



Carlingford Baseball Club

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.

**ANNUAL REPORT
2005-2006**





2005-06 HONOUR ROLL

Championship Teams

U17 Braves

Representative Players

Andrew Muller - Hills u16 SJC
Mark Trau - BNSW Retros u16 Association Cup
Ben Croghan - BNSW Retros u16 Association Cup

Travis McDonald - Hills u14 SJC and u14 NSW
Ryley Croghan - Hills u14 SJC

David Hutchings - Hills u14 Association Cup
Yutarto Okuda - Hills u14 Association Cup
Bradley Perger - Hills u14 Association Cup

Club Person of the Year

David Aiston

Service Awards Juniors - 10 years

Andrew Muller - u17 Braves

Juniors - 5 years

Amanda Borg - u12 Cubs
James Butt - u12 Cubs
Ryan Cooper - u12 Braves
Kiely Desaix - u12 Redsox
Dean O'Shanassay - u12 Braves
Alex Pollock - u14 Cubs

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MINUTES OF 2004 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC

Carlingford Bowling, Sports & Recreation Club
Monday 3 May 2004

In attendance:

Moya Muller, Mark Highfield, Wendy Spencer, Matthew Spencer, Andrew Borg, Debby McDonald, Myra Gurney, Helen Toy, John Butt, Gai Trau, Val Hutchings, Steve Gosper, Garry Butler, Mikael Desaix, Dave Aiston, Gary Essenstam, Alison Hughes, Andrew Murray, David Perger, Art Shaw, Ronelle Laffer

Apologies:

Carol & John Harris, Matthew Cashmore, Sally & Graham Cooper, Dianne Starling, Patrick Fazzino, Sandra & Peter Thorburn, Ross O'Shannassy

The meeting opened and was adjourned at 7.30. It was reopened at 8.30 and the President welcomed members and life members.

The minutes of AGM 2003 were read as published.

Motion that the minutes be accepted as published

Moved: Dave Aiston Seconded: Mikael Desaix ... carried

President's Report was read by Andrew Borg as published.

Motion that the President's Report be accepted

Moved: Helen Toy Seconded: Myra Gurney ... carried

Treasurer's Report as published, was spoken to by John Butt. John advised that the financials as published were as yet unaudited due to lack of time and that when audited figures were available shortly, copies would be sent out to all club members. John also advised that there was a typographical error in the figures and that the Expenditure figure should read 44,058.03 not 40,434.98.

Garry Butler asked why the figure for sponsorship was down on last year. John Butt replied that last year's figures included an amount from Challenge Recruitment which was not available this year.

Motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted

Moved: Mark Highfield Seconded: Dave Aiston ... carried

Helen Toy was asked to present the Junior Teams' Coordinators report. Helen reported that the club had been quite successful this past summer season with almost all teams making finals and two making grand finals, one of which won their competition. She said the aim of the club was to effect a competition for the majority of players who just wanted to have fun and play with their friends. The club had managed to maintain its numbers in a climate of falling baseball participation.

Motion that the Junior Teams' Coordinator's Report be accepted

Moved: Wendy Spencer Seconded: Ronelle Laffer

Mikael Desaix was asked to present the Senior Teams' Coordinators report. He noted that Carlingford had been able to field strong teams in both summer and winter competitions. In the current winter season, the club again had five teams including the A graders who joined last year. Carlingford has had to acquire Upjohn Park again as an overflow ground.

Motion that the Senior Teams' Coordinator's Report be accepted

Moved: Moya Muller Seconded: Matthew Spencer ... carried

Matthew Spencer next presented the Registrar's Report. Matthew noted that members could read the player registration numbers as published. He commented that numbers had stayed fairly consistent as a result of some additional targeting strategies and that overall the numbers were in quite good shape.

Motion that the Registrar's Report be accepted

Moved: Helen Toy Seconded: Mark Highfield ... carried

Moya Muller was asked to present the Equipment officer's report. She noted that she had continued the work of Ed McCue and Leslie Warren and that overall there was a plan to gradually replace equipment as it wore out.

Motion that the Registrar's Report be accepted

Moved: Matthew Spencer Seconded: Myra Gurney

Other committee members who did not publish reports were invited to make brief comments on their roles.

Garry Butler thanked Dave Aiston for his assistance throughout the season in preparing Murray Farm and keeping it looking good. Thanks also to

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his weekly helpers Graham Cooper and Glen and Jason Ettridge.

