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Waverley Softball – "It's never just a game"

From the Editor

It's great to see so many happy and smiling faces back from the 2008 – 2009. The off-season has been busy:

- WSA entered a team into the International Friendship Series, played at the 2006 Olympic Venue in Blacktown NSW
- State teams have been announced and WSA is well represented
- The Futures' Academy conducted a 'Hitting Camp' conducted by Paula McGovern - Under 19 National Head Coach.
- Our two Come 'n Try Days were well attended

WSA Rep Team Trial dates

Under 12 Development

Sunday 8 th November	2.30pm–4.30pm
Sunday 15 th November	2.30pm–4.30pm

Under 14

Sunday 25 th October	2.30pm–4.30pm
Monday 26 th October	6.30pm–8.30pm

Under 16

Sunday 18 th October	2.30pm–4.30pm
Monday 22 nd October	7.00pm–9.00pm

Under 19

Monday 7 th December	6.00pm-8.00pm
Wednesday 9 th December	6pm - 8pm <i>if req'd</i>

Open & Under 23

Player nomination forms for the WSA Open Rep team are due by Saturday 24th October 2009

State Championship dates 09/10

Open	Sunshine	21 and 22 Nov 09
Under 16	Melbourne	5 and 6 Dec 09
Under 19	Albury/Wodonga	30 and 31 Jan 10
Under 14	Horsham	6 and 7 March 10

Visit from Cindy Bristow

During July, WSA were fortunate enough to be able to host **one of the world's most knowledgeable softball coaches - Cindy Bristow**. Cindy came to Australia for the International Friendship Series where she mentored the participating coaches. Following the Friendship Series, WSA brought Cindy to Melbourne. She was kept busy conducting two separate clinics on the one day. State Team and Development Coaches attended the morning session and the afternoon was open for all other interested participants. Cindy passed on some great advice, lots of new fun drills and games. Everybody who attended went away with a wealth of new knowledge and ideas!!

Come 'n Try Day

Thank you to **Barry Plant** for providing signage for our Come 'n Try Day and also a big thank you to **Justine and Emily Smethurst, Jess Hollett and Breanna Young** who made sure that all those attending had a great time. While attendances were a little disappointing on the first day, word must have spread as attendances on the second day were fantastic. Thanks also to the clubs who jumped in to help on the second day.

For the first time – our girls compete at the International Friendship Series



This was the first time the Waverley Softball Association has sent a team to the International Friendship Series. The girls played some great softball, winning four of their nine games, beating New Zealand Red, New Zealand White, Sunstate Wanderers and NSW Country. The girls also gave the Aussie Green and Gold teams a run for their money. Thank you to **Bendigo Bank**.

Captain Dale Stocker did an outstanding job on the mound and was well supported by Jess McDonald and Jaz Gray. On the offensive side there was some great team batting. Congratulations to Erin Dunstan who took out the overall 'Home Run' award with one home run and three triples and also to Sam Allen who hit a 'Grand Slam' to give us an early 4-0 lead over the Aussie Gold team. Special mention goes to three of the younger players, Brea Young Stacey Quinton and Racquel Bisinella Duns who stepped up and produced the clutch hits in tight situations.

This has been a great development opportunity and will serve as a future pathway for emerging WSA talent. A number of the younger girls would not have experienced play at this level of intensity and to their credit stepped up another notch in tight situations. Every player on the team has come away with team and individual highlights from their four days of competition.

Thank you to Taari Ropata who did an amazing job as the Team Manager and **Kalin Ropata who was brilliant as our Bat Boy!**

Special thanks also to **Brehey Property Consultants who sponsored our new playing tops**. The playing uniforms looked sensational and attracted compliments from everybody at the tournament.

Zero Tolerance Policy

WSA have adopted the VSA Zero Tolerance Policy. Copies have been distributed to the clubs and will be available from the clubrooms. The document will also be available on the website shortly.

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Australian Men are World Champions

Sunday, 26 July 2009 **The Aussie Steelers are World Champions** after beating NZ 5-0 in the ISF Men's World Championship gold medal game. The Aussie Steelers are number one in the world after putting in a flawless display against the New Zealand Black Sox in the gold medal game at the ISF Men's World Championship in Saskatoon, Canada. The Aussie Steelers scored five runs on seven hits with no errors, whilst Adam Folkard pitched a no-hitter, with NZ only being allowed two runners on base for the entire game through walks.



Gilley's Shield Round Three

Come and watch the best players from around Australia compete in Round Three of the Gilley's Shield which will be hosted by WSA 11-13 December, 2009. Games will feature a number of Olympians and the Victorian Titans will boast a large number of Waverley girls.



The 2008-2009 Season Premiers

A Grade	Brandon Park
A Reserve	Eastern Raiders
B Grade	Eastern Raiders
B Reserve	Falcons
C Grade	Glen Heights
Division One	Falcons
Division Two	Syndal
Division Three	Syndal
Primary B	Eastern Raiders

Well done to all clubs and teams!!

2008 - 2009 Award Winners

Grade	Medal	Winner
A Grade	Peta Edebone	Kelly Sciculna
A Reserve	Des Smith	Julianne Hoskin
Div One	Chas Holland King	Emily Papadimitrou
Div Two	Arthur Allsopp	Alys Young

Blastball 2009-10

Blastball will kick off **Saturday 24th October** – 9.30 until 10.30. Encourage all the younger brothers and sisters to come along for an hour of fun activities.



State Team Representatives

Congratulations to all the WSA representatives that have been chosen to represent Victoria

VIS Titans

Stacey Bulger
Carly Cheesman
Emily Curcio
Lauren Daykin
Danni Hanna
Jess Hollett
Nikki Hollett
Mel Lindsay
Mel Orr
Hayley Punter
Kate Punter
Emily Smethurst
Justine Smethurst
Natalie Titcume
Sarah Tutchener
Brooke Wilkinson

Under 19 Women

Racquel Bisenalla-Duns
Emily Curcio
Jasmine Gray
Jessica Hollett
Micah Ropata
Mel Lindsay
Emily Smethurst
Amy Stenniken
Under 16 Boys
Alex Tapanes

NCAS Coach Accreditation Courses 2009

VSA are conducting the following Coaching Accreditation Courses:

Level 1 – 19th and 20th October 7pm – 10pm (Knox)

Level 2 – 9th – 10th October (Melbourne)

9th November (venue TBA)

10th November (venue TBA)

We strongly recommend any potential coaches attend, particularly if you are interested in coaching a WSA Rep team as our Head Coaches require a minimum of Level One accreditation.

WSA Umpire's Committee

WSA have established an Umpiring Committee which is headed up by Stuart Tyler, Lindsay Whitehead and Chris Trengove. The Committee will meet monthly with newly appointed Club Umpiring Coordinators. Congratulations to Stuart and his committee who have already made significant inroads into their charter:

- The Pooling of Division One and B Grade umpires. This will relieve the clubs of struggling to fill their umpiring commitments each week in these grades and ensure that suitably experienced umpires are appointed and also assist with their development pathway.
- The Introduction of 'Green Shirts' for novice and less experienced umpires. The Green Shirt will alert the Coaches of their status
- The establishment of a more formal development pathway for our junior umpires.

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