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# OFFICE BEARERS 2008-09

## Board of Management

### President

Keith Sampson

### Vice-President & Treasurer

Jane Hunt

### Board Members

Rosemary Adey, OAM - National League & State Teams

Kay Mentha - State Championships & Tournaments

Nat Mead - Player Development

Bob Bartels - Licensed Club & Slowpitch

Susan Richards

## Administration Staff

Helen Baker - Executive Officer

Sue Campbell - Project Officer

## State Technical Directors

Janell Behrendt - Coaching

Lindy Rattigan - Scoring

Neville Lawrance - Umpiring

## Patrons

*Mrs K Correll*

*Mr H Anderson AM*

*Mr K Rollond*

*Mr J Trainer*

*(SA Softball Assoc. Life Member)*

*(Mayor of the City of Charles Sturt)*

*(Mayor of the City of Holdfast Bay)*

*(Mayor of the City of West Torrens)*

## Life Members

*Miss E Summers\**

*Miss J Irwin*

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*Miss K Sims\**

*Mrs O Radloff\**

*Miss M Parslow\**

*Mrs L Mildren*

*Mrs M Pollard*

*Miss J Cahill*

*Miss M Laing*

*1950*

*1951*

*1958*

*1961*

*1962*

*1963*

*1969*

*1972*

*1975*

*1975*

*Miss R Adey OAM*

*Miss N Whittingham*

*Mr L Tyler OAM*

*Mrs L Brown*

*Miss V Scarman\**

*Mr R Coombe*

*Mr A McAuliffe*

*Mrs L Birks*

*Mrs J Williams*

*Mr K Sampson*

*1976*

*1977*

*1982*

*1987*

*1989*

*1993*

*2002*

*2003*

*2005*

*2008*

(\*deceased)

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Board has worked extremely hard in their portfolios and many other varied tasks required of them throughout the year. I thank all of the Board members for their dedication, work ethic and effort, and the personal sacrifices they have made to give so much to our sport and Association.

- Jane Hunt -Treasurer & Vice-President - Has held the position of Treasurer since 2003 and Vice President since 2004. Has an immense workload, her professionalism and commitment is second to none. Jane's support and advice has been invaluable.
- Rosemary Adey - State & National League Teams - Working with a small committee and has handled this portfolio for several years, keenly passionate and eager for this state to succeed at national level.
- Kay Mentha - State Championships and Tournaments - Has a couple of State Championships and an October Tournament under her belt to add to the Canberra & Waverley tours & Development clinics she successfully managed while in the Development portfolio.
- Susan Richards - Joined the Board in August and while not allocated a portfolio has been assisting in various roles where required.
- Bob Bartels - Licensed Club & Slowpitch - Operated the bar during tournaments and competitions as well as running the Slowpitch on Wednesday nights.
- Nat Mead - Player Development - since joining the Board in August Nat has tackled this role with enthusiasm. Nat is a product of past development programs and is able to bring a players perspective to the role. Has arranged clinics camps and Canberra & Waverley Tours.

The Association was well represented with teams competing in National Championships. The Starz again competed in the Gilley's Shield (previously called National League) and the benefits to our players in playing in this level of competition are starting to show. The increased number of players from this State being chosen in national squads and teams is testament to this.

This was the first time for many many years that SASA did not host a National Championship event.

To all of the players, team officials and umpires who represented SASA at the national events I

congratulate you on your selection for the respective events in which you participated and on behalf of SASA thank you for your commitment to our sport and the State. Well done.

The October Junior Tournament was again successfully conducted and continued to attract teams from Interstate as well as local club and affiliate teams. This event has become an integral part of the "Junior Tournament Calendar" (Canberra, Waverley and Adelaide). The continued support of this event by the interstate teams illustrates its importance in their junior programs.

Senior & Junior State Championships were held at West Beach and Port Pirie respectively and I thank everybody for their involvement in the success of these events. The 2010 Junior State Championship is being hosted by the Sunraysia Softball Association. The first time that I am aware of that one of our State Championships has been held beyond our State borders. I wish them well and I urge you to support what promises to be a great event.

With the canteen lessee deciding not to renew his lease prior to the commencement of the season tenders were called for a new canteen operator. However the level of business was not attractive to potential tenderers' who all advised that it was not considered a viable business proposition. For the first time in many years the canteen was run by SASA. A review of the overall canteen operations needs to be conducted before the next season commences.

Volunteers, the lifeblood of most sporting and not for profit organisations; volunteers are present at all levels of our sport from the beginner's level to the elite levels, they come in all forms and do all sorts of things. From the simple tasks to the complex, it does not matter in which direction you look, I have no doubt you will see a volunteer. Many of these wonderful people do not consider that they are doing anything special, however we know better. To each and every one of you, whether you are helping with a team, or a club, or an association, or the state association I applaud you and thank you for the generous giving of your time and effort.

The support of our sponsors is greatly appreciated; as clubs and affiliates are well aware, sponsorship is difficult to secure, especially in these tough economic times, and it is important that we support our sponsors in return for their kind generosity. Unfortunately a couple of our long term sponsors found it necessary to cancel their sponsorships as they were reviewing their arrangements as a result of the "global financial crisis".

The support of Adelaide Shores is invaluable. They assist in regular ground maintenance and readily offer their expertise and advice to our volunteer grounds crew whenever asked. Adelaide Shores have recently established a Master Plan for their sporting and recreational areas and sought expressions of interest from sport and recreational bodies. More than 35 various organisations, including SASA, lodged applications. SASA has been involved in the consultation process and has attended several meetings along with other sporting body tenants at which Adelaide Shores have provided regular updates. Our relationship with Adelaide Shores has been developed and maintained by both parties over a long period of time and is one which we must continue to develop and foster.

The Office of Recreation & Sport provided funding and other support during the year. In addition to funding through the Step system, their support throughout the governance review process, the meetings with the Governance Review Working Party and their guidance along the way was very valuable.

With the Governance Review report being presented last August and the workshop that followed, much work has been done and a number of the recommendations have already been completed. Project Team Leaders were identified for the majority of projects and meetings have been held between the Governance Review Working Party and those Team Leaders with higher priority rated projects. There is a progress report further on in this Annual Report.

A major recommendation of the Governance Review involved the formation and adoption of a new Constitution and this project is nearing completion. The Project Team commenced work in earnest in December and with the assistance of templates, supplied by Office of Recreation & Sport, have compiled a draft document which has been distributed for comment and feedback. The final documented proposed constitution will be put to the members for adoption at an Extra-ordinary General Meeting immediately preceding this years AGM

It is paramount that the Association meets the challenges ahead as a united body working together

for a common goal. The Strategic Plan is due to be presented at the AGM and it must be remembered that this plan belongs not to the Board of Management but to the members of the Association. The Strategic Plan determines the direction and goals of the Association.

Successful implementation of the Strategic Plan and adoption of the proposed new Constitution will provide the foundation on which the future can be built and I cannot recommend highly enough that you give them your utmost support.

Notice calling nominations for positions on the Board were recently distributed and I can only hope and trust that there will be sufficient nominations received to enable the election of quality candidates to the Board.

I must acknowledge Helen Baker and her unwavering support and loyalty to SASA. Helen has given 22 years of service to SASA and her true worth to SASA may not be recognised until after she has retired. It has been my privilege to have been able to work with Helen during my time on the Board and especially during the last six years as President. Helen epitomises the virtues of loyalty honesty and integrity and is held in the highest regard by the other Member States, Softball Australia, Adelaide Shores, Office of Recreation & Sport, SportSA and I have no doubt by many others who have been fortunate to have met her, whether in her working or personal life. Helen you are truly a treasure.

This will be my last report as President and I would like to thank all of those people with whom I have worked, either on the board or committees. I have been a member of the Board for the past 12 years, for 6 of which I have been President and it is time for a change. I will continue to be involved in this wonderful sport but in a different role. I thank you all for the opportunity and the experiences shared.

Yours in Softball

Keith L Sampson  
**President**



# EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

As I write my final report as Executive Officer on the eve of my retirement I reflect not only on the year just completed but also my 22 years of working at SA Softball.

While there have been many changes over the years, the last 12 months in particular have been particularly significant. As with many sports, Softball is moving forward with new governance and operational structures and processes, not only here in South Australia but certainly nationally.

Presentation & implementation of the recommendations arising from the ASC/Softball Australia "Too Few Too Much" Review have had implications for the sport as a whole.

In 2008 Softball Australia, with the support of the Member States, became a Company Limited by Guarantee, and a new Constitution was adopted.

The new Board was formed at a Special General Meeting held in April 2009 and the new Strategic Plan is nearing completion.

Following Softball Australia's move to an application process for hosting of national events, South Australia was not awarded an event for 2009. This was not unexpected however as it had been many, many years since South Australia had not been included in the roster.

Sadly South Australia is again not among those States to be awarded an event for 2009-10 and our concerns have been lodged with Softball Australia.

State based events have continued to flourish.

The October Junior Tournament was again a highlight of the season. Several States now use this tournament as a part of their underage athlete development programs and Softball Australia now recognises the tournament as an identification event for talented juniors. It seems hard to believe looking back but the tournament has been running very successfully since 1996 and hopefully will go on to bigger and better things in the future.

We have also sustained our support of school sport in hosting of the SAPSASA State Carnival, both Primary & Secondary School Knockout competitions and of course the Australian School Sport Softball Championship held in May this year.

The Senior State Championships held at State Headquarters were again very successful even though the senior team numbers have declined in recent years.

Port Pirie Association hosted the Junior State Championships in February which were supported by 25 teams including 2 junior boys' teams. It would be wonderful to see more boys' teams entering this State competition but this number is expected to expand as boys' softball continues to grow.

Sunraysia Softball Association has been awarded the 2010 Junior State Championships for the first time and we hope that Adelaide Clubs and Affiliated Associations will give this event their full support.

Our application to the Office for Recreation & Sport for continuation of StEP 1 funding was granted at the same level as previously and we have recently been advised that this funding will continue for 2009/10. It is anticipated that applications for a new 3 year funding cycle will be called in November.

In addition ORS has provided significant additional funding through StEP 2 to support the conduct of the Governance Review and the more recent Strategic Planning project, for which we are extremely grateful.

Congratulations to Keith Sampson on the conferral of his Life Membership in 2008. Keith has been a member of the Board of Management since 1997 having served 4 years as Vice-President and 6 as President.