Steve Gosper noted that most uniforms had been returned and that he would be looking at replacing rather than repairing pants. The tops generally remained in a good condition. He also noted that over the winter, the uniforms were being stored at his place due to lack of storage room at Murray Farm.

The President declared all committee positions vacant for 2003 and asked Gary Essenstam to act as returning officer.

Gary assumed the chair and thanked the outgoing committee for their efforts and a job well done.

Election of the new committee followed (see following page). There were several unfilled positions including the Secretary and Junior Teams' Coordinator.

Motion that the unfilled positions be considered at the first meeting

Moved: Mark Highfield Seconded: Wendy Spencer

After the election, the President Andrew Borg resumed the chair. Andrew thanked Gary for acting as Returning Officer. He also thanked the previous committee .

General Business

Helen Toy suggested that a date for the 30th anniversary dinner dance be set for October 27th,

Garry Butler asked about sponsorship from Carlingford Bowling Club. Andrew Borg outlined the new arrangements that had been communicated to the club previously. Wendy Spencer suggested that we need to clarify the position of funds where people are members of more than one organization that is sponsored. Garry Butler suggested that we need to be more active in getting members to join the Bowling Club.

Motion that the registration forms be amended to indicate if those seeking registration are members of the Carlingford Bowling Club

Moved: Mark Highfield Seconded: Moya Muller ... carried

Meeting closed 9.20

Next management committee meeting:

7.30 May 13th 2004 Carlingford Bowling Club

2004/2005 COMMITTEE ELECTION

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconded	Accepted	Elected
President	Andrew Borg	Helen Toy	Dave Aiston	Accepted	Yes
Vice President	Patrick Fazzino	Wendy Spencer	Steve Gosper	Accepted	Yes
Secretary	Myra Gurney	Wendy Spencer	Helen Toy	Declined	
Secretary	No other nomina-	position unfilled			
Treasurer	John Butt	Val Hutchings	Steve Gosper	Accepted	Yes
Junior Teams'	Helen Toy	Val Hutchings	Steve Gosper	Declined	
Junior Teams'	No other nomina-	position unfilled			
Senior Teams'	Michael Desaix	Andrew Murray	Garry Butler	Accepted	Yes
Grounds Officer	Dave Aiston	Steve Gosper	Andrew Murray	Accepted	Yes
Assist Grounds	Garry Butler	Steve Gosper	Andrew Murray	Accepted	Yes
Equipment Officer	Moya Muller			Accepted	Yes
Equipment Officer	Dave Aiston				
Canteen Manager	No nominations				
Uniform Manager	Steve Gosper	Val Hutchings	Helen Toy	Accepted	Yes
Social Committee	No nominations	position unfilled			
Fund Raising	Glen Ettridge	Helen Toy	John Butt	Accepted	Yes
Umpire Dev Offi-	Patrick Fazzino	Steve Gosper	Helen Toy	Accepted	Yes
Coaching Dev	Matthew Spencer	Garry Butler	Dave Aiston	Declined	
Coaching Dev	Mikael Desaix	Wendy Spencer	Matthew Spencer	Accepted	Yes
Registrar	Matthew Spencer	Val Hutchings	Garry Butler	Accepted	Yes
Publications Offi-	No nominations	position unfilled			
Junior Teams'	Val Hutchings	Helen Toy	John Butt	Accepted	Yes
Koala League	No nominations	position unfilled			
Hills Delegate –	Mark Highfield	Val Hutchings	Mikael Desaix	Declined	
Hills Delegate –	Mikael Desaix	Val Hutchings	Mark Highfield	Accepted	Yes
Hills Delegate –	Andrew Borg	Helen Toy		Declined	
Hills Delegate	Wendy Spencer	Andrew Borg	John Butt	Accepted	Yes
Public Officer	Patrick Fazzino	John Butt	Helen Toy	Accepted	Yes
Auditor					



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This past year has been a very busy one for the club and your committee.

Whilst simultaneously organizing and implementing a range of 30th Anniversary events and enhancements, we were also very conscious of implementing the results of last year's members' survey.

The primary celebration of the Club's 30th Anniversary was a Dinner Dance held in October 2004. Over 100 current and former members, including many Life Members and 2 foundation members, came together to celebrate the Club's achievements and history.

With great food, music and terrific company, it was no surprise that a fantastic night was had by all.

