



SOFTBALL SA INC.

2015 – 2016

ANNUAL REPORT



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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On behalf of your Board, it gives me great pleasure to present to you, the 2016 Annual Report for Softball SA Inc. marking the 72nd year that organised Softball has been played in South Australia.

The 2015/16 season also marks our 57th season at the West Beach grounds, and is a significant milestone in our history as we officially welcomed our partner sport, Baseball, to the improved and expanded facilities at West Beach. Our relationship with Baseball goes back to the earliest years of both sports in South Australia, and the creation of the new Diamond Sports SA Inc. entity to operate the improved facility, now formalises that relationship and provides us with the opportunity to grow both sports under a unified banner, centred around our shared facility at Adelaide Shores.

Even in our first year of operation in the upgraded facility, we've already seen significant opportunities and possibilities emerge. This season, we hosted the Australian Masters Games and the Australian Open Men's National Championships. Both of these were an outstanding success, in terms of their operation, and in raising the profile of our sport. In particular, our Open Men's Team are to be congratulated on their outstanding successes in winning 3 games against Qld, ACT and Vic throughout the tournament, a sign that men's softball is making great progress in South Australia.

The newly built Diamond Sports Indoor Training Facility has also had a great deal of use in its first year, and was an important element in the delivery of the inaugural SA Dragons Academy program. This innovative development program aims to provide a pathway and support for junior athletes who aspire to compete at the elite level. The program was driven by Wess Frances, who, with the support of a number of coaches and staff, delivered an impressive program to help develop, not only our junior athletes, but coaching and umpiring staff as well. The Board acknowledges the success of this program, and congratulate all those involved in delivering the program. I'm sure that this program will be pivotal to our on-diamond success at National championships in years to come.

In terms of our National performances this year, we again managed to challenge the major states on the Diamond, with many upset wins over proven performers. Even though our final results were slightly below our goals the amount of talent coming through the ranks, and the programs we have in place, give us great hope for the upcoming year. An indication of the level of interest and passion for the sport in our state is the level of applications we are now generating for coaching, playing and staff positions for this year's state teams, and I congratulate, in advance, all those who receive the opportunity to represent South Australia in the 2016/17 season.

As a not-for-profit, member-based organisation, we aim to operate the business on a break-even basis over the long-term, whilst delivering the maximum value possible for our members. This year, through the efforts of our staff the business has achieved a very modest surplus of \$5,056, on the back of a slight decline of overall revenues of \$675,828. Unfortunately, whilst we aimed to grow our membership by 5% year on year, we were unable to repeat last year's membership growth of 6.1%, and our membership remained approximately unchanged this year. With the increased exposure of our sport through the media, the heightened community engagement through Diamond Sports, and our activities in the Sporting Schools Program and the work of Wess Frances, our club, I'm confident that in the year to come we will return to positive membership growth going forward. On behalf of the Board, I'd like to thank the staff team, led by James Harris, for another great year of delivering quality programs, and outstanding events, and look forward to more successes in the year to come.

An important part of our success comes from our ability to establish and maintain long-term and productive relationships with key partners. Softball SA have enjoyed a close relationship with the West Beach Trust, dating back to the 1959/60 season, and it's this long-term relationship with both Adelaide Shores and the Office of Recreation and Sport, that underlies much of our success in recent years. Along with our commercial partners, Bob Burns Blinds, Emmsee Sports, Bendigo Bank, Boost Juice and Easton, I wish to acknowledge the great support we've had from all of these organisations, and encourage you to support these businesses whenever you can.

Each year, we recognise and thank the vast number of volunteers who help operate and manage our sport, for the enjoyment of all, and on behalf of the Board, I'd like to genuinely acknowledge the efforts and contributions of the volunteers who help in all aspects of our sport across the state. This year, we were proud to announce the induction of Neville Lawrance (Umpire In Chief) into the ISF Hall of Fame, and it was a privilege to formalise his induction at this year's awards night by WBSC Softball Division 1st Vice President, Softball, Darryl Clout, and in the presence of fellow Hall of Fame inductees, John and Alan McAuliffe.

I'm also proud to acknowledge the support and tireless efforts of your volunteer Board members throughout the year. At the 2016 AGM, Brenton Moyle will be retiring by rotation, and has chosen not to re-nominate, however, he has volunteered to represent Softball SA on the Board of Diamond Sports SA Inc. On behalf of SSA, I'd like to thank Brenton for his contribution since joining the Board in June 2012, particularly in the areas of events, and financial management. This year, Andrea Besanko and Sue Tomlinson represented Softball SA on the Board of Diamond Sports SA Inc. and each for personal reasons during the year, decided to step down from those roles. On behalf of the SSA Board, and Softball SA in general, I express my deepest gratitude and thanks to both Andrea and Sue, for their significant work in the creation and establishment of the Diamond Sports SA entity. I am also pleased to advise that earlier in the year, SSA Board Director, Uby Faddoul volunteered to represent SSA on the Board of Diamond Sports SA Inc.

Looking forward, the year ahead holds much promise. The programs being delivered through our staff and volunteers are clearly driving interest and energy, both within our members, and in the broader community. Our upgraded facility will continue to allow us to deliver high-quality programs all year round and in partnership with Baseball SA, will allow us to leverage the commercial opportunities it presents. Our strategic plan will provide the guidance necessary, to ensure we move forward in an efficient and coordinated manner. The past few years have seen a lot of hard work, by many people across our organisation which I believe has already started to pay dividends in terms of opportunities and our performances on the diamond. I'm looking forward with eager anticipation to what the coming year holds, as we continue to move our sport forward for the benefit of all our members.

Steve Trzcinski
Chairman, Softball SA Inc.



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

This year, the 2015/16 season, was the first year of the newly developed Strategic Plan, aligned to Softball Australia, with a clear direction prioritising participation, association development and organisation sustainability.

Funding was sourced and generously provided by Softball Australia (SAL) and the Office for Recreation and Sport (ORS) for a couple of programs

SAL provided funding for Sporting Schools, Club Development and Indigenous Softball (ISP) while the ORS provided grant funding from the Sport and Rec Development and Inclusion Program (SRDIP). This support enabled us to provide staff to help drive these programs around the state.

Kelsey Knuckey helped to coordinate ISP opportunities, Sporting Schools and promoted a number of programs available from SAL and ORS. Kelsey worked from the office and also represented SSA at a few Come 'n' Try days.

Wess Frances was appointed as our Association Clubs Development Officer and had a number of obligations from the ORS to meet during the season to ensure we could reapply and continue the program in 2016/17. He embarked on a journey never before seen to provide face to face meetings with ALL affiliate associations, following up with secondary meetings, clinics and guidance.

Unfortunately, SAL does not have further funding to contribute and Kelsey's position will not continue in 2016/17. This means that clubs and association committees will need to help in their own local areas in programs such as Sporting Schools and coordinate their recruitment programs such as Social 7's, Softball Community Coach and Softball Batter Up. Fortunately, the ORS has tremendous belief in Softball SA and our ACDO program and have funded it for another year (with the potential for a third and final year, pending obligations being met, for 2017/18). You will see and hear from Wess often, I suggest you make the most of this program while it lasts.

As for Organisation Stability, the Softball SA Board of Directors has once again provided terrific leadership this year. Meetings with the SAL Board regarding future opportunities, further alignment with SAL and the whole of sport approach (Database, Insurance, Member Benefits, Strategic Priorities, etc.), ORS regarding good governance and regular networking providing opportunities for media exposure and government support in areas such as Women in Sport, facilities and events – more to come on this in 2016/17.

Membership was close to the same as last year however we missed our target for 5% growth. Association and Club level have a massive role to play to ensure we have membership growth; you now have everything at your fingertips to thrive in 2016/17.

On Field, our State Teams were all very competitive, a solid year of performances but no grand final appearances. The U17 Girls performed well to finish 3rd and although our lowest finishing team, the Open Mens broke through for their first wins (3) in 12 years. We have a growing number of National squad members with representation in all 4 squads/teams with players and officials being represented. We had four representatives at the U19 Women - 2015 ISF Junior Women's World Championship, Oklahoma USA; Janell Behrendt (Assistant Coach/Manager), Annie Fidge (Assistant Coach), Chelsea Robinson and Steph Trzcinski. In 2016/17 Belinda White, Vanessa Stokes and Lindy Rattigan will all travel to World Championships.

We also hosted a number of events this year that brought visitors from overseas and right around Australia: 20th October Tournament, 15th Australian Masters Games (once again, we were the largest sport of the games), for the first time Pacific School Games came to Adelaide (we had 4 divisions and SA took home medals in 3 including Gold in the 12U Girls), 60th Senior State Championship, Mt Gambier hosted the Junior State Championships and we hosted the John Reid Shield (Open Mens) for the first time since 2001, the Final was televised on ESPN (Foxtel).

Construction of Stage 1 of the facility upgrade was completed; once again, I would like to thank Adelaide Shores and the ORS during the project. There is more to come around the precinct and hopefully there will be some further good news regarding this soon.

With the completion of the new buildings, Baseball SA was able to relocate and we now share a new administration centre. This 'open plan' layout has created a sharing and productive environment for both sports with the capabilities of working side-by-side on a number of ideas and projects already in motion.

Special thanks and acknowledgements to all contributors behind what we try to achieve and that is to continue to keep our game great. There are many of you out there that deserve recognition and I want to thank you, especially the dedicated and committed association and club executive committees, your contribution to the sport is very much appreciated. Technical Coordinators – Coaching, High Performance, Scoring and Umpiring continue to provide their training and resources for their programs which is invaluable to this state. The State Teams Committee and State Team Officials, all give up so much valuable time and provide their passion and knowledge of the game to the future and current stars of the sport. Our key volunteers working in often thankless positions such as our Member Protection Officer and our grounds crew (for which we are always looking for more). The Board, led by Steve Trzcinski have had another great year, guiding, advising, providing and protecting Softball SA and finally to my team in the office (paid and volunteer), your work throughout the year has been phenomenal having to get through a year of change in work environment, increased expectations and still remaining upbeat and driving this great sport in SA.

Thanks again to you all, keep up the great work and I look forward to what 2016/17 will bring

James Harris
Executive Officer



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STRATEGIC PLAN 2015 - 2018

Purpose/Mission:

To grow softball; for all, for life, together.