Keith has made a significant contribution to the sport involving technical, governance and administration areas through his work with the SASA Constitution/Rules, the Adelaide Competition By-Laws, Licensed Club, Governance Review & Strategic Planning processes. Keith has also served as a Convenor at many special events, and his Life Membership is richly deserved.

Congratulations also to Jane Hunt on being awarded Outstanding Service to Softball in 2008. Jane has been Treasurer of SASA since 2003 and in 2004 was elected as the Association Vice-President. Jane has been invaluable in her support of the President, Keith Sampson, myself as Executive Officer, and her fellow Board Members and has been a wonderful asset to the sport.

Once again the Board of Management was small in number but has worked tirelessly throughout the year.

Rosemary Adey continued her commitment to the State Team/National League Program, Bob Bartels adopted the Licensed Club & Slowpitch portfolios, and Kay Mentha undertook the responsibilities of State Championships & October Tournament. Nat Mead & Susan Richards joined the Board, with Nat managing the Player Development role, and Susan assisting in various capacities as required.

The commitment by Board Members to their individual portfolios, and to the sport as a whole, has been exceptional and is hopefully recognised and appreciated by the entire softball community.

Thanks must also go to Stephen Hunt who took on the role of web master in 2008. The development of the SASA web site at [www.sa.softball.org.au](http://www.sa.softball.org.au) has been significant and exciting during the last 12 months and has gone a long way to improving communications with our members and the community.

With the appointment of Lindy Rattigan as Director of Scoring in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2008, it was pleasing to note that all 3 Directors' positions were filled. Thank you to Janell Behrendt (DOC), Lindy Rattigan (DOS) & Neville Lawrance (DOU) for their outstanding contribution to the development of our technical officials.

Thank you also to Raelene Robinson who recently retired as SASUA Secretary after 20 years in this position, including 8 as Deputy UIC, which is wonderful service by anyone's standards.

As mentioned earlier in this report significant steps have been taken in the last 2 years through the conduct of the Governance Review & Strategic Planning project to better position the Association through strategically focussed protocols and procedures.

It is hoped that these efforts will set the foundations for the sport to move forward and progress in the years ahead.

Great steps have been made towards these aims, particularly during the past 12 months including:-

- The Governance Review, commenced in 2007/08 was completed with the final document presented at a workshop held in conjunction with the 2008 AGM.
- Implementation of the ORS/SASA agreed recommendations is continuing under the

guidance of the SASA Working Party and Project Team Leaders, with some projects finalised, others nearing completion and longer term projects yet to commence.

- Arising from the recommendations of the Review a Strategic Planning Forum was conducted in late May with the final Plan to be presented by the consultant, Jeff Dry, at this year's AGM.

I hope that the members of SA Softball will look upon both the Governance Review and the new Strategic Plan as opportunities to take softball forward and to become involved in the running of the sport.

At the end of the day - we are just one sport, but no one person, nor small group of people, can do it on their own.

As I look back on the last 22 years, including my 14 years in my current position, I have some wonderful memories which I will treasure forever.

The number of Board Members with whom it has been my pleasure to work is innumerable; I have greatly enjoyed my involvement with many Adelaide Club & Affiliated Association people, Life Members, Patrons, sponsors and members as well as National & inter-State Association personnel.

I was there to see Lyle receive his OAM and had the opportunity to chat with the Governor, Marjorie Jackson-Nelson; followed the progress of our softball athletes from junior rankings right through to Olympic level, and indeed the successes of officials who have achieved international level.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and friendship over many years, and I wish you all every success in the future. Above all I wish you all enjoyment and fulfilment from this wonderful sport of softball.

Helen Baker  
**Executive Officer**



# GOVERNANCE REVIEW REPORT

## GOVERNANCE REVIEW WORKING PARTY:

- SASA Members - Keith Sampson  
Jane Hunt  
Helen Baker
- ORS Members - Richard Mellon  
Michelle Ingrames

## PROGRESS REPORT:

Recommendation	Timeframe (to commence)	Team Leader	Priority	Progress to date
Structure & composition of the Board	3 to 6 mths	G.Crosby	1	Draft new Constitution completed & distributed
Lease Negotiations	3 to 6 mths	Board	1	Ongoing
Financial Management - Treasurer	3 to 9 mths	J.Hunt	1	Treasurer's position & staff structure under review
Financial Management - Chart of Accounts & Reporting	3 to 9 mths	J.Hunt	1	<b>Completed</b>
Communication: Website upgrade	Completed	N/A	1	<b>Completed</b>
Business Plan	9 to 12 mths	Vacant	2	Project outsourced, forum conducted, new Plan nearing completion
Policies & Systems: Job Descriptions	9 to 12 mths	Vacant	2	
Communication: Value proposition	9 to 12 mths	P.Wesolowski	2	Meeting held - project plan under development
Sport Delivery	12 to 24 mths	H.Wood	2	Team Leader meeting deferred. Project to commence mid 2009
Communication: Marketing plan	12 to 24 mths	K.Dale	2	Team Leader meeting deferred. Project to commence late 2009
Policies & Systems: Club/Admin Courses	12 to 24 mths	H.Bagshaw	2	Team Leader meeting held. Project to commence late 2009
Communication: Market & Customer Research	12 to 24 mths	K.Dale	2	Team Leader meeting deferred. Project to commence late 2009
Policies & Systems: Value proposition	12 to 24 mths	H.Bagshaw	2	Team Leader meeting held. Project to commence late 2009
Revenue generation	3+ years	H.Wood	3	Team Leader meeting held. Project to commence 2011
Staff structure	2 - 5 years	A.Thomas	3	Staff structure under review. Longer term project - Team Leader meeting deferred.
Stock control	3 to 9 mths	N/A	3	<b>Completed</b>

# STATE TEAMS & NATIONAL LEAGUE REPORT

## 2009 CHAMPIONSHIPS

SASA entered teams in the Under 16 Girls, Under 19 Women, Senior Men National Championships and the Starz in the Women's League.

Details of team members and game results are elsewhere in the Annual Report.

### **Under 16 Girls**

An indication of the success of the rejuvenated development and training programs can be measured by the team, for the first time in 10 years, achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the Perth Nationals. To build on this result, it is imperative for the programs to be maintained. This applies not only to players, but also to team officials.

Congratulations to our 2 players chosen for the National Development Squad. Well done Sanja Shaban and Stephanie Trzcinski, you have shown your softball talents at an early age and we await your future with great interest.

Congratulations also on the birth of a son to Head Coach, Leah Grantham in early June.

### **Under 19 Women**

As was the case in 2008, the first year of the Starz League team, there was a need for several players to be named in each of the Under 19's and Starz teams.

The situation for the Under 19 team was further exacerbated by the lack of players who stood for selection. This resulted in the Head Coach requiring draft players from interstate for key infield positions to make a team of 14 players. This is not a desirable outcome for our team's future.

The final placing was disappointing for the team. A more consistent availability of players would have assisted team training in preparation for the Nationals.

Congratulations to Abigail Priolo and Ada Brincat-Tree on their selection at the age of 17 in the National Squad.

### **Senior Men**

Following the application from Steve Sims for the Head Coach position, SASA agreed to again support the entry of a Men's Team in the National Championship.

The task of achieving and maintaining the mandatory 10 home State players was again an "in"/"out" situation with numerous players making the viability of the team questionable. Finally, there were 2 draft and 11 home State players (including the 2 Assistant Coaches).

The training sessions were primarily at West Beach, but with rarely more than a handful of players, little teamwork could be achieved.

As few of the team party are local or suburban, it may be more useful to train at various venues more convenient to the group.

It is evident that without an increase in player commitment to the team, it will be unlikely that there will be any improvement in results or support for those who are the real triers.

The first 3 days at the Men's Sydney Championships were "washed out" with the heavy January deluge. This did little to please all concerned, but all games were eventually played (10 in all) over 2½ days. Another experience for our team.

### **Starz**

As is the case with all State Teams, the Head Coach appointment is for 2 years, subject to the team's results and overall performance. Bob Henty took up the 2<sup>nd</sup> year as Head Coach of the Starz League team.

Another important role is that of a Manager, especially in the League, as there are f4 fixtures to be arranged for travel and team paperwork prepared. Added to this is travelling with the team.

Unfortunately, the appointed Manager resigned prior to fulfilling any of the above. As no replacement was found, the team had 4 different people in the role. Whilst not an ideal situation, the Starz were fortunate to have their assistance.

As mentioned in the Under 19 report, several players were in both teams - however, training schedules appeared to be convenient to both parties.

Whilst the first 2 years in the League have been a huge learning curve, the experience will serve to improve our participation results over the coming seasons.

Being part of a League requires a dedication to training and a competition schedule beyond that of other State teams. Our appreciation is extended to all of those who, as foundation members, have been involved with the Starz in any capacity.

## 2010

### **Under 16 Girls**

New Head Coach, Nat Mead, has a special interest in this age group as in her role as the Player Development Chairperson. Many young players are going through the program which hopefully, in due course, will produce members for the Starz.

### **Under 19 Women**

The team will field the same officials, with Head Coach, Andrew Preiss at the helm, as for 2009.

Their dedication to the team is assured, but they would be even more enthusiastic if there were many more players who "try out" for the team.

What about some ex-Under 16 or Development Program players?

### **Senior Men**

Steve Sims has agreed to take up his 2<sup>nd</sup> year as Head Coach. Their participation will be subject to suitable officials and proof of dedicated players committed to the team.

John McAuliffe has agreed to seek a meeting with relevant men's softball personnel, to discuss ways and means of generating interest in competition.

### **Starz**

Following her role as an Assistant Coach in the first 2 years of Starz, Annette Fidge has been appointed to the Head Coach position for the coming 2 seasons. Annette has invaluable experience in softball and we wish her well in her new role.

We hope that the new State uniform in our colours will bring a "good feel" to the Starz.

### **Under 19 Men**

James Harris has been appointed Head Coach of an Under 19 Men's team. James is confident that he will

have interest and commitment from players and officials.

We wish James, who is one of the enthusiasts of men's softball, every success in his endeavours.

### **General**

Whilst there is generally a good response to applications for the Head Coach positions, the committee encourages more applicants for support staff (ie Assistant Coach, Manager, Statistician).

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

As always, the groundsmen, Bob, Alan and Lyle have worked tirelessly to maintain the diamonds in the best condition possible. Unfortunately, their efforts are not always appreciated.

