



THE PITCH

November 2010

Club Update

The season is well and truly under way, but it is never too late to welcome new members, players and parents and to welcome back last season's players.

It's been a while since an update was published, so there is a bit to catch up on.

Winter is long gone, but we haven't to date, recognised the achievements of our Winter E team, coached by Mark Harris, which won their competition. Well done guys.

This summer we have quite a few new players, especially in the junior teams.

This year we are fielding the following teams:

Juniors

- Lightning League
- U8
- U9 Red and Blue
- U10
- U11A and B
- U12A and C

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Congratulations to Sam Giulieri and Zac Martin

Congratulations to Sam Giulieri and Zac Martin, both in the Saints 14A team.

Sam was recently awarded the monthly Ryde Sports Foundation Sports Star Award for his selection in the Australian squad to compete at the Cal Ripkin tournament in the USA.

Sam received a \$300 award from the Ryde Sports Foundation and is a contender for this year's Sports Star of the Year Award.

Sam's award was covered in The Weekly Times. Sam has also been selected in the NSW U14 State team to play in the National Championships in Perth in January.

Zac Martin was also recently awarded the Junior Sports Star Award by [The Northern District Times](#) following his selection in the Ryde State Cup team.

Both Sam and Zac represent Ryde-Hornsby in the State Cup U 14 series play in the Saints' U 14A team.

Social event details inside



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Parents T-Ball Gala Day 28 November 2010



It's on again ! The pursuit of the Club's holy grail.

The annual parents T-Ball gala day will be held on **Sunday 28th November** at Pioneer Park from 9.30am

Put a team together and show your kids how it's

done.

We are hoping to have at least 6 teams this year. Each team must contain at least 9 people with a minimum of 4 females on the field in any innings.

Cost is \$10 per team member (which can be

shared between 2 people (eg husband and wife) but only 1 can be on the field or bat in any innings).

See the details elsewhere in this Newsletter then Book online at the [Saints website](#)



Xmas "Club Day" 18 December 2010

Santa is coming

This year, the Club's children's Xmas party will be different.

On **Saturday 18th December** we'll be holding a Club Day at Pioneer. All the Junior teams will be at Pioneer either playing or having team photos taken.

Santa will be joining us

throughout the day with surprises for the kids.

A sausage sandwich and drink will be free for each Saints junior player.

Unlike previous years, there will be no charge for the kids.

Red Stitches will be there providing an opportunity to buy last

minute Xmas gifts for your baseballing family.

After all the kids games, our G Grade teams will be playing at Pioneer from 1.30pm, so hang around, support them and who knows, if you don't play now next season you might find yourself playing.



Saints Junior Umpires

One of our Club goals is to develop our juniors and encourage further participation within the club, improve understanding of the game and learn & demonstrate leadership skills.

With this in mind we have continued the program we initiated last year to develop junior umpires within the club.

Sebastian Giulieri has returned as a junior blue this year and we have 4 new junior blues joining him.

Our new junior umpires have had initial training and have been umpiring our junior teams with distinction.

In order to support our junior umpires, all team coaches, managers and parents of teams using their services have a responsibility to ensure a supportive & cooperative environment.

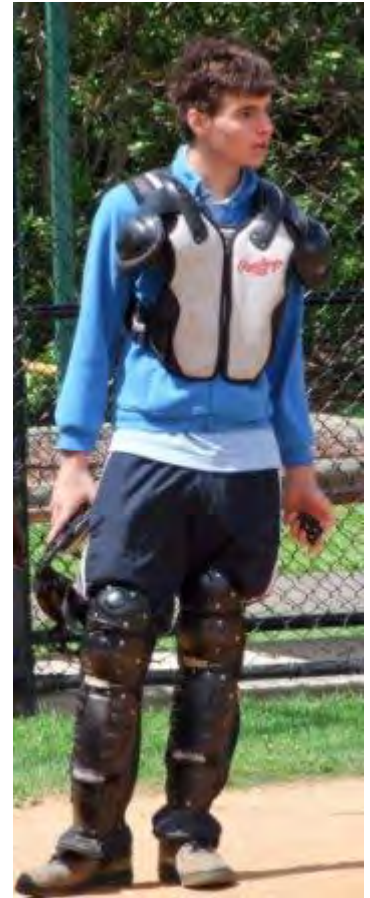
Our junior umpires will be assisting the junior Tee Ball, Zooka and live ball games up to

U12B's.

Our junior blues are being co-ordinated and supported by Jason Shrimpton. Thank you Jason!

Please support, respect and encourage our junior umpires.