Vision:

To be a thriving, innovative and inclusive sport for the South Australian Community.

Values:

We are inclusive, innovative, collaborative, professional and act with integrity.

Inclusive: we encourage participation and involvement by the entire community.

Innovation: we strive for new and creative ways to deliver value to the community

Collaborative: through effective engagement we will listen and respond to the needs of the community

Professionalism: we conduct ourselves in a professional manner and represent our products, partners and members to the highest level

Integrity: we will behave ethically and honestly in all our actions.

Strategic Priorities:

Softball South Australia will achieve its purpose and vision by focusing on the following strategic themes that are supported by Softball Australia (SAL) and SSA objectives and initiatives will support this.

1. Growing Participation: Focusing on products, promotion, participation marketing, communication, pathways, and events.

2. Developing Associations and Clubs: Focusing on the sustainability and health of local clubs/associations through building the capacity and management of our facilities and skills of volunteers.

3. Organisational Sustainability: Focusing on financial sustainability, people management, leadership and governance.

SOFTBALL PEOPLE

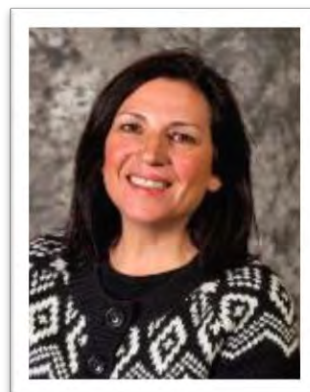
SOFTBALL SA DIRECTORS



**Steve Trzcinski
(Chairman)**



Janell Behrendt



Andie Collett



Uby Faddoul



Rick Kluge



Brenton Moyle



Simone Thompson





SOFTBALL SA MANAGEMENT TEAM

Executive Officer – James Harris
 Finance / Operations Officer – Sam Small
 Administration Coordinator – Tyson Roling
 National Programs – Kelsey Knuckey
 Association and Clubs Development Officer – Wess Frances
 Events Coordinator – Christalee Marrone

KEY VOLUNTEERS

State Coordinators –
 Umpiring – Neville Lawrance
 Scoring – Lindy Rattigan
 Coaching – Wess Frances
 High Performance – Annie Fidge
 State Teams – Jacqui Dunn
 Grounds – Robert Weaver and Graham O'Neill

MEMBERS PROFILE

Our membership represents a diverse range of people across a large demographic area. They make valuable contributions to Softball as players, coaches, officials, administrators and supporters. Currently we have 2412 playing and 62 non-playing which was a decrease from the previous year.

Registered playing members:

TOTAL SOFTBALL SA	Male	Female	
<u>Players</u>			
Seniors	169	1009	1178
Juniors	80	390	470
Sub - Juniors	170	385	555
Casual	12	13	25
<u>Officials</u>			
Coaches	43	29	72
Scorers	5	63	68
Umpires	29	15	44
Off Diamond	17	45	62
	520	1954	2474

SOFTBALL SA AFFILIATES**ADELAIDE CLUBS**

Glenelg Rebels
 Legends (Minor Club)
 Onkaparinga Saints
 Port Adelaide Magpies
 Seacombe Tigers
 Sturt Falcons
 Walkerville Cats
 West Torrens Eagles

ASSOCIATIONS

Broken Hill
 Central Districts
 Gawler & Districts
 Hills
 MFSA
 Mt Gambier
 NAMSA
 Port Pirie
 Riverland
 Sunraysia

MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION**LIFE MEMBERS:**

1950 Miss E Summers*
 1951 Miss J Irwin
 1958 Mrs K Correll
 1961 Miss K Sims*
 1962 Mrs O Radloff*
 1963 Miss M Parslow*
 1969 Mrs L Mildren
 1972 Mrs M Pollard*
 1975 Miss J Cahill

1975 Miss M Laing*
 1976 Miss Ry Adey OAM*
 1977 Miss N Whittingham
 1982 Mr L Tyler OAM
 1987 Mrs L Brown
 1989 Miss V Scarman*
 1993 Mr R Coombe
 2002 Mr A McAuliffe
 2003 Mrs L Birks

2005 Mrs J Williams
 2008 Mr K Sampson
 2009 Mrs R Robinson
 2009 Mrs H Baker
 2012 Mr N Lawrance
 2012 Ms L Rattigan
 2014 Mrs T Connolly

(*deceased)

HALL OF FAME:

Ms R Adey OAM*
 Ms J Cheesman
 Ms M Laing*
 Ms K Maloney
 Ms B Phillips
 Ms J Stevens
 Ms L White

Mrs B Bawden
 Mrs T Connolly
 Mr A McAuliffe
 Mrs D Mason
 Mrs M Pollard*
 Ms R Strapps
 Ms N Whittingham

Mrs L Brown
 Mrs J Dale
 Mr J McAuliffe
 Ms L Martin
 Mrs K Sims*
 Mrs S Tomlinson

(*deceased)



Sport Development Update

Club Health Check and HOMEPLATE Registrations

HOMEPLATE – 32

Club Health Checks – 51

Action Plans – 29

Sporting Schools

2015 Term 4

Requested Programs – 18

Delivered Programs – 9

2016 Term 1

Requested Programs – 14

Confirmed Programs – 4

2016 Term 2

Requested Programs – 15

Confirmed Programs – TBC

Social 7's

Number of Participants – 110

mySoftball Community

National Memberships currently in Database

2014/15 – 2,419

2015/16 – 2,433 (1,916 female, 517 male)

Association and Clubs Development

In the period July 2015 – June 2016 the following assessable outcomes were attained by the ACDO role.

- 30 new Club Health Checks/STARCLUB registrations out of a total of 51.
- 31 strategic plans created and operational, although further information on this will be presented later on.
- 9 new registrations to SAL's Homeplate website out of 16 total registrations.
- 5 Associations created local mission, vision and values to start process of setting future directions.

What were the main changes/improvements that were facilitated within clubs/associations?

Unfortunately there does not appear to have been a lot of significant change within our organisation from July of last year to June of this year.

Whilst 31 Associations and/or clubs have indicated that they are committed to their action plans one must have reservations around this number, especially given that when asked for such documents not one Association was forthcoming in presenting such strategic/operational plans for viewing.

After a number of face to face discussions with all regional Associations within SA, and whilst many have indicated that they feel junior development and growth is a key factor in the sustainability and future of their organisations many have done very little to enact a plan around improving participation rates for this group. Based upon this the ACDO made contact with local schools in each of the affiliated regions in an effort to offer and promote in-school softball clinics, as a method of promotion and recruitment for local Associations. At the time of this document there were 28 schools across our membership in regional/affiliated areas willing to have softball clinics at their site.

Additionally, discussions with parents within various Associations about the possibility of high school students, who are softball members, delivering and undertaking coordination of softball clinics in local primary schools as part of their senior school studies without compromising their ability to gain a Tertiary Admissions Rank has begun. Opportunity to implement this strategy is most likely to occur in the 2017 school year and beyond.

A major stumbling block seems to be most Associations' lack of willingness to change their current practices, even though it is identified that the sport of softball is not growing and/or in decline and has been for the past 20-30 years across most of SA and its registered Associations.

Our number of registrations to either STARCLUB/ASC Club Health Check and/or Homeplate indicate we are doing reasonably well when compared with other member States on a purely numerical value, but we are still a long way from having all clubs and Associations register and/or complete such online tools. It needs to also be understood that registering doesn't mean increased access or engagement in the tools and what they can provide to Associations and clubs.

A fairly good rapport has been developed with most of the Association executive committees over the past 12 months and the next 12 months will be critical in assisting the development of comprehensive and effective strategic plans that are to be actioned and actually followed.

The SSA website underwent some change, to include relevant links to a variety of tools for Club Development and Coaching and these changes were publicised to the Associations in an effort to make it easier for them to access the relevant websites by having the key/major online portals in one place.

What strategies did clubs and associations implement to grow participation? How effective were these strategies in achieving 5% growth in participation?

No discernible strategies have been identified as having a major impact on participation growth, especially given some Associations experiencing significant losses.

Gawler Association did conduct a junior development program in schools pre-14/15 which may have had an impact going into 15/16, however, transiency from CDSA who lost approximately 40 members and Gawler (nearby and less than 15km away) who grew by about 40 members may have been a factor in both Associations showing loss and growth respectively.

Broken Hill have shown significant growth over the past 2 years and this has been due to the influx of male participants and a fledgling men's competition that has been running for 2 seasons and has seen 5 men's teams emerge where none existed previously. A lack of local baseball may have helped this growth, however, a number of key personnel on the executive were active in gaining male participants through contacting local sporting clubs in the off-season.

Sturt Softball Club are still reaping the rewards of a sustained and comprehensive junior softball program/competition in local schools and such methods, whilst taking effort to get up and running would possibly have similar benefits across other regions/areas and is something that needs further investigation and action by all member affiliates.

A number of ideas and competition re-structure proposals have been presented to regional Affiliates, particularly around men's competitions and junior (U13 level and down) playing conditions/rule changes in an effort to make the competitions more engaging and equitable, but uptake and action has been negligible and not overly forthcoming.

Grant Applications and Successes

SSA is only aware of one organisation (Hills Softball Association) making an application for funding and they were successful in securing \$12000 for facility development of their main playing diamond, that will see their back net raised and the bench/dugout areas being extended.

Associations have been informed of the ACDO willingness to write grants on their behalf, but none have taken up the offer at this point in time. Information relating to grants has been distributed at semi-regular intervals to all Associations.

Broken Hill and Sunraysia Softball Associations have raised their concerns over not being able to access government funding (State) due to them holding Incorporation in the local State (NSW and Victoria respectively) and their membership to a SSO within another State, thereby meaning that NSW and Victorian Governments will not fund them as their affiliation is within another State and SA

Government will not fund them as their incorporation is held in another State. I am still looking into this scenario and trying to find a resolution for each of these SSA member affiliates.

Template Provision

Given that the Homeplate website has numerous templates already developed for use and modification by Associations/clubs only one template around Strategic Planning has been presented to each of the affiliated Associations, but to date it appears only one Association is utilising it, but how effective the use is can be questioned.