Thanks to Toulia Connolly for her management of State Team uniform requirements.

This report would not be complete without a huge thank you to the "behind the scene" workers for State teams in Helen Baker and Jane Hunt.

SASA will miss their tireless efforts for softball following their imminent retirements.

Rosemary Adey  
**State Teams Chair**

John McAuliffe  
**State Team Committee**

OFFICIALS	2009 NATIONAL LEAGUE WOMEN'S COMPETITION – GILLEYS SHIELD	Brisbane	Canberra	Melbourne	Blacktown
Coach	Robert HENTY				
Coach	Annette FIDGE				
Coach	Ray ALBINO				
Manager	Susan LUCAS				
Manager	Ray ALBINO				
Manager	Julie ROCCO				
Manager	Raelene JEFFREY (Vic draftee)				
PLAYERS					
1	Abigail PRIOLO				
2	Ada BRINCAT-TREE				
3	Amanda TORRINGTON (Qld draftee)				
4	Ashlee MCINNES (NT draftee)				
5	Belinda WHITE				
6	Casey TROOST (Qld draftee)				
7	Emily ROCCO				
8	Georgina THOMAS				
9	Hayley NORRIS				
10	Jenny DUNN				
11	Jess EDWARDS				
12	Katie WIESE				
13	Lana MARTIN				
14	Nicky WEBBER (Qld draftee)				
15	Raelene JEFFREY (Vic draftee)				
16	Sheree SCHENK				
17	Tracey MOSLEY				
18	Yoriko KOMODA (Qld draftee)				
	<i><b>Note:</b> Draft player (draftee) replaces the previous Pick/up Player permitted.</i>				

# 2009 GILLEYS SHIELD

## OPEN WOMEN'S STATE TEAM



**(Round 1 – Brisbane)**

### Open Women - Gilley's Shield

R.1 Brisb. Nov 14-16; R.2 Canb. Dec 12-14  
R.3 Melb. Jan 16-18; R.4 Blacktown Feb 17-21

#### Player Roster

Ada Brincat-Tree	Abigail Priolo
Jessica Edwards	Emily Rocco
Jenny Dunn	Sheree Schenk
Raelene Jeffrey (Vic)	Georgina Thomas
Yoriko Komoda	Amanda Torrington (Qld)
Lana Martin	Nicole Webber (Qld)
Ashlee McInnes (NT)	Belinda White
Tracey Mosley	Katie Wiese
Hayley Norris	Casey Troost (Qld)

#### Officials

Head Coach:	Robert Henty
Assistant Coach:	Annette Fidge
Assistant Coach:	Ray Albino
Manager: (Round 1)	Susan Lucas
Manager: (Round 2)	Ray Albino
Manager: (Round 3)	Julie Rocco
Manager: (Round 4)	Raelene Jeffrey (Vic)

**Most Valuable Player - SA**  
**(Lorraine Brown Trophy)**  
Belinda White



*(Lorraine Brown presenting trophy to Belinda White)*

#### Championship Placings

Queensland Heat  
ACT Diamonds  
WA Flames  
NSW Firestars  
Victoria Titans  
SA Starz



# 2009 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## OPEN MEN'S STATE TEAM



### Open Men - John Reid Shield 17 - 21 February Sydney, NSW

#### Players

Lindsay Bassani	Scott Humphrys
Darren Brewer (Qld)	David Keynes
David Edmonds	Robert Lomman
Jaryd Farrell	Scott Rattigan
Brett Harrigan (Qld)	Mark Stephens
James Harris	Corey Villiers
Allan Humphrys	Scott Wardle

#### Officials

Head Coach:	Steve Sims
Assistant Coach:	James Harris
Assistant Coach:	Allan Humphrys
Manager:	Tracey Mattner
Statistician	Lindy Rattigan

### Most Valuable Player - SA Scott Rattigan



*(Mayor John Trainer presenting award to Scott Rattigan)*

**Championship Placings**  
Australian Capital Territory  
Victoria  
Queensland  
Western Australia  
New South Wales  
South Australia



# 2009 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## UNDER 19 WOMEN'S STATE TEAM



**U19 Women - Joyce Lester Shield**  
**4 - 10 January**  
**Melbourne, Vic**

**Most Valuable Player - SA**  
**(Ian Pike Memorial Trophy)**  
**Ada Brincat-Tree**

### Players

Kristy Allen	Renee Magor
Michelle Bell (NSW)	Brianna McGee
Ada Brincat-Tree	Hayley Norris
Kelsee Hassen	Abigail Priolo
Maleah Kennedy (Qld)	Emily Rocco
Rhianne Kerr (NSW)	Georgina Thomas
Sophie King	Deni Varnhagen

### Officials

Head Coach:	Andrew Preiss
Assistant Coach:	Janell Behrendt
Assistant Coach:	Julie Rocco
Manager:	Sue Norris
Statistician:	Derek Roberts



*(Mayor John Trainer presenting award to Ada Brincat-Tree)*

### Championship Placings

New South Wales  
Queensland  
Australian Capital Territory  
Western Australia  
Victoria  
South Australia  
Tasmania



# 2009 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

## UNDER 16 GIRLS' STATE TEAM



### U16 Girls - Esther Deason Shield 11 - 17 January Perth, WA

#### Players

Georgia Bevan  
Maggie Breen  
Annali Dolman  
Casey Gregory  
Jessica Greci  
Sophie Hoyle  
Jordan Lambert  
Jasmine Lee

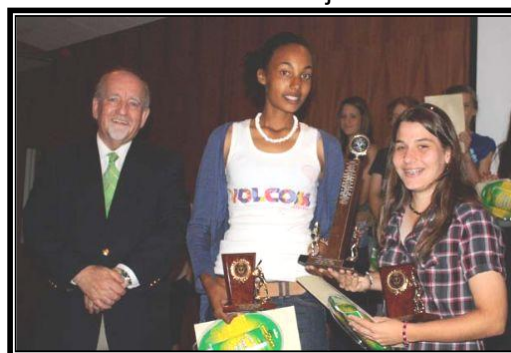
Ashton McInnes  
Paige McInnes  
Alyssa Mittiga  
Kayla Rocco  
Connie Rowe  
Sanja Shaban  
Stephanie Trzcinski  
Laura Wright

#### Officials

Head Coach:  
Assistant Coach:  
Assistant Coach:  
Manager:  
Statistician

Leah Grantham  
Liz Knight  
Nat Mead  
Di Humphries  
Jane Hunt

### Most Valuable Player/s - SA (Steve Hamra Trophy) Jessica Greci & Sanja Shaban



*(Mayor John Trainer presenting award to  
Jessica Greci & Sanja Shaban)*

### Championship Placings

New South Wales  
Queensland  
South Australia  
Victoria  
Western Australia  
Australian Capital Territory  
Northern Territory



# AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES



## OFFICIALS

**Sue Tomlinson**  
2008 Australian Women's Olympic Team  
Video Analyst & Scout

**Damien McCauley**  
International Umpire

## NATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

**Lindy Rattigan**  
National Scoring Committee

**Janell Behrendt**  
2009 Australian Women's Selector

**Annette Fidge**  
2009 Australian U19 Women's Selector

## 2009 AUSTRALIAN SQUADS

**Australian Women**  
Sheree Schenk  
Belinda White

**Australian U19 Women**  
Sanja Shaban  
Stephanie Trzcinski

## 2010 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Championship	Dates	Venue
<b>Women's Gilleys' Shield:</b>		
<i>Round 1 &gt;</i>	13 - 15 November (2009)	Blacktown, NSW
<i>Round 2 &gt;</i>	11 - 13 December (2009)	Waverley, Vic
<i>Round 3 &gt;</i>	5 - 9 January	Redlands, Qld
<i>Round 4/Finals &gt;</i>	19 - 21 February	Hawker, ACT
<b>Open Men</b>	17 - 21 February	Hawker, ACT
<b>U19 Women</b>	17 - 23 January	Altona, Vic
<b>U19 Men</b>	17 - 23 January	Mirraboooka, WA
<b>U16 Girls</b>	10 - 16 January	Blacktown, NSW
<b>U16 Boys</b>	10 - 16 January	Blacktown, NSW

2010 OFFICIALS (appointed to date)					
TEAM	HEAD COACH	ASST COACH	ASST COACH	MANAGER	STATISTICIAN
Women	Annette Fidge	Ray Albino			Lindy Rattigan
Men	Steve Sims				
U19 Women	Andrew Preiss	Janell Behrendt	Julie Rocco	Sue Norris	Derek Roberts
U19 Men	James Harris	Ian Sluiter		Paige Rohrlach	
U16 Girls	Natalie Mead	Liz Knight		Julie Rocco	Ivan Swinstead

# PROJECT OFFICER'S REPORT

## **ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES:**

A meeting was held on October 8 2008 at the Office for Rec & Sport. Various sports were involved including Swimming, BMX, Football (Soccer), Netball, and Gymnastics. The reason for this meeting was to see how your sport could participate in the Active After School project.

With Softball the general practice is that if a school wants to hold a program it is usually held by Out of School Hours people. Discussed were issues of what the program can do for you and what you can do for the program. What does your sport do for it and what can you do to make it better.

## **D-NET MEETINGS:**

**28 October 2008** - A D-Net meeting was held at the Office of Rec and Sport with the focus being on volunteers. First of all Jodie spoke regarding free coaching courses that are available on the Rec & Sport website. These are free to anyone who wishes to complete them, not necessarily just sporting coaches and officials.

Jan Stirling spoke about when there is conflict in the club or between parent and coach or parent and parent and so on. They are a mediation organisation. This is free of charge and funded by Minister of Sport. This is a voluntary option to finding resolution in a difficult situation.

Peter Spry from Sport SA spoke regarding volunteers. He said that each sport should have on their website a section where volunteers or perspective volunteers can go and see what is available for them to do in our specific sport. Peter explained that it should show what services volunteers can provide and what the benefits are to them.

**9 December 2008** - This meeting was the last for the year. It was held at the Henley Lawn Bowls Club. Damien Leonard (ORS) who is the State Coordinator for the Schools Network spoke telling us that the Government looked into his area of work and as it was working well decided that it was no longer needed. Damien advised that it is business as usual as now instead of a few schools being a part of the Schools Network it was available to every school and there would be more possibilities of getting schools involved in our sport.