If any parent is interested in umpiring, please contact Jason at junior-blues.macquarie@gmail.com



Saints Canteen

All junior teams have been rostered for canteen duty at least once throughout the season. The Club is required, under the RHBL Rules, to provide a canteen service for junior games

It's expected that all

families participate in this key fundraising activity for the club.

In addition to our normal Saturday canteen duty, we occasionally host representative games on Sundays and provide a canteen service.

From time to time we will be requesting families to volunteer **an hour** of their time to assist.

Please be prepared to do your bit for the club.



Submit and read weekly match reports on the [Club website](#).





Macquarie-Saints Baseball Club

SYDNEY
BlueSox

\$6 Adults
\$3 Children

Saints ABL
“Club Night”
15 January 2011
7.30 pm

*Saints has secured a reserved Club area at BOP for the **Sydney BlueSox** vs Adelaide Bite game.*

Support the new ABL, the BlueSox and the Club and come along

Book online **NOW: www.saints.asn.au**

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Macquarie-Saints Baseball Club

THE HOLY GRAIL IS UP FOR GRABS

Don't miss out on this highly-contested annual social event - no previous experience required, but loads of laughs and good times guaranteed!

Macquarie Saints Parents T-ball Gala Day

Date: Sunday 28 November 2010
Time: 9.30am for a 10.00am start!
Place: Pioneer Park, Marsfield
Registration \$10 per position



****NEW** Rules:**

Players must be parents (or coaches) of junior players. We are looking to build gala day teams based around squads of age based teams, or combinations of teams, ie U8's, U9's, U10's etc

Minimum of 9, maximum of 14 players per team

T-ball stand, ball and bat used, two handed swing – no Happy Gilmore shots

30 – 40 min games (subject to team numbers on the day)

4 runs, or 3 out = side away

1 strike and player is out

Speed is of the essence between innings. First batter is entitled to swing on the umpire's count of 5 after reaching the plate.

Teams on the field must consist of a min ratio of 5:4 males to females, so that's 4 females on the diamond every innings !! *If only 3 females take the field, then only 4 males can take the field.*

No sliding: penalty is an automatic out

Ball hit over the cones on the full is a Home Run (120 foot boundary), players who hit a home run in a game must then bat with the opposite hand for remainder of that game.

Gala Day committee reserves the right to mix teams to spread experience

Games will be umpired by our club Junior Blues

Registration:

Registrations can be individual, group or whole teams (preferred).

Register online or fill out the form at the canteen and return it along with the registration fees in an envelope to Pioneer Park Canteen no later than 12 midday Saturday 20/11/2010!

Book online NOW: www.saints.asn.au



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Sydney BlueSox "Club Night" 15 January 2011 Tickets Selling Fast

The Australian Baseball League is now under way and the Sydney BlueSox had a first up win.

The Club has secured a

number of tickets at discounted prices for the Sydney BlueSox vs Adelaide Bite game on Saturday 15 January 2011. The game's at Blacktown Olympic

Park at 7.30pm.

Details are available in this Newsletter. Book now online at the [Saints website](#).

Learn to score

Scorers perform an important role in the Club. All our teams rely heavily upon our volunteer scorers and we thank them all.

Many scorers get roped into the role and learn as they go. But it's im-

portant that scorers know how to score properly, especially as teams get more competitive. Quality scoring can also help coaches prepare team line-ups as the season evolves.

The Club offers scoring lessons so that our scorers have the confidence to score properly.

If you would like to learn how to score, please contact [Janine Hunt](#) and she will arrange training.

Support the NSW U14 team

The selection of a Club player to a representative team is always a good reflection upon the Club. So it's good to support those players

who achieve this standard. In this Newsletter is a wine offer raising funds for the NSW U14 team, in which Sam Giulieri has been se-

lected. Support the team by buying some wine. Orders can be sent to Chris Giulieri or left at the Canteen on a Saturday.

Supporters — Buy a Saints cap

How great does it look when all the team's supporters are wearing Saints caps? How great would it look at BOP on 15 January if the stands were filled with Saints caps?

Parents, support your junior team this season by buying a Saints cap and wearing it to the games.

Let's show a Club presence at the games and show how proud you are of your team. As a Club, we really want to build and show our support for our teams this year.

Saints Club Presentation Night 3 April 2011

The season isn't yet half over and we're already looking ahead to the end of season presentations and recognition of the achievements of our teams.

This year, we will be doing something different. We would like to bring the whole Club together, seniors and juniors, for a Presentation Night for the whole Club.

Please put Sunday 3 April from 4.30pm in your diaries for the

night of the year.