A special thank you goes out to Helen Toy, Trish Saiani and their team of helpers for their enthusiasm in putting the night together and making it a wonderful success.

We also chose to celebrate this special milestone through some grass roots items for the club members and volunteers.

Commemorative Caps were sold throughout the year, as were new players/ supporters jackets. Both were sold at discounted rate, in keeping with the celebration.

The club also chose the milestone as an opportunity to show their appreciation to their coaches and managers, with each receiving free Caps and Supporters Shirts as a means of saying thank you and to help them look the part.

Last year's member survey highlighted a number of areas members wanted the committee to address.

Uppermost on the list was our uniforms. Many had identified the heavy and constricting material of our playing shirts as a major turn off. During the year we were able to design, purchase and introduce a new player's shirt. The shirt was made of light and aerated



material, making playing considerably cooler for the younger children.

The Committee has also begun the long and difficult process of convincing our local council to upgrade the facilities and amenities at Murray Farm Reserve. The toilets and change rooms are an embarrassment to the club and are long overdue for overhaul.

With the help of the park's 355 Committee, and a united front from the Baseball Club, our friends at North Rocks Soccer and the residents surrounding the Reserve, we hope to convince the Council of the desperate need to improve the facilities. Of course, there are many things our members can do to help to get the message across to the Council, including letters, emails and phone calls of support.

The completion of a footpath from the carpark to the canteen has significantly improved access for members - particularly the elderly, and those with younger families.

Baulkham Hills Shire Council were very supportive during the year in helping the keep the ground looking at its best and reacting to the occasional emergency, such as power poles falling over. We are looking forward to a continued strong relationship, particularly when it comes to the ongoing implementation of the Murray Farm Master Plan.

Once again, a great deal of effort was made to attract new players to the club, particularly at the under 8 through to under 12 age groups. Whilst we were fairly successful in this, we were once again disheartened by the number of players in the under 12 to under 14 age group who did not return.

It is no coincidence that the two biggest changes which impact these depleting age groups are the transition from tee ball to live ball, and the move to full grading of players.

We need to better understand what makes kids want to keep playing baseball, and what we can do as a club to make this happen. Externally, we have already asked Hills Baseball League to review the way the game is played during the mod ball/liveball transition.



JUNIOR TEAMS COORDINATOR'S REPORT



SENIOR TEAMS COORDINATOR'S REPORT

WINTER 2005

This season the club entered 4 teams in the Metropolitan Baseball League, which is back in action. The A graders decided to try their luck in the Greater Western Comp in the Carlo Colours.

Plenty of teams saw G grade being split in to 2 conferences once again. Two of the weaker Carlo G teams went into one and the strongest of the three, into the other. We also had one side in F Grade this time around.

SUMMER 2005/2006

The season started out quite well. We had 4 teams out there on the diamonds, competing in the Sydney Metropolitan baseball League. One in F, one in G and two in H grade.

Towards the end of the season it turned out to be a mixed bag with only one team making the semi-finals. It was one of the H grade teams. A team that had dominated their grade all season. They just missed out on the Grand Final by losing the all-important Final. Well done!

Although we did not have sufficient interest to field an Under 19s side this season, please note that there are still opportunities for all juniors, 14 and up, to play with the seniors in which ever grade is appropriate. There are quite a few out there playing with their dads this winter.

WINTER 2006

The new winter season is just upon us at the time of writing. The Club is fielding 4 teams in the Metro League Competition again, when the season starts after Easter. Our home ground is still Muirfield High School with Upjohn as an overflow ground. So our teams should be pretty comfortable with plenty of home games.

I wish all our teams an enjoyable, and hopefully successful season this winter. Please give them your support

Also, a big Thank You to Andrew Borg, our club's President, and to the committee for all your help and assistance in the past year. And a special thanks to Dave Aiston and the grounds crew who make our diamonds look like a million bucks, as always.

***Mikael Desaix,
Seniors Coordinator***

This is a very stressful period for many children, and the way it is played at present saps the fun from both the players and the supporters. Internally, we will be looking at, amongst other things, how we grade players and teams, and what we are trying to achieve by the grading process. As an example, by separating friends into differently graded teams do we remove the primary thing which brought the children to the club in the first place?