Kerin Cross (ORS) spoke about a new position she has taken on which is Inclusion. This is linking new arrival and emerging communities to existing clubs and programs.

Pauline Brooke OAM, Active Ageing Council spoke with such gusto about how it is never too late to be involved in sport, whatever you do and however old you are. This was done by identifying and overcoming barriers, shaping messages, making concepts and establishing partnerships and networks.

After the meeting we were given bowling lessons and paired up to play doubles in bowls. I just happened to be partnered with the President of Henley Bowling Club and we were playing against Damon from Australian Rugby League who was teamed up with Melissa Rowland from Netball SA. If you are interested, my partner and I lost the game but it was really good to try something new even if I'm not that good at it.

## **SCHOOL PROGRAM:**

This year there has been a dramatic decline in the number of schools that request the softball clinics. In comparison to last year there are only 5 schools that had the clinics. The schools are Calvary Lutheran Primary School with 1 class, Years 3 and 4, Investigator College, Coorara Primary School, 1 class Year 7 and O'Sullivan's Beach Primary School, 3 classes of mixed year levels and Heritage College with 1 class of Year 7 students.

## **ACHPER:**

Yearly ACHPER sports week is held at The Parks Ovals where a number of schools from around the State go in a pool and then they are allocated to try different sports for 20-25 minutes. This year softball was run by Emily Rocco and Hayley Norris. Classes came through and tried their hand at drills.

Pamphlets were handed out to each class at the end of the session. Unfortunately we are unable to see if any of these children come through to join a club.

## **NATIONAL JUNIOR RECRUITMENT PROGRAM:**

Although this will be covered more in next year's report I would like to tell you that I am taking part in Softball Australia's finalising of the Junior Recruitment Program that they are producing. A delegate from each State will be in attendance. The different subjects that are to be covered are SportsCONNECT, Active After School Program and the National Junior Recruitment Program which is to be launched later in 2009.

Sue Campbell  
**Project Officer**

# PLAYER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

I was appointed to the SASA Board in September 2008. The portfolio of Player Development is a quite broad and ever expanding portfolio. This year we have been able to enter development teams in all of the main tournaments held across Australia and also looked to increase the number of development opportunities to the wider membership base.

Player Development has not only been involved in introducing its own new initiatives such as the Affiliate clinics and the Under 14 Camp, it has been working with Softball Australia to implement its new initiatives of the Unearthing the Stars Program and Satellite Pitching Schools. This report will briefly outline the activities carried out under the Player Development portfolio and the challenges that lay ahead to ensure the continued development of SASA's playing membership base.

## **SA PLAYER DEVELOPMENT TEAMS:**

The 2008/09 financial year saw SA Player Development enter teams in all of the major development carnivals, including, SA Labour Day Carnival, ACT Australia Day Carnival, Waverley Easter Carnival and the International Friendship Series. Overall we had some outstanding results at each of these tournaments, however, there is still plenty of room for improvement. Outlined below is a quick summary of each of these tournaments and the South Australian players who participated in each of these tournaments.

It was fantastic to see so many new faces involved with the SA Player Development Teams. This was not limited to new players but included new volunteers to take up officials' positions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers who helped make the SA Player Development Teams a great success this year. I would also like to thank Kay Mentha who has assisted in the organization of these teams whilst I transitioned into my role as the Board member for Player Development.

### **SA Labour Day Carnival -**

Two under 19 SA Development Teams were entered in our Labour Day Carnival. The teams ended up playing off in the Grand Final with SA Development White beating SA Development Red 2 -0.

<b>U19 Development Red</b>	<b>U19 Development White</b>
Kristy Allen	Rachel Bagshaw
Taryn Allen	Louise Bartel
Leah Booth	Amy Campbell
Kayla Borovnik	Kelsee Hassen
Tayla Higgins	Sophie King
Justine Koop	Laura Oxley
Hayley Norris	Abigail Priolo
Erin Reed	Chloe Robinson
Emily Rocco	Georgia Stanley
Georgina Thomas	Courtney Venning
Elly Tucker	Kendall White
Brittany Vincent	
Liz Knight (Head Coach)	Nat Mead (Head Coach)
Cheryl Allen (Scorer)	Sue Campbell (Scorer)

### **ACT Australia Day Tournament -**

At this tournament, both the U14 and U16 SA Development teams finished with the silver medal in the Plate division of their respective age groups. A very pleasing result, however, SA Development should aim to improve this performance next year by competing in the Cup divisions of both age groups in the 2010 ACT Australia Day Tournament.

Members of the SA Player Development Teams for this tournament are as follows;

U16 GIRLS	U14 Girls
Amy Campbell (Glenelg)	Kelly Cawthorne (Mt Gambier)
Sarah Guthrie (Gawler)	Nikki D'Cruz (Sturt)
Tayla Hassam (Hills)	Alexandra Fry (Walkerville)
Ellen Hood (Sturt)	Jemma Hassam (Hills)
Kelsey Magor (West Torrens)	Ainslee Knight (Walkerville)
Catie Metcalfe (Walkerville)	Jessica Maslin (Gawler)
Eleanor Mowle (Gawler)	Samantha Matthews (Sturt)
Stacey Nightingale (Gawler)	Ebony McLean (Gawler)
Laura Oxley (Gawler)	Sasha Penglase (Seacombe)
Indiana Sinnott (Hills)	Caitlin Petman (Sturt)
Brydie Spriggs (Hills)	Meg Pfitzner (Mt Gambier)
Natasha Venning (Sturt)	Sally Pope (Glenelg)
Brittany Vincent (Seacombe)	Sarah Tonkin (Sturt)
Damien Shattock (Head Coach)	Nicole Mentha (Head Coach)
John Vincent (Asst Coach)	Kym Knight (Asst Coach)
Andrea Banks (Manager)	Sharon Hassam (Manager)
Ellen Hood (Scorer)	Karen Cawthorne (Scorer)

### Easter Waverley Tournament

SA Player development was able to enter three teams into the Easter Waverley Tournament. The results of the SA Development Teams entered into the Waverley Tournament are as follows;

- Under 19 won the U19 Plate Division
- Under 14 Blue finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the U14 Cup Division
- Under 14 Red finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U14 Plate Division

Unfortunately, there were not enough applications to enable SA Development to nominate in the Under 16 Girls division, which was very disappointing but hope to enter in this division in 2010.

Members of the SA Player Development Teams for this tournament are as follows;

U19 GIRLS	U14 BLUE Girls	U14 RED Girls
Rachel Bagshaw (Port Adelaide)	Amy Barac (Walkerville)	Georgie Baker (Sturt)
Kayla Borovnik (West Torrens)	Nikki D'Cruz (Sturt)	Jennifer Chataway (Pt Adelaide)
Kristyn Barry (West Torrens)	Eleanor Konopka (Sturt)	Lisa-Marie Cooke (Hills)
Georgia Bevan (Glenelg)	Ariana Liddy (Port Adelaide)	Jessica Cox (CDSA)
Leah Booth (CDSA)	Jessica Maslin (Gawler)	Cara Davies (Glenelg)
Tayla Hassam (Hills)	Ebony McLean (Gawler)	Jemma Hassam (Hills)
Sophie King (Walkerville)	Eleanor Mowle (Gawler)	Holly Konopka (Sturt)
Renee Magor (West Torrens)	Sasha Penglase (Seacombe)	Samantha Matthews (Sturt)
Mikayla Robinson (Walkerville)	Meg Pfitzner (Mt Gambier)	Amy Mowle (Gawler)
Connie Rowe (Walkerville)	Sally Pope (Glenelg)	Kira O'Brien (Seacombe)
Samantha Salzone (Glenelg)	Chelsea Robinson (Walkerville)	Cathy Rowe (Walkerville)
Courtney Venning (Sturt)	Deanna Sofia (Walkerville)	Samara Vincent (Seacombe)
Alli Wilson (Mount Gambier)	Sarah Tonkin (Sturt)	Megan Wheatley (Glenelg)
Natalie Mead (Head Coach)	Karen Mentha (Head Coach)	Damien Shattock (Head Coach)
Alan Selfe (Asst Coach)	Nicole Mentha (Asst Coach)	Amanda Traeger (Asst Coach)
Heather Bagshaw (Scorer)	Anna D'Cruz (Scorer)	Corey Crafter (Asst Coach)
Sonia Wilson (Manager)	Lisa Pope (Manager)	Eileen Shattock (Scorer)
		Chris Wheatley (Manager)

### SA PLAYER DEVELOPMENT CLINICS AND CAMPS

#### Affiliate Clinics:

Clinics were held in the Kangaroo Island, Mount Gambier and Central Districts affiliates. Each clinic having a different focus either being pitching, junior development or player development depending on the affiliate's needs. Mount Gambier was able to get over 40 players between the ages of 12 and 16 attended. They were able to

encourage a large number of players to attend as clubs would be fined if less than 5 players attended from each club.

I would like to thank Annette Fidge, Steve Hunt, Darren Mead and Anthony Weatherstone who delivered these clinics to the affiliates. SA Player Development hopes to continue this initiative in the future and are asking for Affiliates to nominate their interest in participating in this program for 2009/10.

### **Unearthing the Stars Winter Clinics**

SA Player Development has held its first 3 Unearthing the Stars Clinics at Edwardstown Primary School on 14, 21 and 28 June with the remaining clinics being held on 26 July, 2 August and 9 August. The first clinic included the National ID testing as required by Softball Australia's Unearthing the Stars initiative and will also be branded as the Unearthing the Stars. Each clinic will have a different aspect of the game for its focus and building on the players existing skills. So far there have been over 60 nominations for these clinics which have proven to be a dramatic increase from last year's numbers.

I would like to thank Bob Nicholson, Bel White, Tamyka Penglase, Georgia Bevan, Jasmine Lee, Lana Kaesler and Mikayla Robinson who have helped either writing or delivering the program thus far.

### **APY Lands**

SA Player Development has been involved with the APY Lands softball program that is being run by the SANFL. Jess Edwards and Liz Knight have volunteered a week of their time to help train the SANFL trainees to deliver softball in these remote areas. Softball is a very popular sport within these communities and we hope to continue to assist the SANFL in delivering the program to grow its success.

### **CHALLENGES AHEAD**

The Player Development Committee needs to initiate policies and procedures relating to the coaching, management and selection of the SA Player Development Teams to ensure their longevity and success into the future. This would include investigations into making the tours more cost effective and encouraging more players to be part of the SA Player Development Teams. SA Player Development also needs to continue to provide its clinic program to the existing SASA members and build upon this program to make it more accessible to all.

