



# 2015 ANNUAL REPORT





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# FROM THE PRESIDENT



As in previous years, I would like to start by thanking the 2015 committee. I consider myself truly blessed to have had the support of these super talented, multi-tasking team of ladies. There were times when they not only carried out their elected role but also stepped up to fill gaps left by members who had to resign part way through the year or who through baseball injuries were not able to carry out some of their duties.

Through their respect for each other, dedication and commitment to SWBL they made it work in spectacular fashion and all done with a smile, to you, the Committee and to those behind the scenes who assisted us above and beyond the call of duty, you are legends. Ladies; I doff my hat to you.

I think you would have to agree that once again we, the SWBL community enjoyed a fun-filled and entertaining season. Our new home at Mahoney Park seems to be a hit with players, scorers, family and spectators so well done Bernie for finding us a great park to play in. We had less rain outs due to the excellent drainage system which meant more fun times on the diamond.

The social activities were once again top notch with the main event highlighting the tremendous talent that resides within the SWBL community.

Some teams struggled to field a team week after week again this season due to injuries

and work commitments, etc., however there were plenty of players from other teams who were more than happy to help out and play a second game. So thank you to those ladies.

I must also thank the coaches and coordinators for your continued support for the league and for embedding the SWBL culture of respect, friendship and fun into your team ethos and a huge thank you to the wonderful volunteers who step up to umpire and mentor. A big thank you to Michelle Link for volunteering her time and running the training clinics. There was no shortage of great baseball played this season and it was fantastic to see the growth in talent and confidence in last year's rookies.

Our BBQ continues to be a huge hit, not only among the players and supporters but also with the Marrickville locals and more than a few happy campers thanks to the addition of pear and apple cider. The meat raffles continue to be a big draw for the league and the punters at the Golden Barley Hotel (GBH), and how fantastic have the new additions created by Ms Link been for those not drawn to the meat dishes, thank you Michelle.

Once again we received sponsorship from the GBH and we thank them for their support. This year we moved the Committee meetings to the GBH much to the appreciation of Penny and Raquel from the Bistro. I love the fact that we do not have to fight to get a seat or a table on a Sunday afternoon thanks to the reserved arrangements put in place by Raquel. Well done GBH

The ACON sponsorship also continued this year so thank you to ACON.

Mother's Day was a little low key this year however the Mum's were still well and truly spoiled on the day. A big thank you to Tegan from My Little Peony and Robyn Taylor for the beautiful and unique vases and flower arrangements on the day as well as the surprise gifts on Grand Final night for penny and Racquel.

The SWBL weekly newsletter continued to entertain and inform us this year with great pics and highlights and for those more technically savvy, Facebook kept everyone

up to date.

As in previous years it's great to see so many youngsters being added to the SWBL family as well as the four legged loved ones. We also saw the return to the league of players from past years, showing they have still got it.

On the whole, we enjoyed sunshine, team mates, kids, dogs, a bit of ball throwing, a snag or a vegetarian/vegan option, a beer, and loved ones.

We had a few big injuries this year and that always breaks my heart, it is such a fun, caring league and the last thing we want is to see one of our own get hurt. I hope you all rest and recover in the off season ready to bounce back next year.

Finally, to all of you, the players, thank you for another fantastic year and for the support you gave to this year's committee. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to have served with such champions.

On a personal note, this is my last year on the committee and I can't thank you enough for the support you have all given me. I have absolutely loved being your President and I wish next year's President and her Committee all the very best. It is a great league and I hope you enjoyed the season. I look forward to seeing you all on the Diamond next year.

**Jackie Mills, President**







We expected big things in SWBL's 20th year - loads of members, loads of events, loads of memories and all the celebration miles we could muster.

But the Moore Park light rail project threw us a huge curve ball!

Thank goodness the move to Marrickville proved positive in so many ways - not least of which is less cost and more amenity.

It did mean that our membership drive was in

underdrive though as we were reluctant to take on an extra team when our playing arrangements were in such a state of flux. So, perhaps next year is the growth year for SWBL and getting our membership back into the 120s.

Our fundraising was stable this year, with raffle action consistently raising \$300/week - less the cost of raffle items, this is a clear \$150 profit every week and thank you to the teams stepping up each week to do their raffle duty - some of you really do have a promising career in sales and marketing ;)

The raffle grew in sophistication this year too, as Michelle Link added creative vegetarian options to get the vego punters in as well. And don't they love it. If you didn't try her hot chocolate or spice range, then you missed out big time.

Membership fees remained the same this year as SWBL was in a good financial state and our costs have stabilised.

We surveyed members on fundraising options and they gave us some great and worthy recipients to donate to.