Targets for 2016/17 Season and Beyond

The following aspects of the ACDO role are major aspects that require targeting:

1. Developing an exit survey for members that have recently left our organisation to find information as to why they left and what they feel is needed to effect positive change.
2. Similar to above point, but survey for current members around perceptions of current organisation and relevant identifiers around governance, financial management, competition structures, strategic planning, etc.
3. Development of grant application templates/exemplars that Associations and clubs can utilise to submit applications with little or minimal effort in the writing process on their part.
4. Coordinating in-school clinics with assistance of local members as a form of promotion and junior development/participation strategies.
5. Physically develop, through consultation with local Associations, strategic plans for the next 3 years that are aligned to SAL and SSA key directions, with a focus on local needs.
6. Access training in mySoftball Community and Website design and set-up in order to assist local Affiliates when visiting.
7. Assist Associations/clubs in accessing member development opportunities (coaching, scoring, umpiring, and player).
8. Provide regular updates (monthly) about grant opportunities.
9. Provide more regular contact (monthly) and update Associations about SAL/SSA requirements and expected standards of member organisations.
10. Seek more information from Associations and clubs about changes and successes they have made that have had a positive impact to their organisation, in order to create more success stories for publication and sharing.
11. Continue conversations, at least yearly, with unaffiliated organisations about opportunities to affiliate and the benefits that SAL and SSA affiliation can provide.
12. Conduct of teacher Professional Development sessions in regional and metropolitan centres in an effort to increase skills/knowledge in softball of staff in school sites, in an effort to have the sport delivered regularly (each year).
13. Seeking contact details and the intentions for funds that are in inactive bank accounts from previous softball clubs/Associations.
14. Be pro-active in developing and working with local organisations in developing boy's/men's competitions across SA.

Association Clubs Development Officer Wess Frances

National Programs Report

The 2015-16 year brought a new position and a new school program, the Australian Sports Commission Sporting Schools Program, which replaced the Active After School Program. Along with this there was also Club Development and the Indigenous Program worked into the National Programs position. Bob Nicholson and I worked together throughout the year on all of these roles.

Sporting Schools was a major focus for us, trying to get clubs and associations involved and interested in doing clinics in schools. Overall we had 26 schools with around 2,700 students involved throughout the 2015-16 season with 29 accredited coaches available to run sessions in schools by the end of the financial year, which was an improvement on the 11 coaches we started with.

The APY Lands was visited by Kevin Tannebring throughout the year alongside the SANFL continuing with their competition along with some changes to their management. They introduced a board of management to run the football and the softball competition during their season, which is a great improvement for the Far North West Sports League.

Throughout the next financial year there are a couple of projects in the works including being a part of Port Adelaide Football Clubs Community Youth Program Wellbeing and Sports Expo, being held in November 2016. Along with the Port Adelaide Football Clubs expo Softball SA is also working with Baseball SA and the South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy (SAASTA) to run sessions throughout their sports academies across the state, with a carnival at West Beach at the end of the year with an exhibition game in front of an Adelaide Bite baseball game or an A grade softball game on the weekend of the carnival.

National Programs Coordinator
Kelsey Knuckey



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Event Reports

Softball SA held a variety of events in the 2015/2016 Season drawing in some great crowd number in the process. It was a busy year with some major highlights for teams and individuals. Starting the softball season off busy in October 2015 with October Labour Day Tournament and Australian Masters Games overlapping the same weekend.

Labour Day Tournament

October Labour day tournament was held for the 20th consecutive year. Two New Zealand boys' teams played in their second October tournament which entertained the crowd with their version of the haka. One major challenge that was faced was the introduction of the Sydney Blue Blaze tournament which saw a lot of the eastern states enter teams in that tournament as opposed to ours. This year we started advertising and marketing the tournament at a much earlier date which has already seen more team nominations.



Australian Masters Games

October the 3rd-10th Softball SA were responsible for hosting the 15th Australian Masters Games which was a major highlight for Softball season, with 58 teams, 759 participants, and drawing a large crowd. Softball remained the number one sport in Masters Games with the most participants. Working closely with Diamond Sports SA, Baseball SA and the ALH Group (food and bev.), we tried to create a very social atmosphere with bands, music and bars.



Pacific School Games

On the 22nd-28th of November 2015 we held the Pacific School Games which ran over 7 days. There were 25 teams with three International teams from India. This event is held every 2 years and we are fortunate enough to host this again in 2017. This is a great opportunity to host international teams and increase Softball as an international sport. A lot of the event was run by the PSG organisers and Softball SA was not responsible for much of the event. This was an issue as we did not make much profit for the sport held at our venue. On Field, the SA teams won Bronze in the 12U Boys division – this was the inaugural Boys SAPSASA State Team, Bronze in the 17U Girls and national selection from Georgia Hood and Jamie Mead, 17U Boys finished 6th (again in the inaugural SSSSA Boys State Team) but Ben Lucas was rewarded with national selection but the best result came from the 12U Girls who were joint winners! Great results all-round! Many thanks to Pam Marsden and Paula Nielsen for their support from the School Sport SA office. The PSG will be back in Adelaide in December 2017



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State Championships

January 28th -30th 2016 was the 60th Senior State Championships which was held over 2 and half days. There were 27 teams participating and NAMSAs took out the Men's A grade and Adelaide Blue won the Women's A grade. Steph Collett and Donnelly Archibald won their respective A Grade MVP awards. Following tradition the Emmsee Sportswear Home run Derby made its regular appearance which was held on the Saturday night and was a great spectacle for all the participants of the Championships. The winners of the Home Run Derby received packs donated by Emmsee Sportswear, Gab Martin from Hills won the women's derby and Josh Lands taking out the men's title. This year for Senior State we did a lot more promotion which included posters and flyers around the facility prior to the event; this was a great way to promote the Home Run Derby and even a kid's activity to keep the kids occupied. Mt Gambier Hosted the Junior State Championships for the second time in 3 years



John Reid Shield

The John Reid Shield Open Men's Nationals was held 29th February- 5th of March 2016. The major highlight of Nationals was South Australia winning their first games in 12 years. Not only did they win one game they came away with three wins. One of the 3 wins came against ACT who have won 9 of the last 11 Championships. Although SA did not make it to the finals, they played a great tournament and the Advertiser and other media outlets gave Softball SA some great exposure with this great performance. NSW defeated ACT in the championship round. Being the first championship NSW had won in since 1994. Participant numbers through the gate were better than we had planned. Thanks to Softball Australia, the Grand Final was televised on Foxtel/ESPN and is now available on YouTube



Awards Night

The final event for the 2015/16 season was the Softball SA Awards Night which was held 20th of March 2016. This year we had a change of venue, hosting the night at Titanium Security Arena. The event was a 2 course meal with alternate drop for main and a shared plate of mini desserts for everyone on the table to share. The evening ran smoothly and all awards were presented within a decent time frame. The major highlight of the night was Neville Lawrance's induction into the ISF Hall of Fame, presented by Darryl Clout. Neville joined John McAuliffe, Alan McAuliffe and Rosemary Adey OAM as the fourth South Australian to be inducted into the ISF Hall of Fame. Planning has already started for a few events looking for 2016/17. This coming year will see the following events:



- 21st Labour Day Tournament
- 61st Senior State Championship
- Junior State Championships (hosted by Port Pirie)
- Awards Night
- Softball Australia's new event, the Australia Cup (May 2017)

Events Coordinator
Christalee Marrone

EVENT RESULTS

20TH LABOUR DAY JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

U₁₇ GIRLS

PREMIERS: Torrens Valley (7)

RUNNER UP: Glenelg (0)

U₁₅ GIRLS

PREMIERS: Sturt Navy (16)

RUNNER UP: Sturt Blue (0)

U₁₃ GIRLS

PREMIERS: Port Adelaide (7)

RUNNER UP: Hills (6)

SENIOR COLTS BOYS

PREMIERS: New Zealand Black

RUNNER UP: New Zealand White

18th JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

(HOSTED BY MT GAMBIER)

UNDER 17 GIRLS

PREMIERS: Hills (2)

RUNNER UP: Mt Gambier (1)

UNDER 15 GIRLS CUP

PREMIERS: Walkerville (9)

RUNNER UP: Hills (8)

UNDER 15 GIRLS PLATE

PREMIERS: Sturt Navy (8)

RUNNER UP: Glenelg (7)

UNDER 13 GIRLS CUP

PREMIERS: Sturt (6)

RUNNER UP: Port Adelaide (1)

UNDER 13 GIRLS CONSOLATION

PREMIERS: Sunraysia (20)

RUNNER UP: Glenelg (8)



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60th SENIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**A GRADE WOMEN**

PREMIERS: Adelaide Blue (18)
RUNNERS UP: Adelaide White (3)

A GRADE MEN

PREMIERS: NAMSAs (1)
RUNNERS UP: Hills (0)

B GRADE WOMEN

PREMIERS: Port Pirie (8)
RUNNERS UP: CDSA (2)

B GRADE MEN

PREMIERS: NAMSAs (6)
RUNNERS UP: Hills (3)

C GRADE WOMEN

PREMIERS: Sunraysia (4)
RUNNERS UP: Adelaide (3)

D GRADE WOMEN

PREMIERS: Sunraysia (7)
RUNNERS UP: GDSA (2)

MASTERS

PREMIERS: Riverland (15)
RUNNERS UP: Hills (3)

HOME RUN DERBY WINNERS

Men: Josh Lands (NAMSAs)
Women: Gab Martin (Hills)

2016 WOMEN'S TEAM OF THE YEAR

Coach – Jordan Lambert (Adelaide Blue)
Pitcher – Melanie Leinert (CDSA)
Pitcher – Tahlia Larosa (Hills)
Catcher – Gab Martin (Hills)
1st Base – Kimberleigh Copperstone (CDSA)
2nd Base – Hannah Thoo (Adelaide Blue)
3rd Base – Jamie Mead (Adelaide White)
Shortstop – Steph Collett (Adelaide White)
Leftfield – Jenny Dunn (Adelaide Blue)
Centrefield – Jordan Lambert (Adelaide Blue)
Rightfield – Monica Perry (Adelaide Blue)
Utility – Bel White (Adelaide Blue)
Utility – Jenny Quinlan (CDSA)

2016 MEN'S TEAM OF THE YEAR

Coach – Bodie Williams (NAMSAs)
Pitcher – Donnelly Archibald (NAMSAs)
Pitcher – Dan Waters (Hills)
Catcher – James Harris (MFSA)
1st Base – Jarryd Farrell (Hills)
2nd Base – Roy Williamson (MFSA)
3rd Base – Mark Peressin (Hills)
Shortstop – Ben Lucas (Hills)
Leftfield – Jim Hailstone (Hills)
Centrefield – Damien Boxer (NAMSAs B)
Rightfield – Sheldon Hall (Broken Hill)
Utility – Josh Lands (NAMSAs)
Utility – Mark Cramp (MFSA)

Kath Sims Award – Steph Collett (Adelaide White)

MVP Donnelly Archibald (NAMSAs)





RIVERLAND MASTERS SOFTBALL CARNIVAL

The June Long Weekend saw Riverland Softball Association hold their annual Masters Softball Carnival. Ten teams registered for the carnival, with three teams being local to the Riverland. The carnival kicked off Friday night with the 3 local teams playing each other. It was an early start Saturday with first games starting at 8:30am, with the majority of teams playing 4 games for the day. This year saw some fantastic games of softball. They might be Masters, and a high percentage being grandmas, but they showed off some mad skills and proved they have a lot of playing left in them. Sunday morning started off with the third first game novelty round. The novelty round started three years ago with Centrals and Rats joking around Saturday night that they should play in their PJ's, so they did. It has now become a very popular tradition of dressing up for the first game on Sunday morning.