Both of the above actions are dependent upon building a strong SA Player Development Committee Structure that can improve the current programs and encourage more volunteers to engage with the program.

Natalie Mead

**Board Member, Player Development**

**be active.**

# 2008 OCTOBER JUNIOR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

## Tournament Committee

<b>Kay Mentha</b>	<b>Convenor</b>
David Roberts	Chief Umpire / Tournament Umpiring Coordinator
Kevin Tannebring	Chief Groundsman
Stephen Hunt	Match Draw / Program

The 2008 October Junior Softball Tournament was held at Softball Headquarters, West Beach from Saturday 4 to Monday 6 October inclusive, with 34 teams participating. Team nominations for girls were received from Adelaide Club teams, Country affiliate teams from South Australia, as well as teams from Victoria, New South Wales and ACT. Unfortunately there was only 1 team interested in a boy's competition.

The Under 19 Girls competition had 5 teams enter: ACT, Dandenong, Sunraysia, SA Dev Red and SA Dev White.

Under 16 Girls comp had 9 teams - ACT Garnets, ACT Sapphires, Glenelg, North Shore, Sturt, Torrens Valley, Vic Development, Walkerville, West Torrens.

Under 14 Girls had 10 teams: ACT Garnets, ACT Sapphires, Glenelg, Mount Gambier, Seacombe, Sturt, Vic Dev Blue, Vic Dev White, Walkerville, West Torrens.

It was great to see gold medals going to teams from all over Australia - an Adelaide Club team in the Under 14 Plate division; a Country affiliate team from Mount Gambier in the Under 14 Cup division; a team from Victoria in the Under 16 girls Plate division; a team from ACT in the Under 16 Cup division and a SA Development team in the Under 19 girls which included girls from all over South Australia.

Positive feedback was received from teams who participated in this tournament and we look forward to seeing them return for the 2009 tournament.

Special thanks must go to all the people who volunteered their time over the weekend to make this a successful tournament, especially our umpires, and the people who worked tirelessly on the grounds. Thanks everyone!

Kay Mentha  
Tournament Convenor

## TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS & MVPs

Under 19's	Under 16 Cup	Under 16 Plate	Under 14 Cup	Under 14 Plate
SA Dev Red <i>MVP - Emily Rocco</i>	ACT Sapphires <i>MVP - Britt Tulley</i>	West Torrens <i>MVP - Brooke Mawer</i>	Mt Gambier <i>MVP - Sarah Wright</i>	ACT Garnets <i>MVP - Kayla Zissler</i>
SA Dev White <i>MVP - Kelsee Hassen</i>	Torrens Valley <i>MVP - Annali Dolman</i>	Sturt <i>MVP - Sophie Wauchope</i>	Vic Dev Blue <i>MVP - Lauren Passarelli</i>	Glenelg <i>MVP - Ebony McLean &amp; Sally Pope</i>
ACT <i>MVP - Rosie Bink</i>	ACT Garnets <i>MVP - Emily Campbell &amp; Naomi Spense</i>	Vic Development <i>MVP - Tiame Ecker</i>	ACT Sapphires <i>MVP - Holly Batholomew</i>	
Dandenong <i>MVP - Steph Marsh</i>		Glenelg <i>MVP - Tayla Hassam</i>	Vic Dev White <i>MVP - Brooke Martin</i>	Sturt <i>MVP - Holly Konopka</i>
Sunraysia <i>MVP - Sophie Hoyle</i>	North Shore <i>MVP - Mackenzie Wood</i>	Walkerville <i>MVP - Ellen Burch</i>	Walkerville <i>MVP - Alice Burch &amp; Jess Mills</i>	Seacombe <i>MVP - Claire Sully</i>
			West Torrens <i>MVP - Rachael Fisk</i>	

## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Division	Team	Team
U19 Girls	SA Development White (2)	SA Development Red (0)
U16 Girls Cup	ACT Sapphires (6)	Torrens Valley (2)
U16 Girls Plate	Victoria Development (5)	West Torrens (4)
U14 Girls Cup	Mount Gambier (10)	Victorian Dev Blue (0)
U14 Girls Plate	Glenelg (14)	ACT Garnets (7)

**2009 OCTOBER JUNIOR SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT - 6 - 8 OCTOBER**

# STATE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## REGISTRATIONS 2008/09:

GROUP	Senior		Junior		Slowpitch		Masters		T Ball		Officials		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Adelaide	6	286	2	313							49	102	758
Broken Hill		73		11					4	16	10	9	123
CDSA	5	200	8	52					23	43	20	22	373
Gawler & Dist.		64	2	58							4	8	136
Hills	54	122	46	55					28	19	7	13	344
Kangaroo Is	1	39	10	8									58
Mt Gambier		104	1	81						52	5	15	258
NAMSA	56	0	1										57
Pt Pirie	22	98	35	38					15	16	3	7	234
Riverland	1	89	9	18					28	36	10	7	198
SASA		2	1	1							7	10	21
SASUA											2		2
Sunraysia	3	76	19	34	14	30					4	7	187
Whyalla		19	1	10							3	3	36
Mixed Slowp					63	55							118
TOTALS:	148	1172	135	679	77	85			98	182	124	203	2903

## PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON 2007/08:

GROUP	Senior		Junior		Slowpitch		Masters		T Ball		Officials		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
Adelaide	2	296	1	247	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	76	669
Ad.M.Slowp.	Competition did not form in 07/08												
Broken Hill	1	76	0	16	0	0	0	0	7	19	6	7	132
CDSA	1	218	0	70	0	0	0	0	20	35	17	22	383
Gawler & Dist.	3	112	7	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	190
Hills	41	110	47	63	0	0	0	0	15	3	6	8	293
Kangaroo Is	0	51	9	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73
Mt Gambier	0	111	0	81	0	0	0	0	0	74	7	17	290
NAMSA	67	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	71
Pt Pirie	46	104	36	51	0	0	0	0	24	11	2	6	280
Riverland	0	98	7	21	0	0	0	0	12	30	7	9	184
SASA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	13	18
SASUA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	11
Sunraysia	5	80	20	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	149
Whyalla	Competition did not form in 07/08												
Mixed Slowp	0	0	0	0	29	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
TOTALS:	166	1256	128	662	29	30	0	0	78	172	113	168	2802

## PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON

### AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

Broken Hill  
Central Districts  
Gawler & Districts  
Hills  
Kangaroo Island  
Mt Gambier  
Northern Area Men's  
Port Pirie  
Riverland  
Sunraysia  
Whyalla

### ADELAIDE CLUBS

Glenelg  
Onkaparinga Saints  
Port Adelaide  
Seacombe  
Sturt  
Torrens Valley  
Walkerville  
West Torrens  
Legends

### HONORARY AFFILIATES

SA Primary School Amateur Sports Association  
SA Secondary School Sports Association  
SA Independent Schools Sports Association

# ADELAIDE COMPETITION AWARDS

## PREMIERS

<i>UNDER 12 GIRLS</i>	West Torrens Blue
<i>UNDER 14 DIV. 2 GIRLS</i>	Torrens Valley
<i>UNDER 14 DIV. 1 GIRLS</i>	Sturt Navy
<i>UNDER 16 DIV. 2 GIRLS</i>	Walkerville Blue
<i>UNDER 16 DIV. 1 GIRLS</i>	Sturt
<i>D GRADE WOMEN</i>	Sturt
<i>C GRADE WOMEN</i>	Sturt
<i>B GRADE WOMEN</i>	Walkerville
<i>A GRADE WOMEN</i>	West Torrens

## BEST & FAIREST AWARDS

<i>WOMEN'S D GRADE Mary Parslow Medal</i>	Mignon Pederick (Seacombe)
<i>WOMEN'S C GRADE Kathleen Sims Medal</i>	Stephanie Trzcinski (Torrens Valley)
<i>WOMEN'S B GRADE Lorraine Mildren Medal</i>	Merianne Crawford (Walkerville)
<i>WOMEN'S A GR. Kathleen Correll Medal &amp; Player of the Year</i>	Mandy Braddock (Seacombe) & Melissa McGie (West Torrens)

## OTHER AWARDS

<i>WOMEN'S A GRADE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR</i>	Abigail Priolo (Walkerville)
<i>PLAYER OF THE GRAND FINAL</i>	Amy Manifold (West Torrens)
<i>MOST SUCCESSFUL CLUB - JUNIOR DIVISION</i>	Sturt
<i>MOST SUCCESSFUL CLUB - SENIOR DIVISION</i>	Sturt

## 2008/09 SENIOR WOMEN'S TEAM OF THE YEAR

<i>PITCHER</i>	Jade Petersen	Seacombe
<i>CATCHER</i>	Belinda White	Sturt
<i>1ST BASE</i>	Katie Wiese	Sturt
<i>2ND BASE</i>	Trish Jones	Sturt
<i>3RD BASE</i>	Melissa McGie	West Torrens
<i>SHORTSTOP</i>	Despina Giamarelos	Walkerville
<i>OUTFIELD</i>	Belinda Webb	Sturt
<i>OUTFIELD</i>	Marni Nicholls	West Torrens
<i>OUTFIELD</i>	Rita Meijer	Walkerville
<i>RESERVE PITCHER</i>	Georgina Thomas	Sturt
<i>UTILITY PLAYER</i>	Sheree Schenk	Torrens Valley
<i>UTILITY PLAYER</i>	Leyna Bruggeman	Seacombe
<i>COACH OF THE YEAR</i>	Anthony Weatherstone	West Torrens

## SASUA AWARDS

<i>MARG ABBOT TROPHY - Rookie Umpire</i>	Frank Mittiga
<i>LYLE TYLER TROPHY - Director of Umpiring Award</i>	Mick Feller
<i>McAULIFFE TROPHY - Umpire of the Year</i>	Dave Roberts



# STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

GRADE	PREMIERS	PLACINGS
A.Grade Women	Adelaide	Adelaide, CDSA, Sunraysia, Hills
Men	Hills A	Hills A, NAMSA Blue, NAMSA Red, Hills B, Port Pirie
B.Grade Women	Port Pirie	Port Pirie, Adelaide
C.Grade Women	Gawler & Dist.	Gawler & Districts, CDSA, Adelaide, Hills
D.Grade Women	Adelaide	Adelaide, Sunraysia, Riverland, Gawler & Districts
Masters Women	CDSA	CDSA, Broken Hill, Port Pirie, Gawler & Districts
U.19 Women	Grade not played	
U.16 Girls	Sturt	Sturt, CDSA, Sunraysia, Pt Pirie, Hills, Glenelg, Gawler, Riverland
U.16 Boys	Port Pirie	Port Pirie, Sunraysia, Hills, Riverland
U.14 Girls Red	Mt Gambier	Mt Gambier, West Torrens A, Sturt, Seacombe, Gawler & Districts
U.14 Girls Blue	Glenelg	Glenelg, CDSA, West Torrens, Port Adelaide, Port Pirie

## WOMEN'S 2009 COUNTRY TEAM OF THE YEAR

PITCHER	Breanna Wade	Sunraysia
PITCHER	Jenny Quinlan	CDSA
CATCHER	Yoko Nishi	Hills
1ST BASE	Sue Howard	Sunraysia
2ND BASE	Natasha Garrad	CDSA
3RD BASE	Nicole Wagner	Hills
SHORT STOP	Jodie Smith	CDSA
LEFT FIELD	Georgina Maher	Sunraysia
CENTRE FIELD	Rita Meijer	CDSA
RIGHT FIELD	Shara King	CDSA
UTILITY	Sophie Hoyle	Sunraysia
UTILITY	Yui Matsuyama	Hills
COACH:	Grant Sims	CDSA
<b>Kath Sims Medallist - Breanna Wade - Riverland</b>		

## MEN'S 2009 COUNTRY TEAM OF THE YEAR

PITCHER	Ray O'Loughlin	NAMSA Red
PITCHER	Scott Humphrys	NAMSA Blue
CATCHER	Sean O'Loughlin	NAMSA Red
1ST BASE	Daniel Walters	Hills A
2ND BASE	Damien Priolo	Hills A
3RD BASE	Roy Williamson	NAMSA Red
SHORT STOP	Scott Wardle	NAMSA Blue
LEFT FIELD	Corey Hirschausen	NAMSA Red
CENTRE FIELD	Rick Kluge	NAMSA Blue
RIGHT FIELD	Aaron Golder	Hills B
UTILITY	James Harris	NAMSA Blue
UTILITY	Nigel Walsh	Port Pirie
COACH:	Robert Lomman	Hills A

# STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## SENIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

**Saturday 24 - 26 January 2009 at Softball Headquarters, West Beach**

Nineteen women's teams nominated in the following divisions: A grade; B grade; C grade; D grade and Masters and five Mens teams.

The A grade teams came from Adelaide metropolitan area, Central Districts (Elizabeth area); Hills and Sunraysia (Mildura). The A grade grand-final was Adelaide v Central Districts with Adelaide winning 9 runs to Central Districts 3.

A Womens Country team of the Year was selected by coaches of the A grade teams with players selected from the 3 affiliate teams.

The Kath Sims trophy was awarded to the player in A grade who received the most votes for most valuable player - and this went to Breeanna Wade, the pitcher from the Sunraysia team.

The B grade teams were from Adelaide, Port Pirie and Riverland. The B and C grade women's teams were combined for 1 round to give teams wider competition. A late withdrawal by Riverland left only 2 teams to contest the B grade final. Adelaide played Port Pirie in the grand-final with Port Pirie winning 14 runs to Adelaide 0.

The C grade teams were from Adelaide, Central Districts, Gawler and Hills. This was a very even competition with 3 teams all finishing on 10 points at the top of the ladder. To decide who would play in the grand final, it came down to who had the least runs scored against them. Gawler came in top of the minor round ladder and Central Districts 2<sup>nd</sup>, just ahead of Adelaide by 4 runs. It was a close grand final with Gawler winning 5 runs to Central Districts 3.

The D grade teams were from Adelaide, Gawler, Riverland and Sunraysia. In the D grade competition the top teams kept changing over the weekend. The minor round finished with Sunraysia in top position, with Riverland 2<sup>nd</sup>, Adelaide 3<sup>rd</sup> and Gawler 4<sup>th</sup>. Semi-finals were played between 1<sup>st</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup> with Sunraysia knocking out Gawler; and 2<sup>nd</sup> v 3<sup>rd</sup> with Adelaide knocking out the 2<sup>nd</sup> placed team, Riverland. The grand final was played between Sunraysia and Adelaide with Adelaide taking out the gold medal by defeating Sunraysia 10 runs to 8.

The teams in the Masters division were from Broken Hill, Central Districts, Gawler and Port Pirie. The Masters teams comprised players 35 years and older with some teams having players in their 50's. The 2 teams who stayed at the top of

the ladder all weekend were Broken Hill and Central Districts. In the grand final Central Districts defeated Broken Hill convincingly 12 runs to 1.

In the Men's division we had 2 teams from Hills, 2 teams from NAMSA (Northern Area Mens Softball Association) and 1 team from Port Pirie. The NAMSA blue team was on top of the ladder all weekend with the Hills (A) team following close behind them. These 2 teams contested the grand-final with a large crowd of spectators. The final result being Hills (A) defeating NAMSA Blue 5 runs to 1. This was the first loss for the NAMSA blue team all weekend.

On the Saturday night a Men's exhibition game was played on Diamond 1 between the 2009 Open Mens State team and a combined team of players selected from the men's teams competing over the weekend. A huge crowd of spectators came to see the Open Men's team in action before they went to Sydney in February to compete in the National Open Men's Championship.

Special thanks must go to all our umpires who gave up their long weekend to umpire. Well done to everyone who volunteered their time to help out with the running of the Senior State Champs. Without help from these people we would not be able to run these championships. We look forward to your support again next year.

## JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

**Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 February at Port Pirie**

Initial team nominations were 11 teams for Under 14 girls; 8 teams for U16 girls; 4 U16 boys' teams and 2 U14 boys' teams and only 1 team nominated for U19 girls, which was Port Pirie - so it was disappointing for them not to be able to play.

Port Pirie had 5 available diamonds at their Softball grounds and were able to use another 2 diamonds at St Mark's school which was a short walk across the road from the main diamonds.

The week before the championships Hills withdrew their U14 boys' team which meant that the Port Pirie U14 boys had no-one to play against. They were not of a sufficient standard/age to combine them into the U16 boys comp so the Under 14 boys' competition could not be held.

On the Thursday afternoon before the start of the championships, Hills withdrew their U14 girls' team also. This then left a bye for all the teams in

the U14 Blue division when they were due to play Hills. This made for some extra long breaks between games for those teams.

The U14 girls' teams were split into 2 divisions Red and Blue so that all teams in each division got to play each other once. This gave these teams 4 games plus another round of finals, with 1 team playing 6 games. The U16 girls played 1 round of seven games with no grand-final with the top team becoming the winner. The U16 boys played 2 rounds which gave them 6 games, plus the top 2 teams played off in the grandfinal.

On the Friday night an U14 game was played between Port Pirie and Glenelg. Port Pirie had offered any U16 girls teams the opportunity to play on the Friday night so that they didn't have 4 games on Saturday but no other team was available to play.

The overall winners were:

Under 16 girls - Sturt

Under 16 boys - Port Pirie

Under 14 girls Red - Mount Gambier

Under 14 girls Blue - Glenelg

The weather was good - around the 30 degree mark, and things ran smoothly all weekend. A couple of minor hiccups with one bus getting lost on the way to the grounds on Saturday morning and an umpire walking to the wrong school to umpire. The canteen facilities were great with a variety of food available.

I would like to thank all the people on the Port Pirie Committee who put in an enormous amount of time and effort to ensure that the Junior State Championships ran smoothly. Well done!

Kay Mentha

**Board Member, State Championships**

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## BAR TRADING AND SLOW PITCH

### BAR TRADING:

- For the bar to be able to open, a Responsible Person approved by the Licensing & Gaming Commission must be on the premises.
- The bar traded at every available opportunity, including the October Tournament, Senior State Championships and Adelaide Competition.
- Bar trading hours were varied depending on the event and the customer demand.
- The trading support at the October Carnival and the Senior State Championships from the locals and the visitors was great.
- During the season Wednesday night trading was well supported by the slow pitch teams.
- If games were programmed nearer the clubrooms this might increase bar trade.
- On some Saturdays there was no bar trade after 6 o'clock the same with Wednesday nights after slow pitch departed.
- The bar is staffed by a small band of volunteers.
- Bar trading hours will need to be reviewed for future seasons.

Thank you to the volunteers who staffed the bar and to the players and others who continue to support the bar during the year.

### SLOW PITCH:

- Slowpitch was played in two short competitions; one pre Christmas break (2008) and the other post Christmas break (2009)
- All matches were played as Wednesday night twilight games.
- An 8 team competition was played pre Christmas.
- Smack That won the pre Christmas competition with Redbacks coming second.
- The post Christmas competition involved 6 teams.
- Smack That also won this competition with Nomads Gold coming second.
- There were several forfeits during the season.
- A standard set of rules and conditions is being developed for future seasons.

Thank you to the players, umpires and supporters for coming out and making the slow pitch competition possible.

Bob Bartels

**Board Member, Licensed Club & Slowpitch**

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# GROUNDS REPORT

I thank those clubs and individuals who have help us with the grounds in the past year.

A special thanks to Alan Price who has looked after the grounds for the last 2 months while Robert Weaver was not available due to a broken ankle and I was ill. We must all be thankful for the work that Robert and Alan do throughout the year.

The Staff of the Trust have been helpful this year and have done some work on the 2 diamonds in the off-season to try and solve some of the problems. This has been at a cost to us for the material used.

As Robert Weaver Alan Price and my self are close to giving the maintenance work away I must again point out that we need you to find some people to take over.

Lyle Tyler  
**For the Grounds Committee**

# AWARDS

## SASA Life Membership

Keith Sampson  
(Jane Hunt presenting)



## Outstanding Service to Softball

Jane Hunt  
(Keith Sampson presenting)



## Adelaide Shores (West Beach Trust) Junior Softballer of the Year

Sanja Shaban  
(Dominic Fitzsimons, Adelaide Shores, presenting)



## President's Trophy

Stephen Hunt  
(Keith Sampson presenting)



## 2009 Rising Stars Award

Belinda White & Sheree Schenk (absent)  
(Rosemary Adey presenting)



# DIRECTOR OF COACHING

The new coaches' page within the SASA website has been a great achievement for this year. It is our aim to make this page informative, user friendly and current at all times.

