

Stealers

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Ku-ring-gai Stealers Baseball and Softball Club inc.

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2023/24 Committee

Office Bearers

| Position | Name | Other |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| President | Shaun Joffe | Sponsorship |
| Secretary | Andrew Kunce | Public Officer |
| Treasurer | Rob Scott | |
| Vice President – Junior Baseball | Corrie Ackland | |
| Vice President – Senior Baseball | Paul Haynes | |
| Vice President - Softball | Maria Kunce | |

General Committee

| Name | Portfolio |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Damien Ackland | Junior Baseball Committee |
| Fred Beyers | Canteen |
| Justin Chou | |
| Mat Dolan | |
| Jane Heap | |
| Matthew Kiddle | Junior Baseball Committee |
| Celeste Musgrave | Softball Committee |
| Zachary Scott | MPIO |
| Adrian Steer | |
| Alexia White | Junior Baseball Committee |

Life Members

| Year | Member |
|------|----------------|
| 2023 | Adrian Steer |
| 2023 | Guy Jeffrey |
| 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 |
|---------|----------------|
| 2022-23 | Damien Ackland |
| 2021-22 | Phil Wilson |
| 2020-21 | Fred Beyers |
| 2015-16 | Chris Rainnie |
| 2014-15 | Guy Jeffrey |
| 2013-14 | Adrian Steer |

JVG Award

Excellence in Coaching & Sportsmanship

| Year | Member |
|-----------|--|
| 2021-2022 | Wil Ilsong Lee |
| 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 |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 2023-2024 | Ed Keane & Matt Pearse |
| 2022-2023 | Adam Spranger |
| 2021-2022 | Mat Kiddle |
| 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 |

Member Numbers

| Code | 2023-24 | 2022-23 | 2021-22 |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Junior Baseball | 127 | 193 | 117 |
| Senior Baseball | 131 Summer & Winter | 201 | 197 |
| | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 |
| Softball | 111 | 92 | 99 |
| Total | 369 | 486 | 413 |



President's Report

Shaun Joffe

Dear Stealers Members,

As we reflect on the conclusion of the 2023/2024 season, I am thrilled to share the remarkable achievements and milestones of our club. This season has been filled with tremendous growth, inspiring moments, and community spirit that truly embodies the essence of Stealers Baseball and Softball Club.

First and foremost, it is with immense pride that we congratulate Travis Bazzana on his outstanding achievement as a top round draft pick into the MLB for 2024. Travis started playing baseball at Stealers and has turned his childhood dream into reality through hard work, dedication, and the support of our club. His success is a testament to the talent and commitment fostered within our Stealers family.

Also, our club had the privilege of seeing two Stealers players representing Ryde Hawks come so close to reaching the Little League World Series in Williamsport, USA, reaching the semifinals. Their journey highlights the incredible opportunities both Baseball and Softball provides for our youth to pursue their dreams on a global stage.

This season also marked a special milestone with our inaugural Pink Rounds of Baseball and Softball. It was heartwarming to see all our members proudly donning pink Stealers playing tops as we raised funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation. This initiative not only showcased our club's solidarity and compassion but also demonstrated our commitment to making a positive impact beyond the diamond.

I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to all Stealers players who represented our club at association, state, and national levels. Your dedication and sportsmanship reflect the values that define Stealers and inspire those around you.

A sincere thank you goes to all our members, parents, coaches, managers, scorers, volunteers, groundsman, and our tireless committee members who contribute endlessly to the success and spirit of our club. Your support is invaluable and ensures that Stealers continues to thrive as a community-driven organisation.



Furthermore, I extend our gratitude to our sponsors: McGrath Upper North Shore, Red Stitches, Jacoby Cameron & Co, and Sydney Phobia Clinic. Your generous support enables us to provide exceptional opportunities and experiences for our players.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge Ku-ring-gai Council for their continued support of our club. Their partnership is instrumental in maintaining our facilities and fostering a welcoming environment for all.

As we look forward to the next season with renewed enthusiasm and optimism, let us continue to uphold the values of teamwork, integrity, and passion that define Stealers Baseball and Softball Club.

Yours in baseball and softball,

Shaun Joffe

President

Secretary's Report

Andrew Kunce

Thank you to the Committee and Executive for your continued support and generosity of time to ensure the continued smooth running of the club. Along with the army of volunteers for canteen, coaching, managing, scoring, grounds up keep and general assistance, it has enabled us to provide yet again a wonderful opportunity for so many of our members to take to the field to play softball and baseball.

