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2020-2021 Committee

Office Bearers

Position	Name	Other
President	Adrian Steer	Uniforms
Secretary	Andrew Kunce	Public Officer
Treasurer	Rob Scott	
Vice President – Junior Baseball	Jane Heap	
Vice President – Senior Baseball	Gavin Gillett	
Vice President - Softball	Maria Kunce	

General Committee

Name	Portfolio
Julia Benson	Softball Committee
Fred Beyers	Canteen
Justin Chou	Junior Umpires Coordinator
Shaun Joffe	Senior Baseball Registrar
Damian Kunce	Building coordinator
Graeme MacMahon	
Celeste Musgrave	Softball Committee
Tom Lineen	Junior Baseball Committee
Tina Schuurman	Softball Committee
Courtney Tuma	Softball Registrar
Alexia White	Junior Baseball Committee
Phil Wilson	Junior Baseball Committee

Life Members

Year	Member
2018	Rob Scott
2015	Ross Stevenson
2012	Linda Matheson
2010	Rob McCluskey
2010	Ian Graham
2009	Chris Rainnie
2009	David Coutts
2009	Gordon Fraser
2002	Rick Geersen
1998	Frank Freeman
1998	Brian Luttrell
1992	Col Clarke

Club Person of the Year

Year	Member
2015-2016	Chris Rainnie
2014-2015	Guy Jeffrey
2013-2014	Adrian Steer

JVG Award

Excellence in Coaching & Sportsmanship

Year	Member
2011-2012	Harm Drenth
2010-2011	Gordon Fraser
2009-2010	John van Geldermaulsen [Posthumously]

Junior Coach of the Year

Fingleson Family Award in Honour of Joe Spinks

Year	Member
2020-2021	Damien Ackland
2019-2020	Phil Wilson
2018-2019	Sabrina Caffin
2017-2018	Aaron Christie
2016-2017 (Inaugural)	Damian Kunce



President's Award – Softball

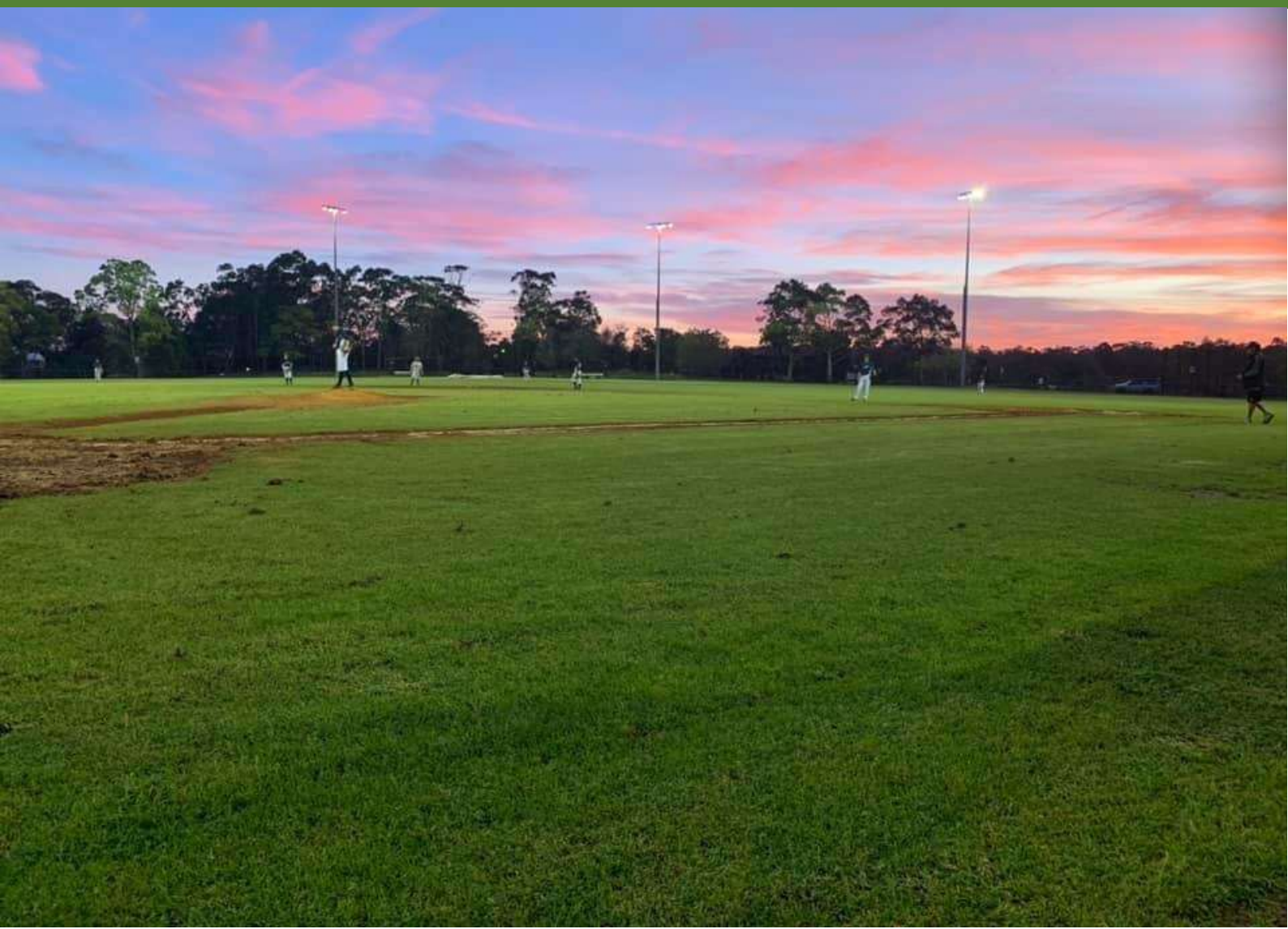
(formerly The Chase Softball Club Presidents Award
donated by Lynne Townsend)