<http://www.sa.softball.org.au/default.asp?Page=27853>

This year I have promoted many things on this page that I believe could be of interest to coaches such as; Softball Australia coaching opportunities (Friendship Series, Invitational Challenge); Rec & Sport Grants; Australian Sports Commission Grants; NCAS online accreditation; and Softball Australia Accreditation. I will continue to use this page as a source of information to coaches and encourage coaches to look at it regularly.

## **Accreditation**

As you are now well aware levels 1 and 2 have been available via face-to-face learning or through the at home program of CD/DVD for sometime. Level 3 is now also ready to be rolled out. Unfortunately Softball Australia hasn't had the opportunity to complete levels 4 - 6. There are a few coaches, who are hoping to complete these levels, and to those coaches I encourage you to apply for SA Development coaching positions, or the Friendship Series coaching positions as levels 4 - 6 are heavily based on experience and practice at these levels. This way you'll be getting a head start on the practical side of the criteria.

Currently there are 113 accredited softball coaches in South Australia, with 9 coaches obtaining or updating their accreditation in the last 12 months. It is anticipated that there will be a number of coaches undertaking the next level of coaching in the coming year with level 3 now on offer.

## **National Pitching Schools**

In 2008 Softball Australia started to establish National Pitching Schools around Australia to address the need of identifying and developing

young pitchers for the future. The National Pitching Schools program will be linked into the AIS pitching program to ensure consistency and continuity of development.

Softball Australia is continuing their work with Cindy Bristow, from Softball Excellence, in the US to develop Satellite pitching schools, which incorporates standard goals, objectives, curriculum, learning outcomes and teaching methodologies. Cindy has been at the forefront of softball pitching development internationally for the past 30 years and has developed a Whole-Motion based teaching program.

This method is opposed to the current method of teaching pitching which focuses on small-part based instruction and drilling. The advantage of the "Whole-motion" style of teaching is that it prevents young pitchers from becoming overly dependent on instruction, overly self-critical and generally less dominant.

This joint venture will provide the opportunity for Australian coaches and players involved with the program to spend time in the US training, competing and developing at the Softball Excellence Pitching School in Florida.

Softball Australia commenced the establishment of the program in July 2008 during the time of the International Friendship Series in Sydney. Annette Fidge and Bob Henty were both in attendance and were part of the discussions that were held to create the modules and learning outcomes.

Janell Behrendt  
**Director of Coaching**

# DIRECTOR OF SCORING

The past 12 months have seen the South Australia scoring program falling into line with the remainder of the States, progressing through the transition from the former scoring program, to the Australian Sports Commission National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS) Scoring Program - albeit, somewhat belatedly from our fellow interstate scorers.

The transition commenced through the National Scoring program and the State Directors, 3 years ago, and has been progressively undertaken over that time, with SASA being provided an additional extension to 31 December 2008 to enable SA to catch up and provide transition opportunities to all affiliates.

SA has previously had many hundreds of people who had received accreditation over the past - in main due to sports camp attendees undertaking level 1 accreditation. What has now resulted, is that those "inactive" scorers have not transitioned and are now no longer accredited with the program - and those who are "active" have been provided the opportunity to transition (upon a signed request form).

Under the new ASC NOAS program, accredited scorers are required to not only demonstrate competency to the level sought, but will also need to undertake updating through the National Scoring Program every 4 years.

This will assist scorers in maintaining currency, and also enable pathways for progression to be identified for individuals. Similar to the coaching accreditation, a small fee is charged by the ASC for the accreditation and updating scheme.

The program is identical in every aspect - no matter where it is delivered in Australia. Quality assurance is a critical element of the new scoring program, and for this reason, accredited lecturers and assessors are endorsed through NSC.

At the completion of the transition, South Australia now has the following accredited scoring personnel:

Level 1 Technical	42
Level 2 Technical	2
Level 3 Technical	18
Level 4 Technical	4
Level 5 Service	2

I would like to acknowledge Seacombe, Sturt and Saints - who have participated actively in the scoring program. Additionally, those who have made the step to the new program - thank you for showing your interest. For those not transitioning their accreditation to the new program, the way forward now can only be through re-demonstrating competency.

It is important that, in particular, that regional affiliates endeavour to identify a "champion" - someone who knows about scoring; is accredited themselves with the new program; and is interested in promoting and facilitating the scoring program within their own regions. As advised last season, opportunities are available to conduct scoring clinics on weekends, in the regions - subject to availability. But the effort needs to come from the affiliates.

Where a suitable candidate is located in regions, it may be possible to accredit to undertaken Level 1 or 2 scoring programs, with marking being undertaken by the State Scoring Director.

The program is exciting, and opportunities for achievement at elite levels are there for the taking. Scorers - new and old - and encouraged to check the [www.scoring.softball.org.au](http://www.scoring.softball.org.au) website for useful information.

Scorers seeking to find pathway directions should contact me ([nationalscoring@optusnet.com.au](mailto:nationalscoring@optusnet.com.au)) to determine an action plan.

Lindy J Rattigan  
Director of Scoring

# DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING

## SASUA EXECUTIVE 2008 - 09:

Director:	Neville Lawrance
Deputy Director:	Raelene Robinson
Secretary:	Raelene Robinson
Treasurer:	Toula Connolly
Chairman of Examiners:	John McAuliffe
Training Officer:	Dave Datson
Rostering Officer:	Dave Roberts
Adelaide Comp:	Dave Roberts

## ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

### **Australian Theory Exam Preparation Nights**

West Beach - Dave Roberts

Dave conducted 3 sessions with 20 umpires attending. This included several umpires from the Central Districts Association.

### **Preseason Basic Rules / Umpiring Clinic**

This was the third year that we have run a "GREEN SHIRT" program this time with continued assistance of SASI who provided the polo shirts, posters and support material. We had 9 people involved in the program at West Beach this year which was an increase on last season. There were also a number of expressions of interest from some of our affiliates, so we will be looking to greatly expand on this effort.

A pre-season clinic was also conducted for a group of identified umpires level 1-3 to provide more detailed instruction on theory and practical work. This was a very valuable opportunity for umpires to gain instruction on aspects of their game that would not be generally available on a Saturday afternoon. Thanks to David Datson and the group of senior umpires that he assembled to assist as instructors and demonstrators.

I also conducted a clinic for 27 people at the Hills Association. A lot of time was spent on the finer points of the pitching rule and its numerous requirements along with some basic rotation and positioning with general rules discussed. The introduction to the green shirt program was also run and we are looking forward to some advances in this area with a large number of young people looking to become involved in umpiring.

Dave Datson and I delivered a clinic for the Riverland Association. This was well attended with a lot of interest from a group that ranged from juniors through to seniors all of whom were able to learn some new and different aspects of umpiring. It is hoped that a green shirt program will develop in the near future.

I delivered 2 sessions for CDSA dealing with specific topics that the local umpires were keen to discuss and develop a better understanding of. Not the least of these were base work, plate work and various rule problems and lack of understanding of some of the more complex aspects of the rule book.

Kevin Tannebring was involved in the umpiring at the schools championship conducted at West Beach and was very impressed with a number of junior umpires. After discussion with myself arrangements were made to allow them to sit the Basic Umpires exam and level 1 umpire accreditation was awarded to the umpires involved.

With the increased demand for umpire clinics SASUA will be looking to include more senior umpires in the delivery of umpire clinics to our affiliate clubs and associations.

## ACCREDITATION ADVANCEMENTS

Some 21 umpire accreditations leading to advancements were undertaken this season, 13 more than last year with almost half from the affiliates. Umpires were accredited at State and National Championships as well as within local affiliates. I would like to highlight the fact that all level 1 umpire accreditations can occur within the local affiliate. I require a pass mark in the Australian or Basic papers as well as advice from the affiliate that an individual has been umpiring all season and is doing plates and bases. This is a means by which associations are able to recognize their umpires and the service they provide every week.



## STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS / TOURNAMENTS

Three major tournaments were conducted within the State starting with the Junior Labour Day Long Weekend Tournament. This year Dave Roberts was the UIC assisted by Dave Datson and Kevin Tannebring. Only 17 of the 24 teams provided umpires and this becomes an issue as it places undue pressures on our local umpires as well as depriving umpires the opportunity to travel or be a part of a team.

The following umpires are to be congratulated for their appointments to the Grand Finals:

U19	Plate, Tom Moore	1 <sup>st</sup> , Leah Schwartz	3 <sup>rd</sup> , Heather Bagshaw
U16 Cup	Plate, Kate Pristov	1 <sup>st</sup> , Laura McLennan	3 <sup>rd</sup> , Emilie Norman
U16 Plate	Plate, Tim Windsor	1 <sup>st</sup> , Kate Szczypiorski	3 <sup>rd</sup> , Dick Coombe
U14 Cup	Plate, Bec Pearson	1 <sup>st</sup> , Jake Harvey	
U14 Plate	Plate, Josh McGovern	1 <sup>st</sup> , Melissa Shinn	

In total there were 225 allocations made to 110 games with most full-time umpires doing at least 10 games, more than enough for a pre-season tournament. With a few more teams providing umpires this workload can be dramatically reduced.

Our Open State Championships UIC was Dave Roberts. We continue to struggle with team numbers. This is the only opportunity for players to represent their association and to see how they measure-up against the other associations within the State. More work needs to be done to encourage affiliates to send teams to give their players the opportunity to play and even learn from the experience.

Personal issues prevented me from spending more time than I did at the championships. I was able to see a number of games and I was very pleased with standard of umpiring in general. The umpires that attended would I'm sure have been able to take something back to their associations. This continues to be one of the best methods for umpires to learn and develop their umpiring skills with in many cases the only time that they get to run bases. This is also an excellent opportunity for our junior umpires to see some of our senior umpires working under real game situations.

The Junior State Championships were conducted at Port Pirie under UIC Kevin Tannebring. While it seemed that that there was a lot of confusion and uncertainty at times the tournament presented an opportunity for a lot of evaluation and will undoubtedly lead to a number of changes as well as a revision of some of the playing rules to instill greater certainty and understanding in the way future Championships are run.

The following table is an indication of the combined number of games, assessments and allocations that are covered at our State Championships.