It has been exciting to see the addition of new sponsors along with the continued support from several existing sponsors as well. This has enabled the club to provide the reversible black and pink training tops that members are excited to wear. It has been particularly pleasing to see the sea of pink Stealers tops on specified game days in support of breast cancer and to raise funds for such a worthy cause. We look forward to continuing this practice in the years to come.

Governance

I can report that Stealers has been able to fulfil the following regulatory requirements since the last AGM:

- Submission of our 2023 A12 Annual summary of financial affairs to NSW Fair Trading.
- The Committee has held 7 meetings since the last AGM.
- The AGM for the 2024 year is scheduled for 31st July 2024 and as required, is within 6 months of our end of financial year (31st March 2024).
- Production of end of year financial statements (as included in this report).

Andrew Kunce

Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Rob Scott

Please see the *Accounts Pack Financial Year Ending 31st March 2024* addendum at the end of this Annual Report for the full Treasurers Report.

Junior Baseball Report

Corrie Ackland

We managed a solid 23/24 juniors baseball season! The weather was pretty kind to us, and we managed to pack a lot of teams and new initiatives into the season.

We had 14 teams including Hawkball this season. Most of the teams donned new names, taking inspiration from natural disasters, such as tsunamis, blizzards, cyclones, and firestorms!

We had 4 Div 1 teams, including 2 Strangers teams (Stealers and Rangers partnership). 4 teams went into finals rounds, with one team getting a gold medal, and two teams coming away with silver.

We launched our inaugural Pink Month, support the National Breast Cancer Foundation which was adopted across Juniors and Seniors to a great reception. The Pink tops popped across the diamonds home and away and we raised some much-appreciated funds!

We also ended the 2023 year with a 'Stealers Day' which included all teams playing at home, exciting new team photos, jumping castle, Santa visit, and finishing off with a private bus out to a Blue Sox game! It was a very hot day but very fun, too!

Presentation Day was held at Turramurra Bowling club and was a club wide presentation for Juniors, Seniors, and Summer Softball. It was great to see our whole club turn out to celebrate the season. Junior Coach of the year was awarded to both Matt Pearse of the Zooka Panthers and Ed Keane of the Tball Ninja Turtles- both coaches worked really hard over the season, brought extra support and sense of fun to their teams, and were a pleasure to work with.

I want to thank the awesome bunch of coaches and umpires who were involved in a smooth season making my job relatively straight forward as well as President Shaun and head coach Mat for their support this season. We are looking forward to a big, exciting season starting 7 September, with preparations already underway for 'come n try' days, and grading.

Corrie Ackland

VP Junior Baseball

Senior Baseball Report

Paul Haynes

Stealers Seniors had another successful season in 2023/24. In the PCBL summer competition, we had 101 registered players across 9 teams. Our teams included: Aliens (B grade), Zeppelins (C1 Grade), Numbats (C2 Grade), Rolling Stones (C2 Grade), Esky Slayers (D Blue 1 Grade), Yankees (D2 Grade), and Screwballs (F2 Grade). The BaTs also played in the Monday night Masters competition in the Spring/Autumn seasons, making 10 teams in total. Many of our teams were successful in making the play-offs in their respective grades, and the Zeppelins and Esky Slayers both managed to win their competitions. Well done!

We seemed to have slightly better weather during the summer season than the previous two years, and this allowed for our players to get more game time throughout the season. This year we introduced the reversible training jerseys, with the hot pink version with numbers on the back being used as an ultimate uniform in several games as part of a club breast cancer fundraising initiative. It was great to see our players rocking the pink unis.

In the current PCBL winter season, we have 30 registered players across 2 teams. This includes a number of our younger players making the transition from juniors, which is good to see. We have a number of younger players in our senior ranks now, many of whom are playing with their parents, which I can say from personal experience is great fun and very rewarding. We need more junior players to transition into seniors to keep our player numbers healthy, and this is one good way to facilitate that.

We also continued our club tradition of sending at least one team to the recent Tamworth June Invitational tournament. Shaun Joffe and Rob Scott continue to put a lot of effort into making sure this happens every year.

I would like to acknowledge all the work put in by team managers, scorers, coaches, umpires, and spectators. I encourage everyone to get involved, because every little bit helps. We are not a professional club with paid employees, so we rely entirely on volunteers and that in turn relies on everyone playing a part. It takes a lot of effort to run a successful baseball club, and we couldn't do it without your help.

