

ROYALS 2017

Blue Mtns
Baseball

NEWSLETTER #11

Win-Win-Bye

Like playing the olden pokies innit?

Week 20/5/17 and the dice rolled our way!

The Rookie takes time out from the shooting range and scribes.....

Where were you when the Bunt happened?

G3 hit the turf at sunny Lomatia Sat at 2 for a slightly unprepared game. All the pre evening build up was talk about game cancellations as the big storm was predicted and partying had headed the topic of conversation. But much to our pleasure the gods of weather forecasting were wrong and it was game on.

We were up against Penrith and they were a well drilled outfit. Going into the first the game was tight. They had a solid pitcher on the mound but we weren't going to be out matched with the Man Ginge in fine form firing into Brodie at the plate. It was all in all out 1-1. Into the second and the G3 boys were on. Many bats made good contact with Rhino, G Murph and others getting on bag. As Penrith moved through their order we could see there weren't to many cracks in their side and to get a win we would have to be prepared for a fight. End of the second and we had our nose in front with the Beard vocal as always and some respectable fielding from the outer realm with Bongo and Homie. It was 3-2. Penrith were on again with some huge hits but anything not clearing the infield were cleaned up by B Murph at Short, Big Ezi facing two rockets off the bat from the same player at third and Big O with a sticky Glove at 1. The usual errors that had plagued us in early games were

gone and the G boys were tight. Penrith got another one on the board and we were up to bat again. The G boys had again made some solid hits and had 1 out, bases loaded. It was Penrith time for a new pitcher. There was some talk in the Royal dugout, a whisper and mumble it was Brodie up to Bat. Capa made his way to the diamond to relieve Big Ezi of his post at third base. Some serious SH#T was going down. The new pitcher was warming up, Capa was in deep conference with Homie on third and Brodie (the new VP B/Ball) was stretching at the batter's box sizing up the new pitcher. "Batter Up" was the call. Brodie got set in position scratching his feet like a wild bull. Steam and pure Ginge come from his nostrils. The pitcher winds up and in comes the pitch and BOOM! Brodie releases the hips and rotates around to take up the BUNT position. Yes, the BUNT position. He executed it to perfection, perfectly weighted between the catcher and pitcher with neither one knowing who was going to get it. Brodie and Homie were off in unison like a pair of synchronized swimmers. Powering towards first and home. The pitcher and catcher still scrambling for the ball. Finally, the ball was collected and the throw was made to first. Both safe. Everyone erupted. There was abuse thrown from the Penrith dugout with threats of a dust up, and comments of poor form. The Capa left the diamond like the proud new father he his. (Congrats to the whole Burt clan on the new addition). His job was done. But most noticeably the mood had lifted significantly for the Royal G's and plummeted for Penrith. The boys kept taking to the batter's box and contact was made. Runs were scored and exceptional fielding continued with G Murph and Capa coming onto the ground at second and right field. Up and down they went, in and out, round and round until time and game was called. G3 had got up again. The Campaign to winning had continued. 10-3 was the final score. Great team effort all round boys, a well-earned win. Let's keep the dream alive.

The Rookie

Thank you to Brad for giving up his Bye weekend off to umpire the game – great club spirit.

So that leaves the travelling Willbillys of H grade to go down to the flatlands of Kingswood!

Unleash the Master of the Blue Horizon.....

Once again, the ludicrously attractive and strangely salty Blue Mountains Royals H Grade west return to the misty, warm and curious low lands of Chapman Gardens to take the heinous and unlovable McDonalds Whatsits!(Editor: look ... Mackillop, Just Mackillop you idiot. Why me ?..why?). With a full roster, we are ready to rock and roll but not before we shovel aside the mountainous piles of dog crap that block the dug-out and cover the Chapman Gardens outfield. The team is pumped and even Joel is back after suffering a training 'mishap' that has left his face looking like Hannibal Lecter's breakfast! But lo, Baseball is why we are here and we are ready