Whilst bringing back the lost players will be very difficult, keeping those players we already have should be the focus of our energy into the future. The players who have been with us for 3 and more years bring with them experienced coaches, managers and helpers. Unfortunately, the loss of so many of these players in recent years has hurt us, and this has to be changed if we are going to grow and succeed. This drain is highlighted by the fact that 9 of our 10 junior managers had not managed a baseball team before this year, whilst 7 out of 10 coaches had coached for 2 years or less.

Of course, very little could have been achieved at the club this year without the commitment and energy of our volunteers and committee members.

I would like to thank Moya Muller, who will be standing down from the committee next year. As a former President, Juniors Co-ordinator and more recently, as Equipment Officer, she has been enthusiastic and hard working in everything she took on.

I would also like to say a big thank you to Helen Toy, our current Junior's Co-ordinator. Helen will also be moving into the background this year. Without doubt, Junior Co-ordinator is the hardest and most important position on the committee. It takes a special person the put their hand up, and an even more special one to do the job well. Thankfully Helen will still be in the background to help the new Juniors Co-ordinator.

A special thank you also to Matthew and Wendy Spencer, who, even though they had no children playing with the club this year, still remained on the committee as Registrar and Hills Delegate, respectively. Their insight and wisdom will be difficult to replace.

Finally, I would like to thank those people who, even though they were not the committee proper, still contributed throughout the year. These were the people who umpired games, kept score, did their canteen duty, base coached, or just helped out at training. The club appreciates you, the coaches and managers appreciate you and the kids take you for granted—some things never change. . .

Andrew Borg

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's report for the 2005/06 baseball season. We have again finished the year in a sound financial position while accomplishing the goals set by the committee at the start of the year.

Despite the higher than expected increase in affiliation fees to NSW Baseball, the committee, mindful of providing affordable membership, kept increases in membership fees for both junior & senior members to a minimum.

Income and Expenditure

The club finished the year with an operating surplus of \$2,150.48 (\$7,025.30 deficit 2004/05). The majority of the income was received from registration fees, canteen sales and the sale of uniforms, socks and caps. The negative variance in registration fees is due mainly to the timing of the payment of fees for the respective seniors winter seasons.

Our term deposits continue to return a very good rate of 5.27% which is very competitive in today's markets.

The canteen has continued to operate profitably generating a net surplus for the year. Whilst canteen income was inline with last year, expenditure was up reflecting the increase in the costs of goods and the replacement of some of the canteen equipment. Uniform sales were slightly up on last year reflecting the ongoing popularity of the players/supporters jacket introduced last year.

Overall expenses are in line with last year with major expenditure occurring in the area of affiliation fees, clothing & uniforms, equipment and grounds. The major exceptions is in affiliation fees \$9,203.90 (\$7,142.40 2004/05) and equipment \$8,820.51 (\$6,577.46 2004/05).

Despite assurance that increases would be kept at a minimum, like last year we again experienced a substantial increase in affiliation fees. Although it is beyond our control and its impact was contained, we will need to keep a close watch on developments in relation to the setting of affiliation fees by NSWBL when we review next year's fee structure. The increase in expenditure on equipment reflects the purchase on a second Zooka pitching machine for the junior players

As was have come to expect, our hard-working ground crew has again worked miracles this year ensuring all diamonds were presented in top class condition throughout the season. Overall, expenditure on grounds was slightly down on last year.

By Club, the number of teams making up the competition breaks down as follows (last season's totals in brackets). The clubs are ranked in order of size.

Age Group	2005-2006	2004-2005	2003-2004
Under 8	26	26	22
Under 10	23	24	26
Under 12	24	21	19
Under 14	20	14	16
Under 17	10	13	13
Total	103	98	96

Across the board the numbers are fairly static. Once again, growth was experienced in the newer developing areas, with some decline in the more established areas.

Club	U/8	U/10	U/12	U/14	U/17	Total
Castle Hill	7	3	4	4	2	20 (21)
Baulkham Hills	4	5	4	2	1	16 (16)
Carlingford	2	2	3	2	1	10 (10)
Kellyville	3	2	3	1	1	10 (10)
Winston Hills	3	3	3			9 (10)
Kings Langley	1	2	1	3	2	9 (7)
Hawkesbury	1	2	2	2	1	8 (7)
Rouse Hill	3	2	1			6 (5)
Oakville	1	2	1	1		5 (4)
Schofields	1	1	1	1		4 (6)
Quakers Hill			1		1	2 (0)
Blacktown					1	1 (0)
Total	26 (26)	24 (24)	24 (21)	16 (14)	10 (13)	100 (98)

In conclusion, the perennial issues are retaining existing players and attracting new players. In both cases, the primary emphasis must be on ensuring that players are given the best possible, and most enjoyable, experience. As a result of collaboration between the Hills Association and Carlingford, the Try Baseball events were a success, with 14 new players registered as a result.