The winning team this year was Hills in their M & M shirts. We also saw a team of dominoes and the Yorkers gorgeous in pink in support of a couple of members having breast cancer. The final game Sunday was the big one for the weekend being between the 2 undefeated teams, the Magpies and U S C; a very close exciting game, with U S C taking the game by one at their last bat. With Port Pirie forfeiting their last game to the Magpies, put a damper on the Magpies chances of the medal. U S C defeated last year's winners Hills, to be undefeated all weekend and take home the shield. It was a fantastic weekend, with a number of huge four baggers, plenty of K2s, some awesome catches and brilliant plays. These amazing ladies proved to be legends of their game, and show not only the serious side of softball, but the fun side as well.

FINAL STANDINGS

Team	Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	For	Against	%	Points
U S C	9	9	0	0	64	17	376.47	27
Magpies	9	8	1	0	92	29	317.24	25
Pt Pirie	9	7	2	0	69	22	313.64	22
Hills	9	5	3	1	78	42	185.71	20
Gawler	9	5	4	0	55	68	80.88	19
Cobdogla	9	4	4	1	68	71	95.77	18
Yorkers	9	3	6	0	45	86	52.33	15
Pt Lincoln	9	2	7	0	50	83	60.24	13
Rats	9	1	8	0	42	81	51.85	11
Loxton	9	0	9	0	36	93	38.71	9



ADELAIDE COMPETITION

A GRADE WOMEN

PREMIERS: Sturt
 RUNNERS UP: West Torrens
 GF MVP: Jasmine Lee
 B&F: Chelsea Cohen

B GRADE WOMAN

PREMIERS: Walkerville
 RUNNERS UP: Hills
 B&F: Kerrie Harriden (Seacombe)

C GRADE WOMEN

PREMIERS: Sturt
 RUNNERS UP: Walkerville
 B&F: Julie Briggs (Southern Districts)

D GRADE WOMEN DIV 1

PREMIERS: Walkerville Blue
 RUNNERS UP: Seacombe
 B&F: Marianne Floyd (Walkerville)

D GRADE WOMEN DIV 2

PREMIERS: Port Adelaide
 RUNNERS UP: West Torrens

UNDER 17

PREMIERS: Seacombe/Hills
 RUNNERS UP: West Torrens

UNDER 15 DIVISION 1

PREMIERS: Sturt
 RUNNERS UP: Glenelg

UNDER 15 DIVISION 2

PREMIERS: Port Adelaide Black
 RUNNERS UP: Sturt

UNDER 13 DIVISION 1

PREMIERS: Seacombe

UNDER 13 DIVISION 2

PREMIERS: Sturt Falcons
 RUNNERS UP: Port Black
 RUNNERS UP: Walkerville

POSITION	NAME	CLUB
Pitcher	Monica Perry	Sturt
Reserve Pitcher	Chelsea Cohen	Walkerville
Catcher	Belinda White	Sturt
1st Base	Mel McGie	West Torrens
2nd Base	Emma Burrridge	West Torrens
3rd Base	Jasmine Lee	Sturt
Short Stop	Jordan Lambert	West Torrens
Outfield	Ada Brincat-Tree	Sturt
Outfield	Jess Maslin	Seacombe
Outfield	Jenny Dunn	Seacombe
Utility player	Maddie Cameron	Sturt
Utility Player	Sophie Hoyle	Glenelg
Coach	Dick Coombe	Sturt

TEAM OF THE YEAR



THE SEASON THAT WAS

In a roller-coaster season of A grade softball, the end result is the same as last year, Sturt Falcons and West Torrens Eagles will meet in the grand final, although by completely different routes to the 2015 premiership-decider.

The Falcons started the season without Monica Perry and struggled, including losing to Seacombe 12-5 and Glenelg 7-0 to look likely to battle it out with the lower teams in the chase for a top four berth.

Seacombe was an early-season pace-setter, especially on Saturdays when sisters Georgia (pitcher) and Amber (catcher) Hood travelled from Mount Gambier to form the Tigers battery.

Although struggling in the cellar all season, Glenelg had its moments, including the memorable win over Sturt, where pitcher Sasha Penglase completed a no-hitter.

Port Adelaide rode on the pitching of Courtney Auger, who, after not in the circle for round one, pitched every game the rest of the way, including toppling Walkerville and its star pitcher Chelsea Cohen for the first time.

With Laura Bond rarely pitching in the first half of the season, the Eagles struggled, falling to four-wins, seven-losses after going down 4-3 to Seacombe, then five-nine a few weeks later to cast doubt on their finals chances – but rebounded to be one of the best performed teams in the second half.

Perhaps one of West Torrens most memorable performances came in one inning, when it beat Port Adelaide 16-0, scoring an incredible 13-second frame runs – 12 with two out!

Cohen, who pitched a perfect game in America for her college team, almost repeated the trick in the opening round of the season against Glenelg, when she had Rebels three-up and three down through the first six frames, but gave up a seventh-inning lead-off hit to Jamie Mead.

A week later Cohen pitched another one-hitter, in a 17-1 victory over Seacombe, the only hit a home run to the Tigers Amy Mowle. She eventually got her no-hitter the next time the Cats played Glenelg, in an 11-0 win – as well as her first home run in SA.

Sturt started to get back into the premiership race on Monica Perry's return in late November, in a 7-0 win over Seacombe, where she pitched a two-hitter for eight K2s in five innings.

A week later Perry was expected to face Cohen when the Falcons took on Walkerville but the Cats pitched Sally Colquist, who held Sturt to just two runs – Perry walked the first batter of the game then was perfect the rest of the way, in extra innings.

Over her first five games back with the Falcons, Perry pitched 46 innings for just five hits and 46 strikeouts, a pace she dropped off of slightly, while dominating the rest of the season.

In the first week of the finals last Saturday, Sturt triumphed 4-0 over Walkerville to earn direct entry into the grand final, while West Torrens held on for an exciting 3-2 victory over Port Adelaide, then on Wednesday night, the Eagles triumphed 4-1 over Walkerville to claim the second spot in the premiership decider.

SOFTBALL – HIGH FLYING FALCONS

By Robert Laidlaw

Sturt Falcons completed a hat-trick of A grade softball premierships with a 5-0 victory over West Torrens Eagles at Diamond Sports, West Beach on Saturday night, in the 2015-16 grand final.... With Monica Perry on fire from the circle, the Falcons virtually put their seal on the premiership with two runs in the first inning, when Sarah Tonkin's hit was misplayed, allowing two runs in. Other than that "blip", Laura Bond continued her fine pitching of recent weeks through to the fourth inning for West Torrens, as victory remained on the radar for the Eagles.

Torrens did threaten to score in the second frame, when Carly Allen doubled, but was put out at a close play at home plate, when Sturt catcher Bel White held on to the ball and put her body "on the line".

If there was any doubt about Sturt claiming a record 16th title, it was dispelled in the fourth inning, as Ada Brincat Tree doubled home a run and Jasmine Lee batted another two insurance runs in with a single, for a 5-0 lead.

Perry went the seven innings, conceding just two hits and a walk for nine K2s, while Lee claimed the prize as best player in the grand final, with two safe hits and three assists at third base.

For the Eagles, Laura Bond pitched five innings for four hits, three walks and two K2s. Courtney May came into the circle in the bottom of the sixth for Torrens.

Before the grand final, three clubs had won 15 flags each, including the Eagles and Falcons, with Rebels/Glenelg. Sturt broke the three-way tie with the victory.

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RESULT

West Torrens 0 0 0 0 0 0 – 0

Sturt 2 0 0 3 0 0 x – 5

Hits: Sturt – Brincat-Tree 2, Lee 2, Cameron; WT – Lambert, Allen.

WP: M. Perry; LP: L. Bond



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AFFILIATE ASSOCIATIONS

CDSA

DIVISION 1

PREMIERS: USC
GF MVP: Mel Leinert (USC)
B&F: Jennifer Quinlan
R/UP B&F: Mel Leinert, Hayley Mayer
& Chantelle Humphries

DIVISION 2

PREMIERS: Valley View
GF MVP: Kathryn Norris (Valley View)
B&F: Bronwyn Lloyd-Jones
R/UP B&F: Marinet Morgan & Michelle Reid

DIVISION 3

PREMIERS: Valley View
GF MVP: Veronica Geesing
B&F: Renice Reeves
R/UP B&F: Veronica Geesing

DIVISION 4

PREMIERS: Falcons
GF MVP: Dee McDonagh (Falcons)
B&F: Erzsebet Weeden
R/UP B&F: Dee McDonagh & Julie Paley

U16

PREMIERS: Valley View
GF MVP: Dehya Smith (Valley View)
B&F: Kelsea Barker
R/UP B&F: Dehya Smith

U13

PREMIERS: Road Runners White
GF MVP: Jemma Larkin (Road Runners)

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Sharon Perkins
Catherine Gregory
Judith Lukas

CDSA ASSOCIATION PERSON OF THE YEAR:

Kym & Dee McDonagh
Judith Lukas

CDSA PLAYER OF THE YEAR:

Renice Reeves

IRENE RYLES UMPIRE AWARD (SENIOR UMPIRE):

Trevor Pendleton & Kay Anagba

JUNIOR UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Emma Price

COUNTRY TEAM OF THE YEAR

Jennifer Quinlan, Kim Copperstone &
Mel Leinert



MFSA

In the inaugural year of the MFSA in 2010, Raiders came from 4th to win; followed by the 3 year domination by the Glenelg Rebels, before the change of format saw all players put into a Draft, and a new structure begun.