The venue will be Eastwood Rugby Club from 4.30pm with plenty of room on the oval for kids to run. The evening will start with the junior presentations and, later move on to senior "presentations". We'll also fit the Club AGM in there somewhere!

room has been set aside and if you would like to stay for a team dinner after the presentation just contact the rugby

club with the numbers and a contact name

What better chance will you have to spend an evening telling the rest of the Club about that superb outfield catch or that winning grand slam in the bottom of the final innings (even if it was only an infield dribble to third base earlier in the evening).

We would like to see all the Club's teams there.

Volunteers Wanted

As with any Club, we thrive on the energy and input of our volunteers. We are fortunate to have a solid core group of people who run the Club, run the canteen, co-ordinate umpires, coach, manage, score and umpire. But there is always room for more!

At present we need volunteers to act as Equipment Officer, Trophies Co-ordinator, work on the organisation of social events and to prepare this newsletter (perhaps a student of communications or marketing?).

The Club will support

the training anyone who wishes to coach, score or umpire.

If you want to help in any way, please get in touch with any of the Committee (see page 11) who can usually be found somewhere around Pioneer or Waterloo on a Saturday.



Saints Trivia Night 19 February 2011

Put the date in your diary. More details to follow later.

In the meantime, Name the 3rd baseman in Abott and Costello's

"Who's on First" comedy act.?



This is a Baseball NSW fundraiser, sponsored by Lambloch Estate, to assist the NSW State teams at Age National Championships.

Lambloch Estate is located in the Hunter Valley and produces boutique wines that are not available in everyday liquor stores. They are only available at boutique stores and now available to the members Baseball NSW.

The NSW State teams have historically performed well at Age National Championships and the teams for the future will look to continue this trend.

Take advantage of these special prices that are being offered and support the NSW State teams in their quest for further success at the Age Nationals. See the order form for further details on the selection of wines and prices.

See the Baseball NSW website for further details on this special offer.

www.nsw.baseball.com.au





Baseball NSW Fundraiser



LAMBLOCH
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This is a Baseball NSW fundraiser, sponsored by Lambloch Estate, to assist our state teams at Age National Championships. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Wines	2 Packs	½ Case Price (6 Bottles)	Case Price (12 Bottles)	Quantity	\$Value
Longnose Classic Dry White	N/A	\$80	\$120		
Longnose Shiraz	N/A	\$80	\$120		
Lambloch Chardonnay	\$30	\$100	\$160		
Lambloch Shiraz	\$30	\$100	\$160		
Lambloch Hunter Verdelho	N/A	\$120	\$180		
Lambloch Hunter Chardonnay	N/A	\$120	\$180		
Mixed 6 Pack Contains 1 of each of the above wines	N/A	\$80	N/A		
Total					\$

Note

- No single bottles available.
- The 2 packs of Lambloch Chardonnay and Shiraz can be mixed. E.g. One white, One red or 2 of the same.

Contact Details

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel (H):

Mob:

Email:

Allow 7 – 10 Business Days for wines to arrive at Blacktown Olympic Park. Contact the Baseball NSW office between 8:00am and 4:00pm to organise pick up. Contact details below.

Phone: (02) 9675 6872

Fax: (02) 9675 4533

Email: admin@baseballnsw.com.au

Fax or email this form back to the Baseball NSW office to order your wines. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Method of Payment (Please tick one)

MasterCard

Visa Card

Cheque (Payable to Baseball NSW)

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Club Update (cont)

- U14A
- U16

Senior

- 2 B Grade
- 3 D Grade
- 3 G Grade

A couple of these teams are already front-runners in their competitions.

As you will see elsewhere in this Newsletter, we will also be trying some new ideas for Club events this year. It would be great to see as many people as possible involved in making these, and the Club, a

great success.

You may have noticed a new section on the Club's website focussed on child protection issues. This reflects the Club's commitment to providing a safe and friendly environment for our junior players.

In general, the Club does not engage in a lot of fund raising activities, but we will be looking towards this in future. This will primarily be to fund lighting at Waterloo Park.

In conjunction with

Macquarie Dragons soccer and NSW Ultimate Frisbee, the Club has applied for the installation of lighting which would allow Waterloo to be used for night games. If the proposal is approved, we would also be looking to upgrade the general standard of the Waterloo diamond.

As always, the Club would welcome volunteer assistance on the field and behind the scenes.

We hope you have an enjoyable season!



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*Excludes sale items

Sports Zone stocks a range of baseball equipment, including black pants, red socks and red belts.



Saints participates in the Rebel Sport Member Value Program (MVP). Saints members can obtain a personal membership card. These cards entitle you to a 5% discount on any full priced purchase made at Rebel Sport during the membership period. A rebate of 5% is also available to Saints in the form of credits available to be redeemed by the Club.



Provider of venues for Saints Club meetings