Year	Member
2020	Courtney Tuma
2017	Maria Kunce
2015	Stephanie Koehn
2014	Ross Stevenson
2012	Gary Sullivan
2009	Alison Winch
2008	Anne Phillips
2007	Sandra Sands
2006	All Managers & Scorers
2005	Karen Hill
2000	Foster Family
1999	Felicity Witt



Player Numbers

Code	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Junior Baseball	148	146	123
Senior Baseball	184	120	189
	2021	2020	2019
Softball	98	83	91
Total	430	349	403



President's Report

Adrian Steer

After another interrupted season for all sporting codes, it certainly was an interesting time for both the baseball and softball season. Social distancing, hand sanitiser, sign ins, face masks etc. all became the new normal, and I would like to thank Maria, Jane, Gavin, and their respective sub-committees in the fantastic job they did in getting their seasons up and running. It was nothing short of a phenomenal effort to have the successful seasons we had.

Finances continue to play an integral role in the running of the club, and after 6 years of sponsoring the club, Pivotel have decided to take a step back. Rob and Deirdre (Pivotel) have not only given their time and effort to the club, but for the past 6 years they have also been the major sponsor. With them starting a new chapter in their lives in the US, we wish them nothing but success and happiness for the future, and the club's eternal gratitude for the support they have provided. Without their support, the club would not have been able to install a new dual lane bullpen, put the mound on D5, or the continued works to the batting cages.

This year we welcomed Sydney Phobia Clinic aboard as a sponsor. Corrie and team provide an excellent service to the community through their work with all walks of life in dealing with phobias. Thanks Corrie and team, and we look forward to moving forward in the years with Sydney Phobia Clinic.

Playing numbers seemed to have remained stable over the season, but there is still a decline in numbers from previous years, except for softball. As a committee, we are always looking at different recruitment strategies, and I welcome any ideas that the general playing group may have. Strong playing numbers is vital to our survival as a club, and fresh ideas are always welcome.

Whilst everyone on the Committee does everything they can, we need fresh minds, ideas, and bodies on the committee. The club tries to give as much as we can to our members and we now need your help. We need your help to recruit new players. We need your help to bring new ideas to help sustain this great club financially. We need your help in lots of areas. So please consider putting your hand up and coming onboard.

This year has seen a continuance in providing the best facilities to our members, and I am proud to say that this has been achieved. The dual lane bullpen was constructed for both baseball and softball, along with the curtains/netting in the batting cages. It

gives me great pleasure in seeing these facilities used so much, especially the batting cages which are booked out nearly every night of the week and during the day on weekends.

To finish this report off, there are a few more people I would like to thank.

For the countless hours and commitment that you all put in, my first port of call is the Committee. From the respective VP's who manage your portfolios so professionally and diligently, down to the general members who give up their valuable time, thank you! You all put in as much effort as your busy lives allow, and for this I am eternally grateful.

