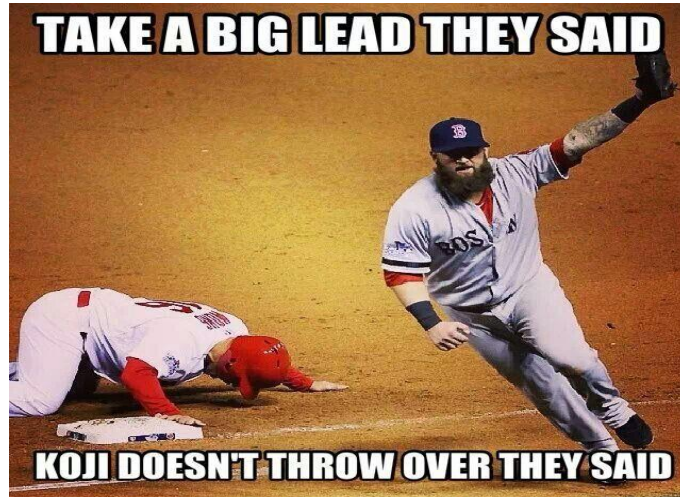




# THE BASEBALL REVIEW

SEASON 2022

## NEWSLETTER #10 – PERFECT



**G2 Black – see G2 Gold!**

“We played them - so their report can cover both!!” - AT

Efficiency personified!!



**G2 Gold/ Black – back to the “other home ground”!**

With the prospect of rain, we didn't know what to expect when arriving at Peter Van Hasselt Diamond.

With only minor patches of bog the outfielders were more concerned about Kanga Poo than anything else.

Taking on our fellow mountain comrades. Dan took to the mound with both teams having every hope of a win to boost the end of the season.

Both teams started off steady with Black taking two runs in the first and the second inning. During this time Brad had some sensational catches coming from the outfield.

Gold had a great comeback in the third which revived our spirits to take three runs in the third to be one away.

Unfortunately, despite Marto giving a solid crack on the plate, Black took a massive lead with 7 runs to pull ahead with some big hitting. Adam had some tough pitches that kept our team guessing.

We were valiant to take on the challenge with our last inning.

Jonesy snagged a line drive and Brad had a beautiful cheeky bunt. James smoked a homer that went well out the ballpark and we ended the day heads held up high enjoying the opportunity for the local derby however gracious in our defeat.

**AT - I would have been bragging!**



**G3 – again x 2!!!**

G3 were at Penrith facing a Penrith team for the second week in a row.

Another great day for baseball and a fantastic change from the washouts of earlier in the season. Penrith supplied the umpire and with him calling behind the pitcher the strike zone was rather fluid.

Brett Murphy was all the offense we needed in the first to go up 1 to nil. A base hit to centre, stolen base, stolen base and a wild pitch. No other batters reached.

Kurt took the mound for us and went for 4 in the first on the back of 3 hits and 3 walks. Kurt bounced back in the second to post a zero

We left the bases loaded in the second and only managed one run to be down 2-4 after 2 innings.

In the third Penrith brought on a new pitcher. We batted around with Brett getting two hits in the innings. Penrith brought home 4 in the bottom of the innings to make for a one run game going into the last.

Les took one for the team and Loz got an infield hit. Both scored to give us a three-run lead going into the bottom of last innings.

When we took the field for the bottom of the innings we forgot how to catch and throw straight and after what seemed like the 8th out of the innings we could only manage to hold on for a draw. Oh Well, it was still fun.

**Resolute -Gerry, so resolute!**



## **H Grade – Alroy Tavern, sorry Park v Plumpton.**

A great start to the game as we were up for bat first with 5 quick runs, things were looking good but little did we know this would be as good as it got.

Gary up to pitch the first 2 digs with Will welcoming him behind the plate. Sadly the strike zone had a mind of its own as they knocked in 3.

Next at bat we were put off a little by the second baseman making rather accurate cockatoo calls and suddenly the strike zone was wide open, if it was hittable with a tennis racket you had to hit it. 3 more runs come in for both sides.

Final dig and we're cleaned up with only 2 runs in and we need to keep them to 5 or less.

Pitching changes to Jobbo and then Steve unable to control the flow of runs and we were now paying for our poor batting in the earlier innings.

Loaded bases to Plumpton and as I crop dusted around the left field under the high bomb another run comes in. Suddenly it's tied and the movie Bench Warmers springs to mind, silly fielding errors seal our fate and it's all over 11-10.

Great to see our injured 1st Baseman Ron there with his dog Sookie.

Most went back to the Alroy Tavern after the game to watch Will do his best to get that cholesterol level back up again.