Paul Haynes

VP Senior Baseball

Softball Report

Maria Kunce

2023 North Shore (NSDSA) Winter Season

| | | |
|-----------|----|--|
| Players | 98 | |
| Officials | 13 | |

Another great winter season of softball.

We had two junior teams, Div 2 Stellars and Div 3 Stars. We unfortunately do not have a Div 1 team yet (2024 is our year!) so our Div 1 players were adopted by Killara for the season. We also had a few div 2 players play in a combo A1 team and a couple B1 team – 2024 here we come with plans for Div 1 & A1 teams with our talented juniors coming up the ranks!

Our seniors were also well represented with the B2 Rockets, B3 Jets & Titans, C Grade Meteors & Pulsars. The Rockets & Meteors were all strong contenders for the finals. Thank you to those who helped getting their teams on the diamonds at St Ives for the 2023 Season.

Congratulations to our Premiers for 2023:

- Stealers Stars (Div 3)
- Stealers Rockets (B2)

Thank you to Courtney Tuma, for your dedication in getting players to join Stealers – we are very grateful. Thank you also to Julia Benson and Sabrina Caffin who, between them, playing, coaching, managing & scoring for teams, works tirelessly on the NSDSA committee.

Thank you also to ALL coaches, managers, and scorers for volunteering their time to bring out the best in our players, and to parents/family for getting your superstars/mums/aunts/etc to games and trainings, we are truly grateful.

2022 NSDSA Representative Season

Again, many Stealers junior players were selected to the North Shore U12, U14, U16 & U18 Representative Teams. Gratitude extended to Sabrina Caffin and Mark Benson for their contribution to coaching/managing during the 2023 Representative Program.

Congratulations to the following players for being selected to represent NSDSA:

- Millie B, Hallie D & Maddie K for U12s
- Eva K, Maddie K & Lana T for U14s
- Ruby A, Sophia B, Angie H, & Eva K for U16s
- Ruby A & Emily K for U18

Northern Titans – Waratah League:

- Ruby A, Sophia B, Angie H & Emily K

2023 Representative Awards Night – Congratulations to the following Stealers members for their awards:

- Amelia B (MVP u12s), Eva K (MVP u14s), Ruby A (Batting u18s), Ruby A (Waratah MIP)
- Sabrina Caffin – The Hugh Southwood True Spirit Award

2022-23 Hornsby (HDSA) Summer Season

3 Officials (2 permit, 1 1st registered)

14 players (14 1st registered)

It's been another great year for Stealers Softball, with a team in the Seniors B/C grade and one of our winter junior players playing in two teams in the juniors' morning competition.

We also had some of our junior umpires help when they could in the afternoon. Thank you to all players and officials for another fun season.

Softball NSW Teams & Awards

Congratulations to the following players who were selected in Softball NSW State teams:

- U14 – Eva K
- U16 – Ruby A

Congratulations to the following members for their nominations/recognition at the 2024 Softball NSW Awards night:

- Courtney Tuma, Kerry-Anne Judd & Sarah Hazell for receiving the Scoring Encouragement Award,
- Hannah Vaughan for SNSW Recognition Award
- Sabrina Caffin, finalist for Administrator of the Year

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.

This year we were able to provide all new players and coaches with a training shirt with our sponsors logos on the back.

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.



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Accounts Pack Financial Year Ending 31st March 2024 Addendum

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

Assets

Cash

| | | |
|---------------------|--------|--------|
| Savings Account | 66,676 | |
| Statement Account | 1,074 | |
| Total Assets | 67,750 | 67,750 |

Liabilities

| | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Creditors | - | |
| Total Liabilities | - | - |

Equity 67,750

Change in Cash 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Opening Balances at 1 April 2023

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------|--------|
| Savings Account | 55,252 | |
| Statement Account | <u>2,692</u> | |
| Total | 57,945 | 57,945 |

Closing Balances at 31 March 2024

| | | |
|-------------------|--------------|--------|
| Savings Account | 66,676 | |
| Statement Account | <u>1,074</u> | |
| Total | 67,750 | 67,750 |

Net increase/(decrease) 9,805

Reconcile against profit/(loss)

| | | |
|---------------|--|-------|
| Profit/(loss) | | 9,805 |
| discrepancy | | 0 |

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Profit & Loss [Last Year Analysis]