In the **6th season of the condensed competition – the Men's Fastpitch League**, we saw Tigers and Rays bow out of Finals contention, which left **Bandits** to take on reigning Premiers **Sharks** in a thriller of a Grand Final.

The game was electric – and was played in front on a good crowd of over 100 people.

2013/14 Premiership Pitcher and Canadian star Donnelly Archibald (clocked at 122km/h) headed up the Bandits against Australian Men's Squad pitcher Jarryd Farrell (clocked at 126km/h) for the Sharks, looking for back to back Premierships.

The game was tied 1-1 going into the bottom of the 7th, with two outs, and Men's veteran player - Wess Frances smashed a long Home Run, deep over centrefield to score 2 runs, and clinch the game from reigning Premiers Sharks.

AWARDS:

PREMIERS: Bandits

RUNNERS UP: Sharks

Grand Final: Bandits def Sharks (3-1)

GF MVP: Wess Frances (Bandits)

B&F: Donnelly Archibald (Bandits)

R/UP B&F: Jack O'Loughlin (Sharks)



MOUNT GAMBIER SOFTBALL LEAGUE

A GRADE

PREMIERS: Demons (9)

RUNNERS UP: Concordes Whie (5)

MVP: Sarah Nieuwenhausen

A GRADE BATTING AVERAGE:

Billie Jones - .591

A GRADE BATTING AVERAGE R/UP:

Karen Cawthorne - .484

A GRADE RBI'S:

Billie Jones – 26

A GRADE RBI'S R/UP:

Cathy Whiting - 25

A GRADE BEST & FAIREST:

Billie Jones – 19 votes

A GRADE R/UP BEST AND FAIREST:

Cathy Whiting – 17 votes

MOST PROMISING JUNIOR PLAYER:

Imogen Walker

KATH SIMS MEMORIAL (BEST PLAYER IN CHAMPIONSHIPS) Georgia Hood

MARJ COOKE MEMORIAL (MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION)

Sonia Wilson

NAMSA

PREMIERS: Hillbillies (5)

RUNNERS UP: Demons (1)

GF MVP: Bill Colins

SENIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

A GRADE MVP: Maclaine Lowe

B GRADE MVP: Keith Fulton

B&F: Jack O'Loughlin

R/UP B&F: Donnelly Archibald. Jarryd

Farrell JUNIOR RISING STAR

& Josh Lands

(Phantoms)

Tyrone Thompson

TEAM OF THE YEAR

POSITION	NAME
Pitcher	Donnelly Archibald
Pitcher	Jarryd Farrell
Catcher	Bodie Williams
1st Base	Dennis Williamson
2nd Base	Jack O'Loughlin
3rd Base	James Harris
Short Stop	Leighton Mells
Outfield	Daniel Adamson
Outfield	Corey Hirschausen

Outfield	Jake Rodda
Utility	Wess Frances
Utility	Nathan Humphrys
Coach	Ray O'Loughlin



RIVERLAND**A GRADE****PREMIERS:** Cobdogla**B&F:** Jo Gregory (Cobdogla) & Cara Venning (Loxton)**R/UP B&F:** Long Doan (Renmark)**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:** Cindy Quach (Renmark)**RISING STAR:** Taylah Watkins (Loxton)**B GRADE****PREMIERS:** Lyrup**B&F:** Julie Cook (Cobdogla)**R/UP B&F:** Cheri Healy (Lyrup)**C GRADE****PREMIERS:** Waikerie**B&F:** Adam Weir (Waikerie)**R/UP B&F:** Jack Ellis (Renmark)**TEAM OF THE YEAR**

POSITION	NAME	CLUB
Pitcher	Jo Gregory	Cobdogla
Catcher	Haylee Symens	Loxton
1st Base	Colleen Smith	Cobdogla
2nd Base	Patty Carney	Loxton
3rd Base	Jodie Sullivan	Cobdogla
Short Stop	Emma Nykiel	Loxton
Left Field	Kelly Chamberlain	Cobdogla
Centre Field	Long Doan	Renmark
Right Field	Jesse Passmore	Cobdogla
Utility player	Cara Venning	Loxton
Utility Player	Chloe Passmore	Cobdogla
Utility Player	Bron Smith	Cobdogla
Utility Player	Anj McCann	Renmark



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HILLS**A GRADE WOMEN**

PREMIERS: Torrens Valley
 RUNNERS UP: Hahndorf
 MVP: Kel O'Brien
 R/UP MVP: Tahlia Larosa + Kylie Gray
 PLAYER OF THE GF: Maddi Scott

B GRADE WOMEN

PREMIERS: Hahndorf
 RUNNERS UP: Bridgewater
 MVP: Kerryn Liebelt
 R/UP MVP: Lisa Ballard

CITY B GRADE WOMEN

COACHES AWARD: Cherie Bamford
 MVP: Michelle Davis

C GRADE WOMEN

PREMIERS: Macclesfield
 RUNNERS UP: Redsox
 MVP: Amy Wouters
 R/UP MVP: Glenys Megson

DIVISION 1 MEN

PREMIERS: Redsox
 RUNNERS UP: Hahndorf
 MVP: Jarryd Farrell
 R/UP MVP: Jack O'Loughlin
 PLAYER OF THE GF: Ryan Matschoss

DIVISION 2 MEN

PREMIERS: Echunga
 RUNNERS UP: Pirates
 MVP: Peter Fairley (Hahndorf)
 R/UP MVP: Mitch Butler

U13 MIXED

PREMIERS: Torrens Valley
 RUNNERS UP: Echunga

U15 MIXED

PREMIERS: Torrens Valley
 RUNNERS UP: Redsox

Division 1 Women Team of the Year 2015/2016

Pitcher – Emily Hopkins
Catcher – Gab Martin
First – Kel O'Brien
Second – Jess Hall
Third – Britt Jackson
Short Stop – Michelle Davis
Left – Nicole Wagener
Centre – Naomi Clark
Right – Brittany Cavouto
Utility – Tahlia Larosa
Utility – Kushla Brewster
Scorer – Judy Smith
Coach – Mandy Hopkins

Division 1 Men Team of the Year 2015/2016

Pitcher – Jarryd Farrell
Catcher – Brad Pearce
First – Martin Young
Second – Nick Green
Third – Dale Martin
Short Stop – Jo Fabian
Left – Aaron Golder
Centre – Troy Granger
Right – Luke Moyle
Utility – Daniel Waters
Utility – James Green
Scorer – Rose Mattingly
Coach – Jarryd Farrell



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Umpire – Emily Eglitis

Umpire – Jo Fabian

SUNRAYSIA

A GRADE

PREMIERS: Bears (10)
 RUNNER UP: Magpies (0)
 MVP: Breanna Wade (Bears)

B GRADE

PREMIERS: Bears 2 (9)
 RUNNER UP: Magpies (4)
 MVP: Sue Carroll

U₁₅

PREMIERS: Eagles (12)
 RUNNER UP: Bears (11)
 MVP: Margaret McDonald

PORT PIRIE

A₁ WOMEN

PREMIERS: Solly Cats
 B&F: Tamisha Caddy (Checkmates)

A₂ WOMEN

PREMIERS: Solly Cats
 B&F: Kerry-Ann Stirling (Cougars)

A₃ WOMEN

PREMIERS: Solly Cats
 B&F: Corina Neilson (Solly Cats)

U₁₇ GIRLS

PREMIERS: Cougars
 B&F: Mary-Elise Fuchs (Checkmates)

U₁₃ GIRLS

NAME	CLUB
Phillipa Woolford	Solly Cats
Sonia Manfield	Solly Cats

PREMIERS: Cougars
 B&F: Halle Adams (Cougars)

TEAM OF THE YEAR

2016



A Grade B&F Tamisha Caddy

Sam Burt	Solly Cats
Callie Siwak	Solly Cats
Emily Axon	Solly Cats
Justina Adams	Cougars
Mell Gonsalves	Cougars
Tamisha Caddy	Checkmates
Chloey Hoare	Tigers
Paula Peters	Tigers
Shikari Warren	Tigers
Mikayla Cox	Tigers

Head Coach, Kere Johanson

HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

OPEN WOMENS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Gilley's Shield, January, Blacktown, NSW

WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN part 1

By Robert Laidlaw

Both South Australia's open teams, the Starz, with the best women from the Adelaide competition, and the men had good showings in their respective tournaments – but fell short.

In a rain-interrupted women's competition for the Gilley's Shield, the Starz recovered from three "idle" days to pull off one of the biggest upsets in its history, with an extra-innings 2-1 victory over NSW, to have an opportunity to make the top four.

Trailing 1-0 going into the final inning, singles to Madeline Cameron and pinch-hitter Jess Maslin gave SA a chance, with Chelsea Robinson collecting a RBI hit to force extra innings.

Jasmine Lee started on second base in the top of the eighth, and was bunted to third by Ada Brincat-Tree, before scoring on Jenny Dunn's sacrifice fly to centrefield for the Starz to take a 2-1 lead.

NSW had one more chance in the bottom of the eighth, with a runner starting on second base and bunted to third, before SA pitcher Monica Perry caught the next batting looking for a strikeout, then the final out was a pop-up to short stop Chelsea Robinson.

Perry pitched eight innings for two hits, one walk and eight strikeouts to claim the win.

Then on the final day before the finals, the Starz had three games, with two wins needed to make the play-offs and three to claim the double chance.

A 4-2 victory over Victoria was followed by a 3-0 win against Western Australia, but then the Starz fell 3-0 to ACT, the team it was to play in the knock-out first semi.

The Starz took a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning on RBI hits from Belinda White and Madeline Cameron in the semi, while Perry was pitching a solid game.

With two triples and a pair of SA errors, ACT scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth frame and then

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seventh and final inning, for a disappointing end to a tournament of promise.