Our Nefarious leader points to the base stealer, Stevie H, to put the chopsticks into the steamed bun that is Baseball! Base-stealer and Moonboot are off and while Clarkey takes time out from feeding his beard to crack a beauty and The Dude tries to follow the Eightfold Path, but alas, gnashes his teeth at not getting a two base hit .. though is at peace to realise his batting is still within the Noble Truth of 'Dukkha' and accepts the impermanence of pleasure and the truths about failure and Sumadaya and the causal effects of suffering... .. (Editor: ahh, ok enough of that ... thought you had a few 'beers' to write this bollocks?) ...but, go you Good thing, The Dude, yes folks, he was like a juicy, hot-sauce filled love machine when playing at first this game! He gave 'Namaste' a nuclear wedgie making at least three un-assisted outs and then he licked his magnificent biceps while he waited for the rest of the infield to catch up! And catch up they did! Lochness monster was the Juice at short, while Lozza is making third a no go zone. In field plays were the on fire,..... yeah baby! (editor: back to our first innings .. ?)

Back to first innings. Batting; Big Jim and the Lochness Monster peer out from under the small but really hairy marsupials that live on their heads (Editor: you'll upset their hairdresser!) and Lochy does something to get somewhere (another beer bar-tender!) and Big Jim swings so hard he now has to open the fly of his jeans to wipe his bum. Even so, we are solid and we get through 7 batsmen (editor: sexist), batcreatures before the Master of the Blue Horizons ignores all the good work done before him and is stupendously shite, side away. After our last drubbing, Moonboot is out for revenge against The Mackscallop and pitches 'em in sweet, smooth and tasty like a sweet smooth and tasty *censored*. Though we are still ahead, the game settles into a tight contest with the three wise men, Batman, The Master OTBH and our Malificnet leader, Steve, shouting incomprehensible gibberish from the dug-out and with tight fielding we keep the lead. Joel shows us what we expected from him and NAILS one to right field while Generalfeldmarshal Steve cracks a screamer about three inches off the plate and all are so stunned that he saunters to first. Fed up waiting, Clarkey makes The Blond Bombshell, in the bleachers, swoon with his uncontested steal at home plate (Editor: huh , dime a dozen in H Grade folks .. dime a dozen...other grades .. excuses?) while Batman is at everything but is surprised that after only after a few minor medical issues , he is only just a bit slower than Usain Bolt!

Change of opposing pitcher sees us do something (thanks bar-tender) and we take the field. Basesteeler is in and The Master of Blue Horizons is gambolling around centre field, SWKNF is right and Jim at left. Moonboot is trying to end the game but ... Fly ball to left centre field and while Big Jim is busy instragaming his amazing hair-do his friends, The Master OFTBH is off takes off and, with the ball passing over his head, is up and like a doughnut fed Nureyev (editor: ballet dancer right ?!) takes the catch. !! The crowd pauses chewing and ladies of a certain age are held back from streaking the field to celebrate. .! is this the game ? no , of course not ...

So with the game in the balance and fed up with the rubbish batting that preceded her, Lozza is at the plate. Previously, Lochness took one for the team, MOTBH put up a stupendously pile off bollocks flyball (and got away with it) and Big Jim is walked because the pitcher was so freaked out by his front facing bum... so she has full bases. Under pressure, what do we do? Normally we ..suck! but Not Third base Lozza . Pitch is low and right, she swings and cracks a line ball between second and first, runners are off, her speed freaks them out – they panic! Lochy home, MOTBH home, Big Jim Home and Lightning Lozza is at

first! 3 run RBI and get some of that into ya! Do we stop there? No! Lozza makes it home and 7 away ... can we do this ... yes we can! A big deep in-field pop up is taken by Big Jim that was so far foul that the soft cheeked and gently perfumed F Graders in the opposing diamond had to make room for his RIDICULOUS catch. Master OFTBH is jealous and Lochy gets tired of it all and pitches it out and we are away again - 13-7 ! huzzah ! we are on a roll and it is big ups to the whole team – that was a team game won by the team ! Go The Royals



Master of the Blue Horizons or Nureyev

Real editor – “wrap me in foil, take me home - I’m basted and done”

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So this weekend – what’s going on?