Assessments:	2009	2008	2007	2006
Level 1 candidates	0	2	1	1
Level 2 candidates	2	3	0	0
Level 3 candidates	1	1	0	2
Total candidates	1	6	1	3
No Games	158	144	124	131
No Teams	48	43	26	28
No of 2 Umpire systems	114	86	91	92
No of Umps used	85	68	45	44
No used as examiners	6	7	4	7
Umpire appointments	363	367	136	289

## UMPIRES APPOINTED TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS and CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

This list includes all National Championship, there were no international appointments.

### UNDER 16 BOY

Damien McCauley      UIC

### UNDER 16 GIRLS

Neville Lawrance      Examiner  
Kevin Tannebring      Examiner  
Dave Roberts      Umpire      Plate  
Steve Wallace-Yarrow Candidate

**GILLEY'S SHIELD RD1**  
**GILLEY'S SHIELD RD2**  
**GILLEY'S SHIELD**  
**OPEN MEN**

David Datson  
David Datson  
Neville Lawrance  
Kevin Tannebring

Candidate  
Candidate  
Umpire  
Umpire

1<sup>st</sup> Base

**THEORY EXAMINATIONS**

**2009 Basic Paper**

The 2009 Basic exam paper is available to all Associations, Clubs and State Teams. It is an ideal means of assessing general rule knowledge for players and coaches. It is also available for umpires wishing to advance to level 2 or as a means of attaining a theory mark for level 1 umpire accreditation. If any groups would like the opportunity to sit the exam it can be made available on request. All affiliate associations will also have the opportunity to sit the paper late in November.

**2009 Australian Paper**

Some 46 umpires sat the National Umpires Exam, a small increase on last year and more still needs to be done to promote and encourage umpires to sit on a regular basis. This number was made up of 5 level 4 and above and 41 Level 0-3.

The 5 Level 4-8 umpires sat the exam in just 2 locations. This is a further reduction on past years and is a reflection of our declining numbers at the National level. A pleasing aspect is the fact that all umpires were able to obtain a mark to maintain or advance. While the marks for our level 0-3 umpires are still being collated I understand that most have been successful in obtaining a mark that will allow them to at least maintain their current level of accreditation.

A special mention should be made of the effort by Dave Roberts who led the 3 study sessions leading up to the exam and was able to obtain a 99% pass mark.

A comparison of the last 4 years:

Aust. Theory Exam	2009	Pas s	% Pass	2008	Pass	% Pass	2007	Pass	%Pass	2006	Pass	%Pass
L 4 - 8 umpires	5	5	100%	7	6	85.7%	8	5	62.5%	8	7	87.5%
L 0 - 3 umpires	41	n/a	n/a	37	36	97.3%	57	43	75.4%	57	43	75.4%
Totals	46	n/a	n/a	44	42	95.5%	65	48	73.8%	59	40	68.9%

**FINALLY**

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all my committee members for the work that they have done over the last 12 months essentially after my wife suffered a stroke and her continuing condition that has impacted on the time and effort that I was able to devote. I would not have been able to continue in the role had I not had their support and understanding. It is with great sadness that Raelene commences the retirement from her position of SASUA secretary, SASUA would like to wish her every success in whatever endeavors she undertakes in the future and we will miss her work and support.

Neville Lawrance

**SASA DIRECTOR OF UMPIRING**



David Roberts  
Umpire of the Year - McAuliffe Trophy



Mick Feller  
Director's Awards' - Lyle Tyler Trophy



Frank Mittiga  
Rookie Umpire - Marg Abbott Trophy

# AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION REPORTS



## MOUNT GAMBIER SOFTBALL LEAGUE INC

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Season 2008/2009 commenced with a new format.

Instead of the Opening of season, commencing on the Saturday afternoon, this season we held our Opening Ceremony on the Wednesday night under lights, with a game commencing between last season's grand finalist, Warriors and Demons.

Two special presentations were conducted on this evening, in front of our Life Members, special guests, members and players. A life membership was awarded to Don Aston, our Honorary Solicitor, who has supported us for well over 30 years, and a second life membership was awarded to Marisha Garrod a long serving player, executive member. Both Don and Marisha were very popular nominees.

Our season commenced successfully, with A grade again have the four teams.

October was a very good month for Mount Gambier, our Under 14's won the Championships in Adelaide followed by our Masters winning gold in Alice Springs, with Felicity Walker being named best player for the series and Catherine Stratman, hitting the most home runs for the series. A very good time was had by all!!!

Moving along further into the season, and Maggie Breen gained selection in the State U/16 to compete in Perth. Di Humphries was also honoured with the position of Manageress for the State U/16's.

Courtney Ashby represented SAPSASA State, Kelly Cawthorne, Meg Pfitzner were members of the SA Development KFC Team which participated in Canberra.

We held a pre season friendly against West Torrens, unfortunately the Victorian team scheduled to play withdrew at the last minute.

Unfortunately we once again did not attend the Championships in Adelaide. We must encourage our players to support this important State Function.

Darren Breen was appointed Groundsman and an excellent job he did!

We held a mixed softball carnival, which was extremely successful.

Our Presentation night again was well supported and below are listed the winners:-

### Seniors

Trophies	A Grade	B Grade	C Grade
Best and Fairest	Tanya Hood	Andi Pearce	Libby Altorfer
Runner Up B&F	Michelle Lewis	Karen Cawthorne	Summer Josephs
Runs Batted In	Steph Wighton and Fallan Milstead	Karen Cawthorne	Kelly Cawthorne
Batting Average	Tanya Hood	Andi Pearce	Sally Willsmore

### Juniors

Trophies	U/16	U/14	U/12
Best and Fairest	Maggie Breen and Elysha Collins	Maggie Breen	Amber Hood
Runner Up B&F	Meg Marlew	Libby Altorher	Imogen Pratt
Runs Batted In	Libby Altorher	Libby Altorher	N/A

Batting Average	Elysha Collins	Maggie Breen	Imogen Pratt
Most Promising	Meg Marlew Charity Sellic Talyssia Moretti Allan Jones	Libby Altorfer	Imogen Pratt

### **Special Presentations**

Kath Sims Perpetual Trophy (Best Player in Rep Team)	Maggie Breen
Marj Cooke Memorial (Awarded for special commitments to softball in Mt Gambier)	Pam Wesolowski

### **Our Grandfinal winners were:**

A Grade	Warriors
B Grade	Concordes
C Grade	Demons
U/16	Demons
U/14	Demons
U/12	Warriors

Our players, umpires and members are very supportive of our Association. We are very fortunate that we have a beautiful complex, well supported by our local Council.

Our Executive Members have worked hard for the League and their performance is to be commended. We are a relatively strong association financially sound and have very good support for all our Clubs.

I offer the SASA our support in all matters and thank them for their support to us.

Yours sincerely



Jeanette Elliott  
President  
17 June 2009

p.s.

Just as an acknowledgement, Warriors, who are coached by Tanya Hood, have won the last 10 Grandfinals. They are a very competitive team and very well coached by Tanya. Off the record, I believe they have only lost 2 grandfinals in the past 16 years.

# **Riverland Softball Association Inc**

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The Riverland Softball Association comprises of teams from Waikerie, Cobdogla, Gerard, Loxton, Lyrup and Renmark.

We lost a team from Lyrup this season which meant that we only had 3 teams in our A grade division. The games were played on Saturdays and Wednesday nights with the A grade playing a majority of games on the Wednesdays and at least 1 double header on a Saturday. This gave the A grade a total of 21 games for the season. Our Grand Finals were played in the evening and this proved to be very successful. It is likely we will continue to do this because of the heat that we experience during the summer.

The A grade consisted of teams from Cobdogla, Loxton and Renmark. B grade teams were Cobdogla Blue and Gold, Gerard, Loxton, Lyrup and Waikerie. C grade consisted of teams from Cobdogla, Loxton Renmark and Waikerie. The season was dominated by the Loxton Club and they were successful in taking out the A grade title. Gerard won the B grade final and Waikerie the C grade.

## **Life Members:**

Life Membership was awarded to 2 of our members this year for their commitment to our sport for a number of years. They were Alan Selfe and Denise Moldovan.

## **Senior and Junior Carnivals:**

Unfortunately we withdrew a team from the senior competition and only took a C grade team this year. It is hoped that we can rectify this for the 2010 Senior Championships.

Two teams went to Port Pirie for the juniors. The girls played well but injuries saw them struggle, however they learnt a lot by competing and we hope to continue to send teams each year. The boys only had 9 players for the entire competition and did very well. As a result there is a push from at least 1 Executive member to form a competition for these boys to play in and to encourage older males to play. This would strengthen our chances of sending boys' teams to the juniors and perhaps eventually being able to have a team compete in the seniors.

## **June Masters Carnival:**

This year's carnival had teams from Cobdogla Eagles, Gawler (2), Port Pirie, Riverland Rats and Sunraysia. We were very fortunate with the weather and had a successful competition. Games began at 9.30 and Saturday and Sunday finishing at approximately 3.30pm and 9.00 on Monday finishing at 1.00pm. The victors were Port Pirie who were undefeated with Gawler 1 second on percentage from Gawler 2 and Riverland Rats.

We intend to continue with this carnival on the June long weekend and invite any other Masters teams to join us.

Most of the players from Riverland Rats and Cobdogla Eagles are looking forward to Alice Springs in 2010 and are fundraising for this event. A few of the girls are going to Sydney this year with other teams and we wish them well.

We welcomed 2 new members to our executive and their contributions are appreciated. The hard working executive are:

President: Rae Kleinig  
Secretary: Denise Moldovan  
Treasurer: Joy Lowe (Joy also organized the canteen)  
Records Officer: Jo Gregory  
Junior Development Officer: Tegan Schwatzkopff  
Umpires Co-ordinator: Marianne Smith  
Carnival Co-ordinator: Karen Hammerstein

Our 2 grounds persons were Brad Monaghan and Steve Scott who did a good job on our diamonds - thank you.  
The AGM for the 2009/10 season will be held in August 2009

## **2009/10 Season:**

According to information received we can welcome Berri back into the A grade competition with many former players coming back to play. They are also hoping to develop a team for our junior (T-Ball) competition. Gerard have also indicated that they will field a C grade team this year. This should bolster the Association's numbers and hopefully result in the return of other former players as well as new players to our Association.

We are looking forward to another good season in 2009/10.

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following audited Financial Statements are presented by Jane Hunt, Honorary Treasurer:

Balance Sheet for the Season 2008/09  
Explanatory Schedules for 2008/09 statements