We also had to splash a little cash in this 20th year to ensure we celebrated the occasion in style. Loretta and the Social Committee excelled themselves with the excess that was SWBLvision. There was a lot of fun to be had and video evidence. There is no more spectacular achievement than getting SWBLers dressed up and performing, so well done to Loz for the added bonus of video performance so we can relive those moments again, and again and again....

SWBL had no significant financial strains this year and we leave the accounts with plenty of opportunity for a bigger and better 21st year season.

Cheers to all those who helped out on BBQ duty and stepped up to umpire and to all those reliable quiet achievers who make coming back to SWBL year after year an absolute pleasure.

**Tracey Lambert, Treasurer**

## 6 AUGUST 2014 – 26 AUGUST 2015

2014	Income	2015
\$14,510	Registration Fees	\$9,660
\$5,343	BBQ Takings	\$7,333
\$4,000	Sponsorship	\$6,300
\$0	Government and Community Grants	\$0
\$315	Merchandise and Entertainment Book Sales	\$491
\$2,563	Social Events	\$0
\$60	Presentation Night 2014	\$990
\$295	Presentation Night 2015	\$605
\$307	Bank Interest	\$0
\$1,862	Other Revenue	\$267
<b>\$29,255</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$25,646</b>
2014	Expenditure	2015
-\$2,163	BBQ Purchases	-\$3,046
-\$1,256	Equipment	-\$585
-\$2,522	Ground Hire	-\$3,169
-\$1,335	Insurance	-\$1,281
-\$60	Plate Umpire Fees	-\$385
-\$1,250	Merchandise	\$0
-\$83	Website	-\$266
-\$6,315	Presentation Night 2014	-\$5,723
\$0	Presentation Night 2015	-\$11,052
-\$269	Publicity	-\$290
-\$4,844	Social Events	-\$8,223
-\$2,000	Garage Rent	-\$3,000
-\$2,085	Vehicle Expenses	-\$1,874
-\$786	Depreciation of Assets	-\$1,706
-\$23	Printing and Communications	-\$429
-\$110	Bank Fees	-\$110
-\$75	Miscellaneous	-\$244
<b>-\$25,176</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>-\$41,384</b>
<b>\$4,078</b>	<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>-\$15,738</b>
2014	Assets	2015
\$41,793	Cash at Bank	\$31,139
\$0	Fixed Assets	\$4,468
\$0	Accrued Revenue	\$591
\$0	Stock Held	\$441
<b>\$41,793</b>	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$36,639</b>
2014	Liabilities	2015
-\$6,000	Creditors	-\$5,840
-\$6,000	Total Liabilities	-\$5,840
<b>\$35,793</b>	<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$30,799</b>

# FROM THE SECRETARY

Thanks to the experience, commitment and always positive attitude of our amazing committee, our 2015 season ran more than smoothly:

- Our 'Always there, always ready, and always kind' President, Jackie Mills
- Our 'I have time to help you, you and you, hit a home run and still be fabulous' Vice-President, Hayley Lockett
- Our 'I manage the finances with my eyes closed, make sure the kids always have lollies and own the First Lady title better than Michelle Obama' Treasurer, Tracey Lambert
- Our 'Let me find you an amazing new home ground' Grounds and Equipment Officer, Bernie Gillespie
- Our 'Everybody calls me E-Wok' Grounds and Equipment Officer, Heidi Villafane
- Our 'Super Trooper Tsai! Who needs a tripod when you have crutches?' Media Officer, Jane Tsai
- Our 'We are so cute together' Publicity Officers, Janna Richert and Lisa O'Sullivan
- Our 'Get this party started' Social Officer, Loretta Cosgrove
- Our 'Not such a thing as too busy' General Member, Cheryl Bernhard
- Our 'Those onions need more beer' General Member, Karla Felix Navarro
- Our 'Better than Jamie Oliver' General Member, Michelle Link
- Our 'Official game commentator at the BBQ' General Member, Annemarie Manning
- Our 'Let me measure that' General Member, Cath Saunders
- Our 'I don't even look like a Rookie' General Member, Laura Steel

The 2015 SWBL committee started with some early challenges when after more than 10 years we had to say goodbye to Moore Park. It took a lot of consideration and after some conversations with Centennial parklands with the support of Mags and Roz the committee decided that the best thing for the league was to move on and thanks to Bernie we found our new home in Mahoney Park where the Marrickville Council welcomed us with

arms wide open. Don't we all love our new home? No traffic issues, plenty of parking, change rooms, toilets nearby and a lovely BBQ area!