H grade swagger into Sam Marsden for a swipe at Colyton St. Clair at 12.30,

G grade – take time out from FOX sports to go to CLUB 220 at Chapman Gardens at 12.30 as well,

And the F2 go back to relive “the creek in a diamond” at Ashley Brown at 2.45.

The only weekend all season with no home games – the grass will love it.

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All Stand the Presidente’ speaksssssshhhhhh!

Lismore Masters September 22nd-23rd-24th 2017



The devastating floods in recent Months



Let's support Lismore after the recent devastating floods by participating in their Masters tournament. The rooms are booked so get on the Lismore Masters 2017 website and register today, go to the registration page and fill out the form and the team name is Blue Mountains.

For those interested in the horses there is a massive country carnival, the Lismore Cup being run on Thursday 21st a prelude to the games commencing Friday 22nd, the cost being \$20.00 for registered players.

We have reserved 5 twin & 4 double rooms, Fri to Monday (Thursday for the race fans) at the Comfort Inn Centrepont Motel, price is approx. \$420 per room for the three days split between those who are sharing together.

There are flights available direct to Lismore for those who prefer a 90-minute flight rather than the long drive, just check out REX airlines or Virgin for times and costs.

We will get shirts made up for travelling and outings with the cost being about \$30.00 and once registered we will ask for sizes and quantity. We will play in our current baseball uniform to minimize the costs.

Don't miss out on this experience of a life time for those who have been previously you know what I'm talking about.

For More Information, Contact Wil – Steve – Dave

register now the 10th **lismore workers masters games**
september 22 23 24 2017

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UMPIRING COURSE.

Okay gather round you motley lot – here's the plan!

NSWBUA Inc. Umpires Training Seminar 2017

This course is aimed at anyone interested in obtaining or retaining your Baseball Australia Umpire Accreditation.

It's Baseball Australia's requirement that all accredited umpires must complete a reaccreditation course at minimum every 2 years.

**VENUE: Blacktown International Sports Park (BISP) Eastern road, Rooty Hill
(Baseball complex)**

DATES: Friday night 14 July 7pm - 10pm

Saturday 15 July 8.30am for 9am start until 4.30pm

Saturday 22 July 8.30am for 9am start until 4.30pm

ALL SESSIONS COMPULSORY

The topics covered in the course are set down in the BA Framework for Development Course document delivered by BA Accredited Umpire Instructors under the direction of the State Director of Umpiring - Trent Thomas.

While the normal two umpire system mechanics are the basis of the course, we will spend a short time on single umpire system.

Topics covered

2 Umpire System

1 umpire System

Junior Diamond Mechanics

To Register please login to members.nswbua.org and double click on events.

COSTS:

\$100 per Attendee

Sausage Sizzle provide for lunch on both Saturdays

The Club (BMB&SC) will contribute to the costs involved should you decide to attend.

Interested - Give Dave a call.

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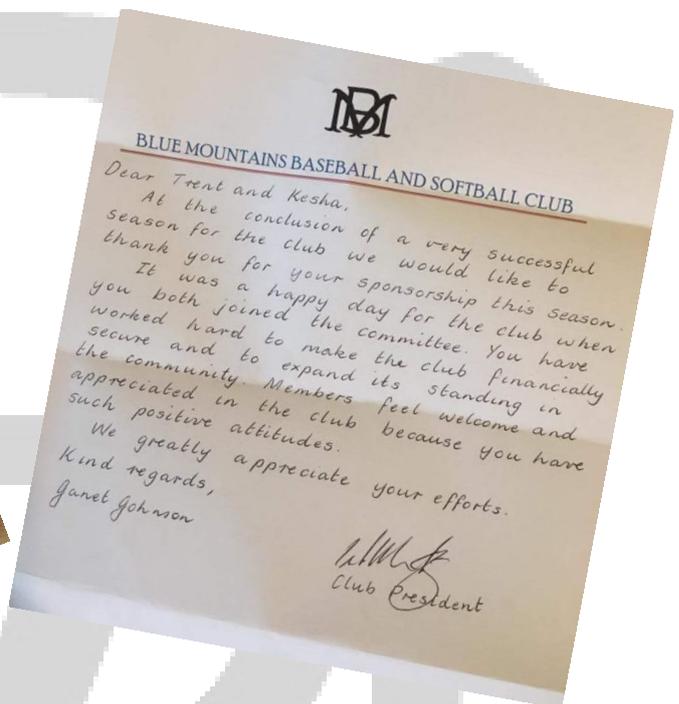
Warm and fuzzy!