OPEN MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**John Reid Shield, March, West Beach, SA****Head Coach, Wess Frances****WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN part 2**

By Robert Laidlaw

As for the men, playing at Diamond Sports, West Beach, while the SA team finished 6th, the side not only won its first game at this level in over a decade, it won three games, including two on the same day.

Against Victoria, James Harris belted a two-run first inning home run and two frames later, Donnelly Archibald tripled off the fence and scored on Jarryd Farrell's double, who then came home on Dan Adamson's single to make it 4-0, in what turned out to be a 5-4 victory.

Backing up a few hours later, SA beat Queensland 3-1, after trailing 1-0 early. All the local men's runs scored in the third frame, on Farrell's RBI double, Maclaine Lowes' run-scoring hit and Bodie Williams error-forcing shot, which scored the final run.

Farrell was a machine from the circle, pitching all 14 innings over the two games, for just six hits and 25 K2s.

Two days later, SA caused a major upset by beating reigning champions ACT 4-3 in nine innings.

Maclaine Lowe hit a RBI double to tie the game 3-3 after ACT scored in the top of the ninth, followed by Joel Cooley's walk-off game winning hit, after pitching the complete game for 12 K2s.

Unfortunately a 5-1 loss to Queensland in the play-off for fifth spot left SA again sitting in the basement – but not without its most credible performance in over 12 years.



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U19 WOMENS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**Elinor McKenzie Shield January, Redlands, QLD****Head Coach, Lesley Claxton**

The team finished 4th after the minor rounds and stayed 4th at the completion of the Nationals. Overall I was pleased with the team performance with the way they bounced back from a not so good start at the beginning of the Championships. This is where more match practice would be beneficial to the team prior to going away so they are used to performing under pressure.

The senior / experienced players showed great character and support to their team mates and the coaching staff and never gave up. Both on and off the field they showed courage, determination and support for each other.

Although it was disappointing to finish 4th overall, the players showed that they learnt a lot and are more determined to improve SA's standing at next year's Nationals.

It was a great result to see Amber Hood selected as the catcher in the All-Tournament Team along with the selections of Haley, Amber, Tash and Jamie in the Australian U19 Womens Squad.

**U19 MENS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP****Nox Bailey Shield, January, Blacktown, NSW**

Ben Lucas (ACT)

U17 BOYS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**Arthur Allsopp Shield, January, Mirrabooka, WA**

Harry May and Josh Goodman (WA)

U17 GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**Esther Deason Shield, January, Blacktown, NSW****Head Coach, Tanya Hood**

New coach, Tanya Hood did a great job with the U17 Girls and showed amazing commitment to drive from Mt Gambier and back, every weekend for training, to coach the team. The team only had 4 players in the top age bracket, meaning this team had a two year plan but they were still out to make an impression on the competition with a championship not out of the question.

Day 1 on Sunday started with a double header and the first game was against the highly fancied QLD. The SA girls fought hard throughout in the tightest of clashes and went through 7 innings at nil all. On to the tie-breaker 8th inning and SA scored 2 runs but in a heartbreaking defensive inning, QLD scored 3 to win the game. Game 2 was against ACT, both teams managing to put runs on the board and after 6 innings we held a slender lead 5-4. In the 7th, the SA bats really came to life and managed to score 9 runs to ACT's 1 running away with a 14-5 victory.

That was the last the girls saw of the diamonds until Friday due to heavy rain, there was talk of playing around the clock to make up time but instead, the draw was reduced to one round and that meant three games that day. Our girls out hit and out played Western Australia 10 hits to 3 but somehow they managed to hold on to a 2 all ballgame after regulation time, each team scoring a run in the 8th and neither scored in the 9th taking the game in to a third tie-breaker inning. SA managed to break the deadlock and won 5-4. Immediately after that game finished, the girls faced NSW, the runs flowed but unfortunately in NSW favour and they won in 4 innings 3-13. The girls had to back it up, one more time, against Victoria with a finals berth at stake, the lead changed four times throughout the first 5 innings, SA scored again in the 7th with an insurance run and secured 3rd spot after the minor round

In the elimination final, we faced off against Victoria again. After 3 runs in the first inning, we held on to an advantage the remainder of the game only to let the Vics back in with a chance where they scored 3 runs to tie the game... That took us to another tie-breaker. Cool heads prevailed and SA won the game 7-6. For a chance to play NSW (who went straight through), we had to face QLD. Runs leaked in each of the first 4 innings and that was enough for QLD to win, SA fought gallantly but fell short, going down 5-0. A terrific effort for this young team that has enormous potential to take the next step under Tanya in 2017

Congratulations to Emily Hopkins for her selection in the All-Tournament team at 1st Base and to Georgia Hood for her selection in the All-Tournament team as DP. Georgia also won the Batting Award and became the first South Australian to win that award in the history of this age group. She would later be named in the 2016 U19 Womens Australian Squad.



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U15 GIRLS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Esther Deason Shield, January, Redlands, QLD

U15 Girls Development Blue

Head Coach Deb Kennedy



U15 Girls Development Red

Head Coach, Dick Coombe



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2016 STATE PLAYERS*Open Women- Starz**4 – 10 January, Mirrabooka WA*

Carly Allen	Ada Brincat-Tree
Maddie Cameron	Jenny Dunn
Lana Kaesler	Kelsey Knuckey
Jordan Lambert	Jasmine Lee
Jessica Maslin	Monica Perry
Chelsea Robinson	Vanessa Stokes
Sarah Tonkin	Steph Trzcinski
Belinda White	

*MVP: Monica Perry**Officials*

Kere Johanson	Head Coach
Martin Young	(Asst. Coach)
Karyn Dale	(Asst. Coach)
Jacqui Dunn	(Manager + Scorer)

*Open Men**3 – 7 March, Brisbane Qld*

Daniel Adamson	Donnelly Archibald
Joel Cooley	Jarryd Farrell
Evan Ferguson	Troy Granger
Sheldon Hall	James Harris
Maclaine Lowe (NSW)	Ben Lucas
Tom Noble (NSW)	Bodie Williams
Dennis Williamson	Roy Williamson

*MVP: Jarryd Farrell**Officials*

Dennis Williamson	(Co-Head Coach)
Wess Frances	(Co-Head Coach)
Steven Sims	(Asst. Coach)
Leah Booth	(Manager)
Tammy Mason	(Statistician)



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AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVES 2015

U19 Women - 2015 ISF Junior Women's World Championship, Oklahoma USA

U17 Girls

5 – 11 January, Blacktown NSW

Pippa Adkins	Hayley Bonython
Jenna Burston	Montana Edwards
Nicole Fleming	Taylah Gabrisch
April Goldring	Georgia Hood
Emily Hopkins	Alexandra Mackay
Dani Perez	Faith Pickard
Madi Rocher	Madi Scott

MVP: Georgia Hood

Officials

Tanya Hood	(Head Coach)
Ian Chapman	(Asst. Coach)
Mandy Hopkins	(Asst. Coach)
Marcie Trzcinski	(Scorer)
Jo Liddell	(Manager)
Chelsea Robinson	Janell Behrendt (Assistant Coach/Manager)
Steph Trzcinski	Annie Fidge (Assistant Coach)

U19 Women

11 – 17 January, West Beach SA

Elly Beal	Jacqueline Beal
Steph Collett	Amber Cook
Lauren Fleming	Amber Hood
Emily Hopkins	Bek Jury
Regan Lambert	Haley Marschall
Courtney May	Jamie Mead
Natasha Strapps	Rachel Tonkin
Taylor Wilshire	

MVP: Amber Hood

Officials

Lesley Claxton	(Head Coach)
Sue Norris	(Asst. Coach)
Tracey Opolski	(Asst. Coach)
Julee Preiss	(Statistician)
Carol Tonkin	(Manager)



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AUSTRALIAN SQUAD MEMBERS 2016*U19 Women*

Jamie Mead
Natasha Stapps
Amber Hood
Georgia Hood
Haley Marschall

Open Women

Vanessa Stokes
Belinda White
Chelsea Robinson

Open Men

Jarryd Farrell

Australian Representatives for upcoming World Championships

Open Women - 2016 ISF XV Women World Championship, Surrey, BC, Canada

Vanessa Stokes Belinda White

U19 Men - 2016 ISF Junior Men's World Championships, Midland, MI, USA

Lindy Rattigan (Statistician)



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STATE COACHING COORDINATOR REPORT

This year saw the continued approach to providing accreditation courses in regional Associations, as means to making access more equitable for our regional member.

Ideally all Associations or clubs would love to have such courses occur prior to the season commencing, but unfortunately that is not logistically possible and I would encourage all Associations to take up any offers of courses being run at the various times and dates suggested for that particular region.

New Accreditations

The following people gained either their Softball Community Coach, Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 accreditation over the past 12 months, with a total of 36 newly accredited coaches and 10 coaches attaining the next level of accreditation. Congratulations to all of these coaches (new and experienced) and we hope you continue to progress in your career as a coach.

SCCP

Riverland – Katina Saint-Leone, Heidi Kassulke, Monica Haaja, Vikkie Taylor, Joanna Mulvey
Mount Gambier – Sonia Wilson

Sunraysia – Kirsty Telfer, Vicki Telfer, Karin Sluiter, Molly Sutton, Raelene Tregenza, Tim Schurr

Level 1

Riverland – Katina Saint-Leone, Heidi Kassulke, Monica Haaja, Michelle Hayes, Jo Gregory

Port Pirie – Justin Adams, Justina Adams

Sunraysia – Kirsty Telfer, Vicki Telfer, Molly Sutton, Raelene Tregenza

Level 2

Adelaide/MFSA – Roy Williamson, Morgan Young, Marty Comini, Belinda Stansfield, Georgina Baker, Sarah Tonkin, Jordan Lambert, Lana Kaesler, Andrea Collett

Broken Hill – Sheldon Hall, Mount Gambier – Kelly Millard, Port Pirie – Justina Adams

Riverland – Katina Saint-Leone, Heidi Kassulke, Vikkie Taylor, Jo Gregory, Sue Jungfer, Cheri Healy, Tim Preusker, Sunraysia – Karin Sluiter,

Level 3

Adelaide/MFSA – Morgan Young, Roy Williamson

If other clinics, such as umpiring, scoring and junior skills development were offered within our regional centres then the uptake of participants would see greater rates of involvement and engagement when compared to expecting them to travel to Adelaide to participate in such ventures.