Loretta hit it out of the park with the social events this year. Meet and Greet was a complete success and we got to reunite with our teams and welcome our new recruits. As usual, the Pool Comp proved to be one of our favourite events of the year despite the cold weather and we saw Mila and Heidi taking the trophy home. I have no words to describe the SWBLVision reunion... it just had it all! If you missed it you should really be biting your elbows as we say back home (Don't know what I mean?... Try to bite your elbow! Is there anything more frustrating than that?).

The Golden Barley and ACON gave us once again their complete support and we had SX Magazine this year doing some very special coverage on our most important events.

This year we saw our traditional ACON All Stars game evolving into The ACON Grand Final. A wowing display of baseball skills that opened with an exhibition game between Rookies and Life Members in which The Rookies coached by Cheryl got crowned champions. Once again Stealers and Shamrock Players entertained us with some jaw dropping baseball hits and catches in a battle for the first place that ended up with the Shammies taking the title.

The Barley remained the home of SWBL every Sunday and our chosen venue to host many of our events this year: Meet and Greet, The Pool Comp, our Sunday Raffle and our monthly committee meetings.

This was my third year as part of the committee and my first year as Secretary; with Janet stepping down as Secretary last year I

was a bit nervous to take on the role as she left some very big shoes to fill; however I got positively surprised once again by the SWBL spirit; absolutely everyone in the committee was incredibly patient, helpful and supportive and they all helped to make this season a very special one even though I didn't get to play much due to an injury during my very first game of the season... I've been paying attention and learning a thing or two so watch out because I'm coming back with a new knee next year!

Jackie, Tracey, Hayley and everybody in the committee, thank you for making the league what it is!

Aileen Leddy, thank you so much for all you do for the league behind the scenes and a big thank you from me because you really made my life a hell of a lot easier and made this secretary business look like a walk around the park!

Last but not least, thank you to absolutely every player of every team, to all the coaches and coordinators, scorers, cheer squads, spectators, kids and four-legged kids for being there every Sunday, helping us build our little SWBL community.

See you on the diamond next year!

**Caro Bateman, Secretary**





In 2015, it was all about bringing it back to basics on the SWBL social scene by drawing our members back to the pub and offering a mix of social events.

## Meet and greet

The traditional 'meet and greet' at the GBH helped reinforce how lucky SWBL is to be supported by such a great pub. The GBH's annual sponsorship ensures we have a great place to meet and we can run quality social events, at a minimal cost to members.

## Pool and Pinball Comp

The Pool Comp saw the return of Cheryl 'Webby' Webster to look after the hard calls. Lucky she was there - this was one of the hardest fought pool comps SWBL has seen in recent years.

Great to see another team name on the coveted Pool Comp trophy, with Heidy and Mila from the Rebels, beating Mary and Loretta from the Shamrock Players on the black with some very tasty pool playing.

Collie Curry Kenny put 34 one dollar coins into the pinball machine trying to beat Bernie Gillespie's high score. After many CCK years, she has been knocked off her Pinball Perch and we have a new champion, Bernie from the Rebels!! Go ya good thing!

## SWBL-VISION, 20 Years of Big Hits

After much brainstorming, the social committee decided that a Eurovision themed party combined with a reunion would be the perfect way to celebrate 20 years of baseball.

And what a night it was! The Red Rattler was turned into a Euro-themed auditorium complete with border control. The one

and only DJ Sveta kept the punters on the dance floor.

The opening show from Mel and Bruce got people's toes tapping and pumped for the main event, with amazing dance moves.

For the first time in SWBL history, teams got to pre-record their performance. Teams had been drawn a country to represent at random and performances were judged on creativity, originality and team spirit.

Seven teams, and seven incredible performances, a genuine mix of talent, guts and what the hell was that!?!

- I won't be able to visit a 'portaloo' without breaking into song after that great number from The Saints.
- I'm sure the Stealers had more on stage than turn up to any of their games, but made the best of it after drawing the lesser known team for the evening.
- I think the Angels were close to putting Germany on top of the Euro ladder and a little hard done by from the judges.
- The Shamrock Players started at the Admissions Ward and a few of them were lucky to get out at all.

- The hills were alive for The Sliders – some of them just forgot they were meant to sing.
- The Devils mixed it up with a Greek megamix, and provided one of the more intriguing performances for the evening!
- But there could be only one winner, and this was our lovely Spanish entrant, The Rebels who owned the stage in a live performance that had the crowd cheering for more.

Special thanks to our midnight show Monica Mole – AKA Mal Moody (who we brought forward for fear they wouldn't make it til 12). That little bottle and those heels - I'm sure you didn't go home alone!

Charisma Belle, what a true performer, and she can drink like a fish! Thanks for being part of what was an amazing night.