Thank you to all the coaches, managers, scorers and umpires who assisted throughout the year, because without you, the players do not get to play ball.

To KMC for their continued efforts in working with us to provide the facilities that we are fortunate to have.

And finally, to you, our members. Thank you for turning up week after week to play the sport we all love so much and for your continued support and loyalty to the club.

Kind regards,

Adrian Steer

President



Secretary's Report

Andrew Kunce

We certainly are living in interesting times. With so many challenges over the last twelve months and with government & sporting association advice sometimes changing on a daily or even hourly basis it was truly an exceptional effort by all to be able to get so many players on the diamonds to play softball and baseball.

As well as the fantastic efforts of all in organising the softball and baseball seasons, the Stealers Committee has also made great progress in digitising and updating the club records and procedures.

Regulatory Requirements

I am able to report that Stealers has been able to fulfil our regulatory requirements, including:

- Distribution of club minutes and reports as required.
- Submission of our A12 Annual summary of financial affairs to NSW Fair Trading.
- The Committee has held 9 meetings since the last AGM.
- The AGM for the 2021 year is scheduled for 21-Jul-2021 and is within 6 months of our end of financial year (31-Mar-2021).

Change of Club Name

A Special General Meeting was held on 17-Mar-2021 to vote on a special resolution to change the Club name. I am pleased to advise that a quorum was reached and all members present voted unanimously for the change of name.

This has now been registered with NSW Fair Trading and as of 26-Mar-2021 our official name is **Ku-ring-gai Stealers Baseball and Softball Club Incorporated**.

New Constitution

The current Constitution that governs the operation of Stealers has been in place since the Club's incorporation over twenty years ago. Since that time the Club has amalgamated with The Chase Softball Club, the name of the Club has changed, the NSW Government Act governing Clubs has been updated and the needs of the Club have changed, however, our Constitution has not been updated to reflect these new requirements.

As part of updating the Club's procedures we are pleased to present an updated constitution to the 2021 AGM to be considered for adoption. This updated

Constitution better reflects not only who we are as a Club but also the updated needs of the Club.

The Committee recommends the adoption of this updated Constitution to better serve the Club's needs.

Digitised Records

Stealers has been approved for the Microsoft NFP program and this has enabled us to procure donated licences for Microsoft 365. Late last year this allowed us to move the club's email system to Microsoft Exchange. We have also been able to use Microsoft Forms to automate the diamond pack up procedure at Golden Jubilee.

Currently we are working on the setup of SharePoint to build a centralised repository for club documentation, photos and information. Thanks go to all who have (and who still are) helping in updating Club records.

Andrew Kunce

Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Rob Scott

Reports for Financial Year ending 31st March 2021 Balance Sheet

Ku-ring-gai Stealers Baseball and Softball Club Inc

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

Assets			
Cash			
Savings Account	66,871		
Statement Account	5,949		
Total Assets	72,820	72,820	
Liabilities			
Creditors			
	-		
Total Liabilities	-	-	
Equity		72,820	

Change in Cash 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021

Opening Balances at 1 April 2020			
Savings Account	56,453		
Statement Account	15,947		
Total	72,400	72,400	
Closing Balances at 31 March 2021			
Savings Account	66,871		
Statement Account	5,949		
Total	72,820	72,820	
Net increase/(decrease)		420	