Our club has attracted some very generous and enthusiastic sponsorship in the past year.

More than any other year in the club's history we have attracted committed and involved sponsors who continue to support the Club.

So - last Friday Janet Johnson our Club Social Secretary (I made that up) and yours truly set of on a journey to deliver a bevy of "Thank You Packages" to the said sponsors.

With letters of appreciation from our esteemed Leader we set off!



As you can imagine we surprised everyone especially Amy who looks just fabulous in her dressing gown!



Sponsors honoured and very appreciated were: -

- EZI-BIN**
- Steve Beard Home Loans**
- Blue Eco Homes**
- Aims to be Spotless**
- Sinclair Ford**
- Simplicity Funerals**
- The Royal Hotel Springwood**

All worthy of your support and business!



The ABL and Baseball NSW is trialling a new electronic registration and competition system in the coming 2017-18 Summer Season. If it goes well it will flow into the Winter.

The information we received is little more than a sales pitch so until we see the detail we can comment no further.

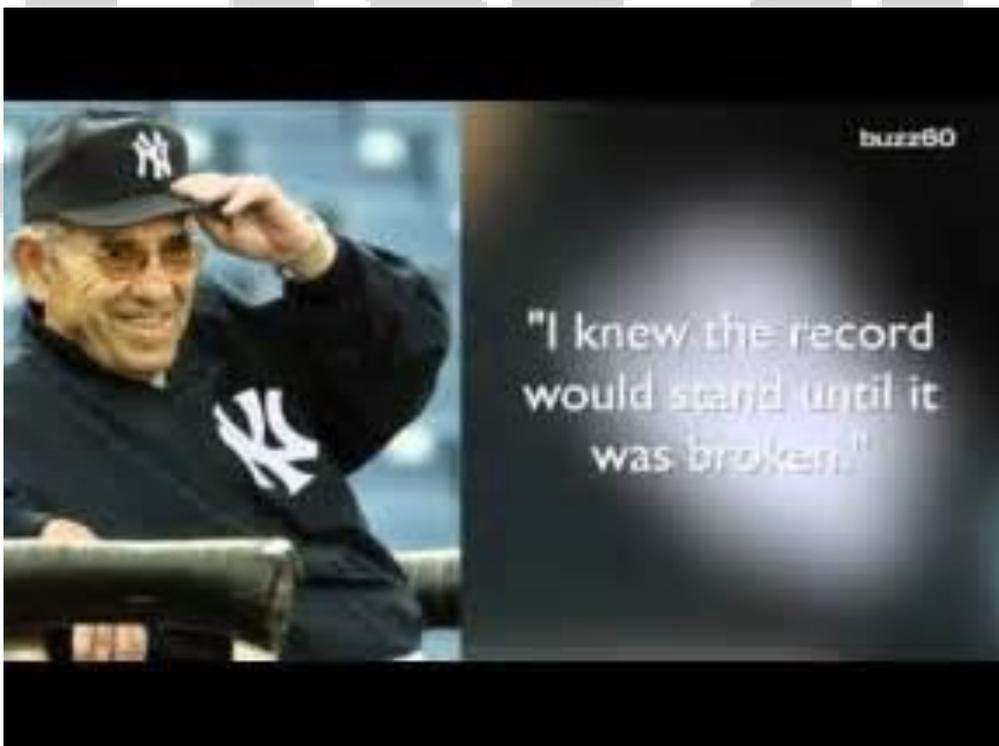
Hmmm – wonder if it is similar the new Softball system?

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Next week we will have an exclusive report form the Bellingen Diggers – evidently there is a star in their midst.

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Good night Ralph – Good night Sam.