own Under 16 game. All of the players supported each other and benefited from being able to field our own team.

The competition was extremely close and saw Glenelg finish minor premiers out of 9 teams, an amazing feat considering the turmoil.

Unfortunately, with the COVID-19 thrust upon us the season came to an end after only one game into the finals series. This game Sturt Blue vs Glenelg was not our best game going down to Sturt 7-4. As a result, we were relegated to second position, Runners Up in the Under 14 2019/2020 season.

I can't speak highly enough of the resilience of the girls to embrace the uncertainty that each weekend would bring, not knowing if they would play or not.



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The strength and depth in our pitchers Eden, Emma and Chloe became a force to be reckoned with supported admirably by our catchers Georgia, Chloe and Emma. On several occasions, our pitchers Emma and Chloe had to then turn their hands into becoming the catchers following the rules of the age group which only allows pitchers and catchers to play 2 innings in these positions. They were well supported in the field with Georgia and Lily at first base, Ireland and Nicola at second, Chloe and Alice at third, Eden and Emma at shortstop and Bea and Zoe in the outfield.

Very special thanks to my assistant coach Jess Ward. It was quite frustrating not to be able to develop players skill base more than we did. There were often more coaches than players at training especially before Christmas, but Jess was always positive and supportive to me and the players. Thanks Jess.

Thanks also to Sharon Ward, scorer and sounding board!! Much appreciated Sharon.

To Keryn Lapidge, "Jill" of all trades. Supported the team as manager but extended to many other roles within the team. Great work Keryn.

To the 2019-2020 playing group, thank you all from Jess and myself for sticking together throughout the season. We really felt we could have gone all the way, bringing home the premiership but feel that being runners up was still a great achievement considering the diversity throughout the season.

Stay safe everyone.

Kay Bevan
Coach

Trophy winners.

Best and Fairest - Eden Lapidge. Pitcher, Shortstop, infield.

Eden's continual improvement and maturity in both skills and game knowledge was apparent each week. A great all-rounder and fantastic team player.

Coaches Award - Emma Walters. Pitcher, catcher, shortstop, infielder.

Club person, team player, fierce pitcher and very versatile player, Emma is a dream to coach.

Supports her team mates, reliable, committed and extremely talented.

Most Improved - Bea Thomas. Outfield.

This was Bea's first season, also the youngest in the team.

Bea's natural timid nature saw her face some very difficult situations. Brave enough to attempt bunting, swing the bat against some very quick pitchers and stop hard hit balls in the outfield. Fantastic effort Bea!

UNDER 12 – GLENELG/WALKERVILLE PREMIERS

When I took upon the job to coach the Under 12 this season I

wasn't too sure if I was even going to have a team since we were really lacking numbers at preseason. We only had one Glenelg player signed up to play, so we decided to combine with Walkerville to be able to let Aiden play this season. I wasn't sure on how the team would gel or how Aiden would fit in, but they really gelled as a team and I was surprised on how much talent the team had. They had an outstanding season and every player improved a lot over the season. They were eager kids who would all give their best wherever we asked them to play and they were all keen to give either pitching or catching a go at some point over the season. I was so proud of the team and how well they played week in and week out, which showed on the ladder as they finished the season top with 11 wins 1 loss and 3 draws and went straight into the grand final. I was gutted that the season was cut short and they couldn't play the grand final as it would have been the first grand final for some. But I am so proud that they were still able to take out premiers considering that they finished top for the season. I really enjoyed coaching the U12s this season and working with Hayley Bonython who I had never coached with before and hope to see them back on the field next season. I want to thank Aiden and his family for this support this year, and hope he enjoyed his season with us.

Emily Fry

Under 12 coach



CLUB AWARDS

BEST CLUB PERSON

Donated by Gerald Brown

Jenny Turner

CLUB SERVICE AWARD

Donated by Tom Whitworth

Leah Gregory

YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARD

Donated by Club Marion

Hayley Phillips and Jasmine Trigg (A tie)

JOHNSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

Donated by Chris Szpunar

Emma Walters and Eden Lapidge (A tie)

JOY BANNISTER MEMORIAL AWARD ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Donated by Bannister Family

Senior – Ivana Malkova

Junior – Aiden Farrell

KAORU WATANABE SPIRIT AWARD

Donated by and in memory of Kaoru Watanabe

Chris Rudd

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Kylie Preece

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Carmel Edwards

Tom Trigg

Kate Shippo

Molly Matotek

We would like to say a big thanks to all of the coaches, umpires, scorers, managers, parents and especially the players who pull on the Navy and White this season.

It goes without saying that this club would not be the proud developing club it is, without you.