David Perger

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registrations for the 2005-2006 Season were similar to those of last year. Carlingford were able to field the same number of Junior teams and Senior teams. Comparative numbers for Carlingford for this season and last were: The breakdown by age group (previous year in brackets) was: This year, the Under 12 age group was our strongest (reflecting the

	Current Season	Previous Season
Junior registrations	112	113
Junior teams	10	10
Senior registrations (Summer)	49	54
Senior teams (Summer)	5	5
Senior registrations (Winter)	49	55
Senior teams (Winter)	4	5

strength of the Under 10 age group the previous year), with reduced

Age Group	Players	Females	Teams
Under 8	20 (21)	5 (5)	2 (2)
Under 10	23 (36)	5 (7)	2 (3)
Under 12	35 (23)	3 (1)	3 (2)
Under 14	22 (23)	1 (0)	2 (2)
Under 17 (16)	12 (10)	0 (0)	1 (1)
Total Juniors	112 (113)	14 (13)	10 (10)
Seniors (combined)	77 (84)	0 (0)	10 (10)
Total	189 (197)	14 (13)	20 (20)

numbers in the Under 10 age group (down by one team). Other age groups had very little change. In the Seniors, total numbers were also down on last year. The fact that the number of teams did not change was due to the number of players involved in both the Winter and Summer competitions.

Across the Hills association the total number of teams was up on last year, continuing the upward trend at the association level. Surprisingly, the strongest growth was in the Under 12 and Under 14 age groups. The numbers of teams in each junior age group in Hills, compared to the previous two seasons, were as follows:

Sundry expenses include items such as hire of our PO Box, statutory incorporation costs and support of our representative players.



Assets and Liabilities

The club has no material liabilities. Assets include ground marking and maintenance equipment, 2 pitching machines, uniforms and club clothing, baseball equipment such as bases, balls, bats, helmets, catching and umpiring protective gear as well as canteen hardware such as fridges, BBQ and utensils. As many of these items have a life expectancy of less than 3 years, it is of little benefit to try and accurately calculate the net asset position of the club.

JOHN BUTT, TREASURER

**CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.
INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2006**

	2006	2005
Income		
Registrations - Junior	13,173.00	12,603.00
- Senior	13,835.00	19,115.00
Canteen Takings	7,861.92	7,830.19
Uniform Sales	2,910.00	2,648.00
Fund Raising	0.00	118.00
30 Year Dinner	0.00	2,687.30
Functions	2,732.10	0.00
Sponsorship	700.00	952.70
Interest Received	955.26	930.53
Sundry	140.25	298.98
	42,307.53	47,183.70
Expenditure		
Affiliation Fees	9,203.90	7,142.40
Bank Charges	549.85	574.83
Christmas Party	1,269.98	1,812.26
Clothing & Uniforms	3,947.11	22,961.24
Canteen Goods	5,959.54	4,440.43
Equipment Purchases	8,820.51	6,577.46
Ground Expenses & Equipment	3,335.34	4,361.51
Printing, Postage & Phone	225.00	880.19
Trophies/Badges	1,556.80	387.44
Electricity	1,132.78	1,040.86
30 Year Dinner	0.00	3,165.60
Function Expenses & Catering	2,609.00	105.00
Umpiring Fees	508.00	0.00
Sundry Expenses	452.10	759.78
Try Baseball Program	345.14	0.00
Coaching Clinics	242.00	0.00
	40,157.05	54,209.00
Surplus for the year	2,150.48	(7,025.30)

**CARLINGFORD BASEBALL CLUB INC.
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2006**

	2006	2005
Accumulated Funds		
Opening Balance	34,339.13	41,364.43
Add: Surplus/ (Deficiency) for the year	2,150.48	(7,025.30)
Closing Balance	36,489.61	34,339.13
	=====	=====
Represented by:		
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	22,354.52	20,952.31
Term Deposits	14,037.34	13,289.07
Cash on Hand	97.75	97.75
	36,489.61	34,339.13
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