**Willy, Willy, Willy - tsk, tsk tsk!!**



**This Saturdays (20<sup>th</sup> August 2022) games are as follows: -**

G2 Black – Bye – doh!

G2 Gold – already forfeited – gone to the races!

G3 – V Colyton/ St. Clair at Sam Marsden at 12.30pm

H – V Sainties at Monfartville at 12.30pm

**Fly the flag teams, we can see the finish line from here!!!**



**FYI - those who play the other diamond in summer!**

So, if you can spare some time over the next 2 weekends at Surveyors Creek, please let me know which days and times you are available so I can then confirm back if council allow the work to be done. Please don't presume someone else will put their hand up as we usually don't get many or anyone helping from our club.

We are now able to use the edges only of Lomatia Park. So, team training will commence from next week. Our club only has access to Lomatia Park on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and the team coach will be in contact with everyone over the next few days to advise the day and times.

We should have the new supply of playing jerseys and caps next week so I will be there to hand them out to all the new players.

For anyone needing gloves, helmets and pants, the best place to buy these is at RBI at Smeaton Grange. Rebel at Penrith only has limited number of gloves and kids helmets.

For those who still haven't registered, please do so today as we need to finalise the numbers with the association. The registration link is on our new website which you have been previously emailed.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 0403 166207.

# Springwood Spring Festival Sat Sept 3rd 2022

The big day is returning!

For those who came in late – our club, being a community leader has had a stall in the very fashionable Macquarie Road precinct opposite the Royal Hotel for many years now!



Who can forget..

Or our illustrious leader with our **ILLUSTRIOUS LEADER** in a BM baseball cap!!!



We need your help to man the stall. It's not daunting at all; we love the day chatting to not only the curious but many new players (20-ish last time) and a lot of old players.

Even if you can spare an hour every little bit helps and you will have a fun and relaxing day!



## ONLY 30 SLEEPS TO GO!

The night of nights is coming!

The coaches have started the voting process, think long think hard - who are your choices? What crafty little award will G3 come up with this year - hmmm?



## I know you are gagging for it - Lomatia Park update!

Keep chemicals and detergents out of stormwater drains/ Install a rainwater tank to capture excess roof runoff and reduce stormwater erosion in our creeks / Report pollution on the NSW Environment Line 131 555 / Dispose of chemicals safely through the Household Chemical Cleanout - go to [bmcc.nsw.gov.au/cleanout](http://bmcc.nsw.gov.au/cleanout)

### Council seeks WestInvest funding for major projects

Council is among 15 Western Sydney Local Government Areas included in WestInvest, a \$5 billion NSW Government program to fund projects that will enhance communities and create jobs. We will receive a minimum of \$23 million to fund projects that meet the grant criteria.

Council is applying for WestInvest funding for multiple major projects, including:

#### 1. Wentworth Falls Lake Recreational Precinct Upgrade - \$8.5 million

Following upgrades to Wentworth Falls Lake Park, Council will seek to fund additional upgrades requested by the community including increased accessibility to the lake and park, as well as more parking.

venture between Council and NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service, will ensure a world-class asset following cost increases, disaster impacts and increased scope.

#### 4. Lomatia Park Clubhouse and Amenities Upgrade - \$3.5 million

The existing clubhouse will be replaced with new facilities built to cater for all users and be compliant with the modern standards for accessibility, inclusivity and storage.

SEE, I told you so.....



## Lismore update.

For those who have been to the Lismore Masters both Baseball and Softball, these scenes will be so sad.

It makes Lomatia look positively playable - doesn't it?

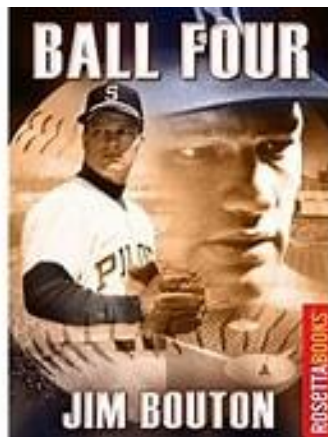
Wil is being kept updated on the progress of the Association.



### Quote of the week is a simple truth.....

**“YOU SPEND A GREAT PIECE OF YOUR LIFE GRIPPING A BASEBALL AND,  
IN THE END, IT TURNS OUT IT WAS THE OTHER WAY AROUND ALL THE  
TIME”**

Jim Bouton – Ball Four – 1970”





Dave and Trish at home.....

Can I see the coaches please.....



**STEVE BEARD**  
**HOME LOANS**

**Ame's to be spotless**