Lindy scoops Softball SA Chairman's Award

For the first time, Softball SA has awarded its Chairman's Award to a State Coordinator of Scoring – our very own Lindy Rattigan. Lindy is well known as a scoring statistician superstar. She led the SSA scoring team, and attracted a number of new scorers to the team. The scoring team also record and collate the ACC Stats for the Spacequake broadcast meaning they need to be at every A Grade game and Lindy coordinates this process (which was also replicated for the Fully Loaded competition). She chose to go back to State Representation this year (instead of a championship role with Softball Australia) with the Open Men's team. Lindy also played a massive role with results at the Australian Masters Games (AMG), ensuring all results were input and updated regularly. She was a participant in the AMG and Senior State Championships. It was a big year for Lindy as she was also inducted into the Hall of Fame. Congratulations Lindy, a truly worthy recipient!



Player recognition and games played

This year we started to rebuild our Player Game Recognition records. It has been an amazingly big job, started a couple of years ago by Brad Barry and Michelle Townsend, then with extra help from Sharon Ward and Liz McGee (and others). It is a project that we have made good progress on – with several players being recognised at the start of the season, and many also congratulated during the season. We did miss a couple (sorry Gemma Cochrane hitting 100 games) but by the start of next season we will have all of our ducks lined up. Standby for a dedicated newsletter with everyone's current Glenelg Rebels game tally. (it's a big spreadsheet and too big to put into this format.) We have many juniors who have hit 50 and 100 game milestones and it is also important we recognise their efforts properly – so please stand by!

However, that said – here are some big ones:

600 Club – Nat Brinkworth (688) and Laura Barry (667), Heidi Bevan (666)

400 Club – Sue Campbell (420)

300 Club – Brianna McGee (305)

200 Club – Georgia Bevan (267), Rebecca Preece (255), Amber Dodd-Mobius (248), Tayla Mead (238), Megan Wheatley (226), Aleesha Mead (221), Tara Johnson (218), Courtney Shepherd (204).



NATIONAL AND STATE REPS

Congratulations to our state reps – great to have some Rebels at the state level.

U14 State Girls - Emma Walters (right)

U16 statistician - Marcie Trzcinski-O'Neill

NOTICE OF AGM

This year's AGM has been postponed, given the COVID-19 restrictions on gatherings. We will let everyone know when we can re-group together and hold the meeting – ideally in person. If not, we have approval to hold a virtual AGM online, as long as we have a quorum. More information will be available as soon as we have the all clear.

At this point, we will continue with the existing committee to ensure consistency and continuity over the next month, and so that we can plan ahead for the off-season.

ANYONE WITH QUERIES, PLEASE CONTACT OUR SECRETARY LIZ MCGEE ON GLENELGSECRETARY@HOTMAIL.COM

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Thank you to the City of Marion Council for their ongoing support of the Glenelg Rebels Softball Club and Club Marion.



GRSC VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers – we love you

Here our band of trusty volunteers from this year – mostly from our BBQ crew, but also our trailer towers, diamond duty groups and general handy-folk. Every little bit helps! Apologies if you have helped this year and we missed your name – we love you all!

Thanks so much to Kylie Preece, Robyn Venning-Smith, Carol Warne, Vicky Kolen, Jenny Turner, Molly Matotek, Rebecca Preece, Chloe McKenzie, Stephani McKenzie, Kay Bevan, Alema Pilot, Nat Hailstone, Neal Matotek, Sharon Ward, David Ward, Jessica Ward, Bree McGee, Jane Bennett, Claire Bennett, Megan Wheatley, Liz McGee, Chris Wheatley, Doug Wheatley, Tom Trigg, Laura Barry, Brad Barry, Jo Jaench, Caitlin Jaench, Zoe Farrell, Rachel Merritt, Gemma Cochrane, Aleesha Mead, Andrea Mead, Regan Lambert, Chris Rudd, Mel Rudd, John McGahey, Megan Wheatley, Andrea Slade, Ricky and Melissa Walters, Ivana Malkova, Nat Brinkworth, Zoe Conley, Keryn Lapidge, Carmel Edwards, Montana Edwards, Pete Edwards, Amanda Conway, Ashleigh Conway, Jasmine Trigg, Amber Dodd Mobius, Adriana Zotti, Rebecca Casey, Caitlin Carrol and super helpers Kyla and Tilly Barry.

Thank you to everyone for your contribution this season. We really value the extra time and effort you put into the club. On any normal year, we'd get you all up on stage and give you a big shout-out. This year instead, it is a big virtual hug from us to you,

Chris Wheatley and Kylie Preece
GRSC Volunteer Co-ordinators



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GO REBELS – SEE YOU SOON!**