"2024 Actual Column" shows actual income and expenditure to 31/03/2024

| Income | 2024 Actual | 2024 full year | | 2024 full year | | Var 2024 | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Forecast | Var Actual to Forecast | Budget | Var Forecast to Budget | Last Year 2023 Actual | Forecast to 2023 Actuals |
| Income | | | | | | | |
| Summer Seniors Baseball | 25,633 | 27,000 | (1,367) | 29,000 | (2,000) | 28,976 | (1,976) |
| Summer Juniors Baseball | 31,295 | 31,300 | (5) | 28,800 | 2,500 | 28,785 | 2,515 |
| Winter Seniors Baseball | 3,195 | 9,200 | (6,005) | 9,200 | - | 9,197 | 3 |
| Softball | 5,124 | 5,200 | (76) | 5,200 | - | 5,186 | 14 |
| Uniform Sales | 4,730 | 4,500 | 230 | 2,500 | 2,000 | 2,432 | 2,068 |
| Canteen Takings (net) | 1,817 | 3,400 | (1,583) | 3,400 | - | 3,357 | 43 |
| Miscellaneous Income | 1,362 | 3,000 | (1,638) | 3,000 | - | 1,348 | 1,653 |
| Jubilee Cup & Other Rego | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sponsorships and grants | 9,500 | 10,000 | (500) | 10,000 | - | 2,750 | 7,250 |
| Total Income | 82,657 | 93,600 | (10,944) | 91,100 | 2,500 | 82,030 | 11,570 |
| Cost of Sales | | | | | | | |
| Tournament costs (in-out) | 6 | - | (6) | (2,200) | (2,200) | (2,133) | |
| Purchases for Resale-Uniforms | 18,351 | 19,000 | 649 | 2,500 | (16,500) | 1,088 | |
| Capitation - BA & BNSW | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Capitation - RHBL | 2,700 | 2,700 | - | - | (2,700) | - | |
| Capitation - PCBL | 13,099 | 16,000 | 2,901 | 18,000 | 2,000 | 17,958 | |
| Capitation - Softball | (260) | - | 260 | (1,000) | (1,000) | (940) | (940) |
| Total Cost of Sales | 33,896 | 37,700 | 3,804 | 17,300 | (20,400) | 15,973 | (940) |
| Gross Profit | 48,760 | 55,900 | (7,140) | 73,800 | (17,900) | 66,058 | (10,158) |
| Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Bank & Government Charges | 2 | 100 | 98 | 100 | - | 48 | (52) |
| Advertising | 1,476 | 3,100 | 1,624 | 3,100 | - | 3,003 | (97) |
| Commissions Paid | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Gala Day & Other Subscriptions | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Insurance | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Baseball Equipment | 4,859 | 4,000 | (859) | 9,400 | 5,400 | 9,332 | 5,332 |
| Baseballs | 4,912 | 5,000 | 88 | 4,000 | (1,000) | 3,980 | (1,020) |
| Machine Maint | 465 | 2,000 | 1,535 | 2,100 | 100 | 2,045 | 45 |
| Training and Camps | 185 | 500 | 315 | 500 | - | 405 | (95) |
| Ground & Hall Hire | 7,592 | 30,000 | 22,408 | 30,000 | - | 36,025 | 6,025 |
| Ground Maintenance | 11,727 | 12,000 | 273 | 10,000 | (2,000) | 21,564 | 9,564 |
| Postage & Communication | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Web Site Expenses | 1,394 | 1,400 | 6 | 1,400 | - | 1,333 | (67) |
| Season Start Up Costs | - | 500 | 500 | 500 | - | 411 | (89) |
| Registration & Meeting Expense | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | 3,579 | 3,000 | (579) | 1,900 | (1,100) | 1,900 | (1,100) |
| Presentation Day & Awards etc. | 3,688 | 4,000 | 312 | 2,400 | (1,600) | 2,368 | (1,633) |
| Clubhouse/Committee Amenities | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Telephone | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Expenses | 39,878 | 65,600 | 25,722 | 65,400 | (200) | 82,414 | 16,814 |
| Operating Profit | 8,882 | (9,700) | 18,582 | 8,400 | (400) | (16,357) | 33,628 |
| Other Income | | | | | | | |
| Interest Income | 923 | 400 | (523) | 400 | - | 368 | |
| Total Other Income | 923 | 400 | (523) | 400 | - | 368 | (32) |
| Other Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Interest Expense | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Other Expenses | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Net Profit / (Loss) | 9,805 | (9,300) | 19,105 | 8,800 | (18,100) | (15,988) | 6,688 |

Bank balance at 31/3/24 67,750.23