The 2015 - 2016 year was quite beneficial for Softball SA in terms of new accreditations and it is hoped that participation rates continue further in 2016/17, when courses are presented in local centres. Adelaide will be given other opportunities to get involved throughout the 2016/17 season and it would be great to see some more involvement in gaining coaching accreditation, from the largest Association in the State.

All the best to anyone involved in coaching at any level of softball. It is a demanding, but rewarding role where you are able to work with athletes to develop their skills, knowledge and love of the game. Do not underestimate the impact you can have on the future of our great game and remember that it is just a game and it should be fun and enjoyable for all participants, regardless of their standard of play or age.

Wess Frances

State Coordinator of Coaching



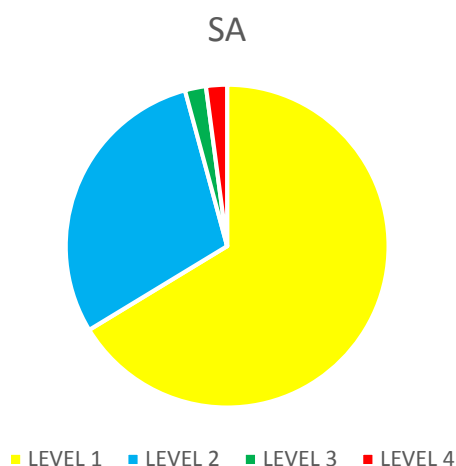
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STATE SCORING COORDINATOR REPORT

This year has seen South Australia meet the KPI for increased participation as set by the National Scoring Committee for season 2015/16 (States were set a target 12% increase in accredited numbers).

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	International Level 6	Total accreditations
68	23	2	1	1	95
Increase of 16 net	Reduction of 2 net	Increase of 2 net	No change	No change	Increase of 18%



Current Accredited Scorers in SA

South Australia currently has 95 accredited Scorers – an increase of 15 new scorers (18.75% net). On the downside, 25 Level 1 scorers expired in the past 12 months, and a further 5 expire in 2016; 8 Level 2 expire in 2016.

The number of Level 1 and Level 2 is promising for Softball SA, that this will see a marked increase in Level 3 this year, and Level 4 the following.

Over the past season, 2 x NOAS Level 1 courses (metro) and 1 Level 1 (Pt Pirie); 1 x Level 2 courses; 2 x iScore clinics were conducted, and three RPL assessments were undertaken. Congratulations to Seacombe and Port Adelaide who continue to promote technical fields through their ranks.

The lack of Level 4 competency is a risk to Softball SA, and jeopardises our ability to be self-sufficient at Softball Australia National events and will continue to require the resources to be appointed from other states at a significant cost to Softball SA. While new scorers do not provide immediate relief for Nationals resourcing with the requirement for Level 4 statisticians, they are essential to train and progress through the system – to provide a foundation to build South Australia's Level 4 competency.

Tournaments

The requirements of the Australian National tournaments are extensive – with the every game being live streamed through the i-Score technology in addition to the media updating, and the more familiar “paper scoring”.

Softball SA had the challenge again of staffing a National tournament in 2015/2016 with the hosting of the Australian Open Men's Tournament. Whilst the tournaments were a success in respect of the delivery of the scoring commitments under the hosting agreement – it was done with the assistance of a full team of interstate scorers being appointed. SA provided the Tournament Chief Statistician, with the assistance of Simone Thompson who worked as an assistant.

In addition, Softball SA hosted both the Pacific School Games, and the Australian Masters – with all tournaments seeking assistance for statistics and results support. Limited resources were available, with the extent of coverage on providing results.

Accreditation Updating

To enable the accreditation program to gain momentum – Softball SA needs to not only recruit new scorers, but also retain those who are already accredited through the 4-year updating program. It is important that, in particular, regional affiliates endeavour to identify a “scoring” champion - someone who knows about scoring; is accredited themselves; and is interested in promoting and facilitating the scoring program within their own regions. Where a suitable candidate is located in regions, it may be possible to accredit them to lecture the Level 1 scoring programs. In encourage affiliates to work with SSA to ensure that your scoring resources remain current.

A trend across the country, is the loss of scorers who lapse their scoring accreditation within the ASC NOAS program – this is often directly related to parents having become scorers to assist their children, and the children don’t continue in the game.

The fees for registration are high – considering Scorers in South Australia are Volunteers, and there are few benefits (particularly if the scorer does not have the intention of progressing through to State / National participation). The “numbers” however, contribute to provide strength to funding applications for volunteer participation.

Those wishing to regain validity to their last held level need to work through the Scoring Co-ordinator to progress their updating requirements. All scorers are required to demonstrate ongoing competency of their level, in addition to undertaking a rules examination. For Level 4, where competency has not been gained at National tournaments, submission of scored games will be sought for assessment by the NSA Quality Assurance officer to ensure current and continued competency. This is part of the quality assurance of the entire NOAS program. (Statisticians who have not updated are recorded as expired at their last level held and do not appear in the statistics provided. There is a 12-month amnesty period from expiry date for updating to be undertaken prior to losing their accreditation level.)

Promotion and Resources

The National Scoring Committee is working on a new release of all scoring manuals. This will better align with the modules being taught at each Level. In addition, the NSC is currently establishing a number of modules, which will be available as stand-alone modules – for Pitching Charting (Basic and Advanced); iScore (Basic and Advanced); and Technology (Tournaments).

And finally, recognition and congratulations to the State Team scorers for 2016 – again, this is an area where we must support the appointment of accredited Statisticians to each State Team, if we are to see the positions respected.

It is important that State Team scorers are seen as ambassadors working actively in the development of the scoring fraternity and the strategic direction of SA, to increase our numbers. The benefits of experienced scorers/statisticians to a coaching team cannot be underestimated.

State Team Scoring Appointments

- Lindy Rattigan – Tournament Chief Statistician – Australian Open Men’s [Adelaide]
- Tam Mason – Statistician – Open Men
- Julee Preiss – Statistician – SA U19 Women
- Marcie Trzcinski – Statistician – SA U17 Girls
- Jacqui Dunn – Statistician – Open Women
- Carla Munroe – Statistician – U15 Girls Blue
- Felicity Walker – Statistician – U15 Girls Red

International Appointment

- Lindy Rattigan – Statistician – Australian Junior Steelers, IX World Series, Midland, Michigan, USA (July 2016)

Scorers seeking to find pathway directions should contact Softball SA to assist in determining a local development plan.

Lindy Rattigan
State Coordinator of Scoring



STATE UMPIRE-IN-CHIEF REPORT

The 2015-16 season saw the introduction of the complete Level1 to Level 3/4 training package, this now provides the basis for consistent umpire training across Australia. This is something that has been missing for a long time and despite numerous attempts to update older training packages we have been left waiting. This is a new start from the beginning training package that clears the way for all our affiliates to deliver training to new umpires on their own or with help from SSAU.

Level 1 assessment can now be completed in association without the need for Level 1 assessments being conducted at State Championships. While we will continue to assess Level 1 when requested however it will only be conducted if there is representative from the association who will also be trained in the process so future assessments can be conducted in house.

2015-16 also saw Kevin Tannebring continue his work within the APY Lands and we are very grateful for his continuing work in this area. Jacqui Crafter has continued delivering training as requested, we are able to do more however as always some work needs to be done at affiliate level to ensure all is in place in preparation for the clinic. Steve Wallace-Yarrow continues to provide valuable work collating and processing practical examination paperwork and then providing recommendations back to myself. Haydyn Wood continues to work interstate and is restricted in the work that he is able to perform however is always willing to put-in as required while Karen continues to look after the finances, we are now able to make electronic payments to all our umpires. This will allow us to make mid-season payments more smoothly in the future, payments this season did not proceed as smoothly as we would have liked.

SSAU EXECUTIVE 2015- 16:

Umpire in Chief:	Neville Lawrance
Deputy Director:	Haydyn Wood
Secretary:	Ian Gray
Treasurer:	Karen Wood
Chairman of Examiners:	Steve Wallace-Yarrow
Training Officer:	Jacqui Crafter
Rostering Officer:	Haydyn Wood/Neville Lawrance
Adelaide Comp:	Haydyn Wood/Neville Lawrance

2016 Australian Exam Paper

The National Exam was once again conducted electronically however the timing for the exam has changed from the last week in May to the last week in April, this was done to allow more time for the NUC to report to SAL for the Annual Report. The exam continues to be sat over the week providing flexibility for the sitting of the paper. All umpires sitting the exam in 2015 automatically receive an invite to sit the exam every year removing the need for annual registration.

While we had a list of 52 people only 25 completed the Australian Exam, only 1 of the 24 people registered for the Basic Exam completed the exam. Of the 26 completed paper only 2 failed to gain the required mark while 3 failed to gain a mark that would allow them to advance to the next level.

2016 Basic Paper

The 2016 basic paper can be sat anytime up to the end of March 2017, these needs to be done by associations rather than individuals randomly throughout the year. Associations can request a spreadsheet on which to enter the required details of the people wishing to sit the paper, these will be entered onto the system and invitations will be sent directly to those sitting the paper and they will have a week to complete and lodge their papers. Please contact Neville Lawrance for your spreadsheet.

ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED

Australian Theory Exam Preparation Nights

West Beach – Neville Lawrance

Now that the exam includes 30 “study” questions a there was a large number who chose to study on line rather than venture to West Beach, we did however still have 32 attend the 3 nights.

Preseason Basic Rules / Umpiring Clinics

The Level 1/ Green Shirt Clinic was conducted at West Beach by Jacqui Crafter as well as clinics in Mt Gambier, CDSA and Hills, final report on attendance at these clinics are still outstanding at this time.

Jacqui also conducted two Level 2 Clinics at Mt Gambier and a joint clinic for CDSA and West Beach umpires in preparation for Level 2 assessment of 4 umpires.

APY Lands continues to benefit from training provided by Kevin Tannebring who ventured into the APY Lands for four clinics often repeating these clinics at more than one centre. There continues to be strong interest from both boys and girls, a Skills Expo conducted over 3 days saw over 110 students test their skills in various practical elements involving throwing and batting.

A Level 3/4 clinic is to be conducted as part of the Dragon Clinic with 4 umpires attending in preparation for eventual Level 3 or 4 assessments, this clinic is now a prerequisite to advancement.