Profit & Loss

Ku-ring-gai Stealers Baseball and Softball Club Inc P.O. Box 192 WAHROONGA NSW 2070 ABN 22 684 205 238					
Income and Expenditure Year to 31 March 2021 (Last Year Comparison)					
	2021 Actual	2021 full year Budget	Var to Budget	Last Year 2020 Actual	Var 2020
Income					
Summer Seniors Baseball	32,770	29,000	3,770	28,375	4,395
Summer Juniors Baseball	28,010	30,000	(1,990)	29,770	(1,760)
Winter Seniors Baseball	5,510	4,000	1,510	7,904	(2,394)
Softball	3,096	4,300	(1,404)	8,475	(5,379)
Uniform Sales	15,610	9,000	6,610	9,324	6,286
Canteen Takings	4,650	3,500	1,150	3,744	906
Miscellaneous Income	4,350	3,000	1,350	2,977	1,373
Jubilee Cup & Other Regs	990	1,000	(10)	-	990
Sponsorships and donations	24,300	10,000	14,300	12,000	12,300
Total Income	119,285	94,000	25,285	102,369	16,716
Cost of Sales					
Purchase for Resale-Uniforms	7,840	9,000	1,160	9,847	2,007
Capitation - SA & BNSW	-	-	-	14,699	14,699
Capitation - RNSL	3,785	-	(3,785)	3,875	90
Capitation - PCBL	16,461	14,000	(2,461)	-	(16,461)
Capitation - Softball	9,344	12,000	2,656	12,620	3,276
Total Cost of Sales	37,430	35,000	(2,430)	41,041	3,611
Gross Profit	81,855	59,000	22,855	61,328	20,327
Expenses					
Bank & Government Charges	52	350	298	349	298
Advertising	3,209	3,000	(209)	1,916	(1,293)
Commissions Paid	-	-	-	-	-
Gala Day & Other Subscriptions	-	200	200	-	-
Insurance	3,250	3,500	250	2,715	(535)
Baseball Equipment	4,264	10,000	5,736	8,921	4,657
Baseballs	2,260	3,000	740	2,672	412
Zoola Maint.	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
Training and Camps	75	2,000	1,925	-	(75)
Ground & Hall Hire	33,029	35,000	1,971	16,481	(16,538)
Ground Maintenance	29,120	20,000	(9,120)	7,736	(21,384)
Postage & Communication	136	100	(36)	-	(136)
Web Site Expenses	1,144	1,000	(144)	-	(1,144)
Season Start Up Costs	887	500	(387)	120	(767)
Registration & Meeting Expense	105	500	395	396	291
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,090	2,500	410	1,596	(494)
Presentation Day & Awards etc.	1,878	6,000	4,122	4,898	3,020
Clubhouse/Committee Amenities	-	300	300	-	-
Telephone	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	81,497	88,950	7,453	47,810	(33,687)
Operating Profit	358	(29,950)	30,308	13,718	(13,360)
Other Income					
Interest Income	62	-	62	179	(117)
Total Other Income	62	100	(38)	179	(117)
Other Expenses					
Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Net Profit / [Loss]	421	(29,850)	30,271	13,897	(13,476)

Junior Baseball Report

Jane Heap

2020 was an interesting year. We had a delayed start due to COVID-19 and a shortened season. On top of that, we also had an unseasonably wet summer, which resulted in a few "rain outs". Leaving all that aside, we had a great season.

Our junior players numbers increased to 148 registered players (2019/20 – 146 players, 2018/19 – 123 players). We had an increase in Hawk Ball players – 20 in total and we hope to see a lot of these players move into competition T-Ball next season.

We had 7 of our 12 teams make it through to the final's series. 5 of these teams played in their Grand Finals and we had 2 Grand Final winning teams – RL Tigers and SD1 Jaguars – both teams coached by Phil Wilson.

The Fingleson Family Award to the Junior Coach of the Year in Honour of Joe Spinks was awarded to Damien Ackland.

I would like to thank Justin Chou of Junior Umpires Co-ordinator and Simon Granville our Results Coordinator and all of our coaches & managers who give up their time each week for our kids to play the sport they love.

2021 RHBL Representative Season

It has been a long time since RHBL has won Nationals, however 2021 has been a bumper year. Congratulations to our Stealers players & coaches listed below who have been successful in the recent rep season.

#AJLC2021 - Junior League Nationals Champions - held in Adelaide, 16-20 May 2021 Stealers represented by Jonah Chitty, Lachlan Heap and Simon Slapeta.

#AILC2021 - Intermediate League Nationals held in Mildura at the end of May, unfortunately the tournament was cancelled half way through due to COVID. Our Ryde team were going through undefeated and on track to win Nationals (they won NSW State Championships). Stealers were represented by Ryan Chou and Justin Chou (coach).

#ALLC2021 - Little League Nationals Champions - held in Lismore, 9-14 June 2021. Stealers were represented by Myles Christy.

Jane Heap

VP Junior Baseball



Senior Baseball Report

Gavin Gillett

It's been a tumultuous past 12 months for everyone, and Seniors Baseball has not been exempted from the world chaos. Will we play, won't we play echoed throughout 2020, new measures and protocols implemented. But with a lot of help from all in the club and PCBL we somehow made it work, and thanks to all those for your efforts.

We have been very fortunate as a club and sport in the past 12 months. Much to everyone's surprise seniors have grown and have attracted many new players, which has been reflected in the burgeoning numbers of teams that we've registered.