ACCREDITATION ADVANCEMENTS

Just 3 umpires achieved Level 1 accreditation. The biggest issue seems to be the presentation of the required paper work; this is detailed at the back of the Level 1 Training Manuel and must be complete in order for a Level 1 accreditation to be awarded.

While we had a large number of Level 2 umpire accredited last season they are not able to advance until next season and must complete Level 3/4 clinic before they are eligible to advance.

Michael Bendall was able to complete his level 3 assessment.

Assessments:	2016	2015	2014	2013
Level 1	3	4	8	6
Level 2	0	6	2	1
Level 3	1	1	2	0
Level 4	0	0	1	0
Level 5	0	0	0	0
Level 6	0	0	1	1
Total candidates	4	11	14	8

UMPIRES APPOINTED TO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

This list includes all National and International Championship.

OPEN WOMEN & U17 GIRL'S

Steve Wallace-Yarrow Umpire

Haydyn Wood Umpire

UNDER 17 BOY'S

Neville Lawrance Assessor

Kevin Tannebring Umpire

Steve Wallace-Yarrow Umpire

Jacqui Crafter Umpire

UNDER 15 GIRLS & U19 WOMEN

Kevin Tannebring TCU (U15)

Neville Lawrance Umpire

Steve Wallace-Yarrow Umpire

Haydyn Wood Umpire

UNDER 15 BOYS & U19 MEN

Damien McCauley Umpire

OPEN MEN

Warren Duff Umpire

Haydyn Wood Umpire

Damien McCauley Umpire (P/T)

UNDER 23 COMBINED

Neville Lawrance TCU

Kevin Tannebring Assessor

Steve Wallace-Yarrow Umpire

CONCLUSION

Once again the season has had its challenges with new office/change room complex becoming available at the start of the season. The Australian Masters Games proved to be stressful with many challenges to face from the draw that was done using the new online program, this presented numerous problems. The negotiations that were required to gain the use of adequate Change Rooms for both Male and Female Umpires. Problems were also encountered when the October Long Weekend Junior Tournament also clashed with the start of the Masters, this presented problems for umpire allocations with umpires being committed to both events.

The Pacific School Games presented a new challenge and we look forward to this event returning every two years, something to look forward to.

I would finally like to thank my committee for their continued support and those that assist in the delivery of the umpiring program.

Neville Lawrance

SSA UMPIRE IN CHIEF



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FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Note	July 15 - Jun 16	July 14 - Jun 15
Revenue from operating activities	1	675,828	689,870
Expenses from operating activities	2	670,772	683,000
Total comprehensive result		<u>5,056</u>	<u>6,870</u>

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		Jun 30 2016	Jun 30 2015
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Chequing/Savings	3	130,859	136,462
Accounts Receivable	4	98,920	73,882
Other Current Assets	5	67,833	53,071
Total Current Assets		297,612	263,415
Fixed Assets	6	11,572	14,504
TOTAL ASSETS		309,184	277,919
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	7	6,268	1,844
Credit Cards		430	114
Other Current Liabilities	8	150,808	125,787
Total Current Liabilities		157,506	127,746
Long Term Liabilities	9	22,000	22,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES		179,506	149,746
NET ASSETS		129,678	128,173
Accumulated Surplus		129,678	128,173
TOTAL EQUITY		129,678	128,173

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes



NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1 Revenues	2016	2015
<u>Operating</u>		
<u>Softball SA</u>		
Sale of goods	19,503	70,214
Rendering of services		
Member registration fees	174,952	180,818
Player payments	205,114	208,651
Event registrations	83,676	68,145
Facilities hire	2,073	11,936
Interest	3,330	3,190
Sponsorship	3,082	25,377
Other	2,940	11,602
	<u>494,670</u>	<u>579,933</u>
Grants		
SAL contributions	32,727	17,727
Government Grants	110,717	65,000
	<u>143,444</u>	<u>82,727</u>
Total SSA revenue	<u>638,114</u>	<u>662,661</u>
<u>Umpires</u>		
Sale of goods	-	636
Member registration fees	33,325	24,659
Interest	19	33
Other	4,370	1,882
Total umpires revenue	<u>37,714</u>	<u>27,210</u>
Total operating revenue	<u>675,828</u>	<u>689,870</u>



2 Expenses**2016****2015****Softball SA**

Cost of sales	12,047	31,152
Administration	126,645	213,880
Member Support		
Services	250,168	191,635
Leasehold & Rental Expenses	11,793	10,650
Employee Expenses	201,755	173,976
Volunteer Expenses	7,668	11,199
Superannuation & Workcover contributions	22,492	15,911
Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	3,528	8,976
Write-offs	238	1,036
Total SSA expenses	<u>636,334</u>	<u>658,415</u>

Umpires

Administration	2,412	3,093
Member Support		
Services	2,414	1,227
Fees	27,188	18,635
Volunteer Expenses	1,700	1,100
Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	724	529
Total umpires expenses	34,438	24,585
Total operating expenses	<u>670,772</u>	<u>683,000</u>



3 Chequing/Savings**2016****2015****Softball SA**Cheque Account
ING Investment
Account

29,349

9,183

86,140113,033

115,489

122,216

Umpires

Cheque account

15,37014,246

15,370

14,246

Total

130,859136,462**4 Accounts Receivable****Softball SA**Accounts Receivable
Provision for Doubtful Debts

61,303

50,195

-(1,215)

61,303

48,980

Diamond Sports

30,000

20,000

Umpires

7,617

4,902

98,92073,882**5 Other Current Assets****Softball SA**Cash on Premises
Petty Cash on Hand
Prepayments
Non-Trading Stock
Trading Stock

350

350

200

200

19,094

4,484

14,525

14,525

28,941

28,789

63,110

48,347

UmpiresNon-Trading Stock
Trading Stock

150

150

4,5734,573

4,723

4,723

67,83353,071

6 Fixed Assets

Softball SA

Property, Plant & Equipment

	Gross Value	2016 Accum Depn	WDV	Gross Value	2015 Accum Depn	WDV
At cost						
Computers & Office Equipment	15,221	(12,854)	2,367	13,910	(13,381)	529
Furniture & Fittings	3,591	(2,990)	601	8,909	(7,647)	1,262
Bar & Canteen Equipment	4,636	(4,636)	(0)	23,668	(20,437)	3,231
Grounds Maintenance Equipment	-	-	-	13,000	(10,471)	2,529
Playing Equipment	8,844	(1,172)	7,672	7,211	(5,477)	1,734
Coaching Equipment	-	-	-	6,925	(6,925)	-
Electronic Communications Equip't	-	-	-	6,354	(2,791)	3,562
	<u>32,292</u>	<u>(21,652)</u>	<u>10,640</u>	<u>79,976</u>	<u>(67,128)</u>	<u>12,847</u>
<u>Umpires</u>						
Electronic Equipment	3,545	(3,017)	528	3,545	(2,665)	880
Furniture & Fittings	2,362	(2,362)	-	2,362	(2,362)	-
Training Aids	3,724	(3,319)	404	3,724	(2,947)	776
	<u>9,631</u>	<u>(8,699)</u>	<u>932</u>	<u>9,631</u>	<u>(7,974)</u>	<u>1,657</u>
			<u>11,572</u>			<u>14,504</u>

7 Accounts Payable

2016

2015

Softball SA

6,268

1,844

Umpires

-

-

6,268

1,844



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8 Other Current Liabilities		2016	2015
<u>Softball SA</u>			
Accrued Expenses		-	10,000
Accrued Liabilities - Programs			
App'd C/Over - Government Grant		37,820	17,935
App'd C/Over - Player Dev'ment		5,808	5,808
App'd C/Over - Softball Aust		2,331	2,331
App'd C/Over - Strategic Plan		1,089	1,089
App'd C/Over - Other		39,714	32,337
		<u>86,763</u>	<u>59,501</u>
Payroll Liabilities			
Provision for Annual Leave		3,400	3,400
PAYG Withholding Liability		8,687	6,154
Workcover Liability		(740)	-
		<u>11,347</u>	<u>9,554</u>
Revenue Received in Advance			
Revenue		46,682	25,892
Grants		5,000	15,000
		<u>51,682</u>	<u>40,892</u>
Tax Payable GST		<u>1,015</u>	<u>5,840</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>150,808</u>	<u>125,787</u>
Approved Carry/Overs movement			2016
Government Grant	Balance of 2015-16-Sport and Recreation Development and Inclusion Program (\$55,000)		19,885
			-
			<u>19,885</u>
Other	Sundry Carry Overs		7,377
			<u>7,377</u>
9 Long Term Liabilities		2016	2015
<u>Softball SA</u>			
Asset Maintenance Provision		9,000	9,000
Long Service Leave		<u>13,000</u>	<u>13,000</u>
Total		22,000	22,000



**STATEMENT AND REPORT BY THE BOARD
TO THE MEMBERS OF SOFTBALL SA INC.**

The attached financial statements of Softball SA Inc. for the year ended 30 June 2016 are, in our opinion properly drawn up:

- (a) so as to present fairly the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2016 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, and;
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the Association rules, and;
- (c) in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

As at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

During the financial year no;

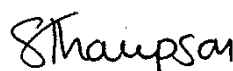
- (a) officers of the Association,
- (b) firms of which an officer is a member,
- (c) corporation in which an officer has a substantial financial interest,

have received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or corporation and the Association.

Signed according to a resolution of the Board



Chairperson



Board Member

DATED at West Beach This 6th day of September 2016



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AUDITORS REPORT

SOFTBALL SA INCORPORATED INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the attached financial statements, being a special purpose financial report, of Softball SA Incorporated, for the year ended 30 June 2016.

Board of Management's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board of Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial report in accordance with Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985 and regulations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the schedule is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement in the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements of the Softball SA Incorporated are properly drawn up:

- (a) to present fairly the financial position of the Association as at the 30 June 2016 and the results of its operations for the period then ended, and;
- (b) according to applicable Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist the Association to meet the requirements of Associations Incorporation Act (SA) 1985 and regulations. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the members of Softball SA Incorporated.



IAN G McDONALD FCA
REGISTERED COMPANY AUDITOR

DATED at **ADELAIDE** this 29 day of August 2016



**SOFTBALL SA INCORPORATED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED AT 30 JUNE 2016**

NOTE 1 – STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use only by the Association.

The Association has determined that it is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 1031: Materiality

AASB 110: Events Occurring After Reporting Date

No other Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report is prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

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