	Teams		Players		Teams		Players	
A League	Summer			Winter				
2020	9	100	2020	4	49			
2021	9	112	2021	7	84			
Masters								
	Spring			Autumn				
2019	2	21	2020	1	10			
2020	4	50	2021	3	38			

We also entered two Stealers teams this year in the Tamworth Baseball Carnival. It was a great success and saw one of our teams compete in the Grand Final. We hope to continue the long tradition in years to come and grow the number of teams entered. Thanks go to Rob Scott and Shaun Joffe for their hard work in putting it all together.

It must be mentioned that we are fortunate this season to have Shaun Joffe join us as the Seniors Registrar. Shaun is a great asset to our club and the committee, and it has meant that we have been considerably more organised, with the initial chaos at the start of a season being considerably reduced.

Along with the implementation of a couple of simple measures in the registration process has meant that it is easier to manage the teams and increasing numbers.

This season has also seen the inclusion of the new Stealers away jersey. Currently being used by two Stealers teams, but available to others. Stealers are the only club in the competition with both home (white) and away (black) jerseys.



There are many aspects to Seniors Baseball and it is through the help of club members that we are so successful as a club. Thanks to all the members for your support and help in these past 12 months.

Gavin Gillett

VP Senior Baseball

Softball Report

Maria Kunce

2020 NSDSA Winter Season

It wasn't a great start to the season. COVID-19 struck and through the tireless work of the NSDSA committee, we were fortunate enough to fit in a 12-week season. Members were extremely appreciative as this gave them a way to regain some normality to what was a crazy, few months. Some members were nervous about returning to play this season, and this is indicative of the slight drop in numbers.

The COVID-19 restriction directives from SNSW were strict, but this enabled to play softball this season. Regardless, Stealers were able to register a majority of their players.

Congratulations go to **2020 DIV 3 Premiers Stealers Stars**, coached by Mark Benson. Awesome season, awesome win. Great to see Stealers juniors taking the number 1 spot *again*.

Congratulations also go to all Stealers teams playing for the number 1 spot in their respective finals:

Rockets (B2), Jets & Titans (B3), Comets (C grade).

Appreciations go to Celeste Musgrave, Tina Schuurman, and Courtney Tuma for all their help in getting teams on the diamonds at St Ives. Thank you also to all coaches, managers and scorers for volunteering their time to bring out the best in our players.

Congratulations also go to Bella Walker and Emily Kunce for successfully achieving their level 1 umpiring accreditation through the junior blues umpiring program run by NSDSA.

2020/2021 HDSA Summer Season

It has been a few years since Stealers have had a team play in the HDSA summer competition, so we were very excited to have a team play this season. And what a great season it was. Thank you for welcoming us back; the ladies playing in the Stealers Saturns B grade team thoroughly enjoyed their successful season. The Saturns were premiers in their division. Congratulations team!

We also had a couple of umpires (a level 1 & a junior blue) join the HDSA umpiring team this season too. The girls had a great season; the experience gained was invaluable.

The Club is very hopeful that all players/officials will return for the 2021/2022 season. We are working towards increasing the number of players joining the summer competition, so we can submit two afternoon teams. We are also working towards juniors joining the next summer competition. If we do not have enough for a team, we will be looking at placing them with another club in the interim.

In recognition for all the hard work in making this year's summer season and last year's winter season huge successes, and the countless hours spent coaching, mentoring and helping wherever required, I am pleased to report that The Presidents Softball award went to Courtney Tuma this year.

2020/2021 NSDSA Representative Season

Again, many Stealers junior players were selected to U10, U12, & U14 Representative Teams. For such small pool of juniors, we have made up to 1/3 of some teams.

Special recognition to Stealers softball players; Ruby Allison, Cammy Caffin-Ballingall, Carla Joffe & Emily Kunce making up 1/3 of the NSDSA U14 Representative Team who were undefeated in winning the 2020 State Championships.

Congratulations also go to Sabrina Caffin and Mark Benson for their contribution to coaching in the Representative Program.

Maria Kunce

VP Softball



Sponsors

As a community-based club one of the ways we strive to deliver the maximum value to our members whilst keeping fees as low as possible is by sponsorship.

We are extremely grateful to our sponsors for the past year and highly encourage all members to support them where possible.

If you or a business you know would like to join as a sponsor for this upcoming year then please contact president@stealers.com.au for more information.

We are also grateful to our local member who supported our grant application under the Local Sport Grant Program.