Special thanks to Cass, Saff and Stacy for border control and frisking to keep the crowd safe (well that's what they told me). Thanks to our esteemed judges, Bruce, Mel, Pip and Louise. Thanks to all our amazing performers and thanks to the Red Rat and the team, a tops community venue and the perfect spot for the main event!

And a very special thanks to all our social committee who worked behind the scenes all year, Laura, Hayley, Saff, Stacy, and Marz, and CCK for helping with decorations.

Well done Rebels, overall taking out the Pool Comp, Pinball Comp and Main Event. Sadly no quadrella for you though as the mighty Devils were the winners of the BOAT races! Yes that's right folks, the Devils beat all SWBL teams along with two teams from The Flying Bats. A little more practice on the diamond ladies and you will be a team to be feared on Sundays as well.

Thanks for all your support for all things social, looking forward to passing the reins over to the very capable Laura Steel in 2016.

Cheers

**Loretta Cosgrove, Social Officer**











# THE ANGELS

This report is dedicated to Danielle Bowman who despite having a tough year personally has been ridiculously positive all season.

Our pre-season started in February. A little bit of it was wanting to improve to fulfil the potential and a little related to the fact that we wanted to catch up. In need of new players we got given 7: 4 never turned up, one showed up took a shirt then never returned. But Emma, who was a friend of Claire's, showed up and has proved to be a reliable and awesome addition to the team. Mel joined our team, who would have thought so much experience could come from "left field". We even got a ready-made plate umpire who wanted to do all of our duties. Awesome, she even came with Husband Rob who had a heap of baseball experience himself. "SCORE"

The season started while I was still gallivanting around Europe, so my very capable lieutenant Nat got the team organised. "Thanks so much Nat! You're doing a great job" said Dani. Our first game in round 2 was against eventual premiers the Shammies, and we were happy with our form in a 14-3 loss. We had some good plays, made some mistakes and coped with the loss of our only real pitcher to a season ending injury before the game even commenced. I managed to walk off the plane and make it to ensure we had 9 players. Dani was so enthusiastic she declared 'I've become a lifer' ordering 2 new Angels baseball caps.

Despite the break for ANZAC day and a washout in round 3, there was plenty to celebrate and keep us motivated, Nat and Dani had birthdays, we were training between the downpours and ensure we were in peak condition. Thanks to our team physio Jenenne, Dani said "I feel like I'm gliding" after some treatment, we had a small win at the Golden Barley when Beni's name came out.

Our next opportunity to play occurred on Mother's day when we took on the Stealers – the other GF team for this year. A 13-5 loss an improvement on our first game, and it saw Jess join the team and Maria come back after a season out with injury. 11 players on the field, what a luxury. And didn't we look schmik in our new hats. No one could have said it better than Dani "Thanks for the hats Benita McFadzen.

You are amazing and I love it. I dare say I may sleep in it tonight" and when she got a baseball bat for her birthday "Mate there's no holding me back lol".

Round 5 was our first win for the season with a 12-5 win over the Rebels and weren't we excited. All of our 11 players were available which made Nat and I happy, but no-one put it better than Dani when she posted this image.

Round 6 was a washout which came at a bad time for us as we were on a roll, but fear not the Pool comp was just around the corner and Dani had us practicing to ensure we were ready for the challenge. There were more wins with the meat raffle and Dani's freezer was full in preparation for a team BBQ. The pool comp was fun as Dani and Claire made it through to the Semis and just got pipped in a brave effort.

Round 7 took us up against the Sliders. They may have finished last, but the Sliders always bring their best when playing the Angels. And they did, And we did, it became an Ellen vs Jess pitch off for a 1:1 draw and one of the most amazing games I have been involved in. According to Dani we were "Still winners!" and "Equal 3rd in points!! Woohoo!!!!" Nikki earned herself a new nickname, relinquishing "fresh meat" in favour of "boxshot". Well-deserved and worn with pride.

A few niggling injuries were given a Bye and the Queen's Birthday to recover, and plenty of planning for SWBL vision as our focus switched. Dani as Social co-ordinator had us in fits of laughter. In an email about what we

were doing she failed to mention what we needed to wear. Thus the beginning of an email trail with the subject line "Shit the outfit paragraph" This email trail lasted for a month!

Back to the baseball, the 2nd half of the season was upon us, the same tough start Shammies. In the end the game wasn't completed. Unfortunately we witnessed Jane's "successful" attempt to slide into home. If you call a broken ankle successful that is. Get back up and running soon Jane, we'd love to get you out next season. Alas we were none the wiser as to whether we had made the significant progress we thought we had.

Our next opportunity was against the Devils who had snuck ahead of us on the ladder. We made a lot of mistakes in the field having not had a full game for a month and allowed the Devils to a 9-3 lead before we clicked into gear the get an exciting 9-9 draw.

The following Saturday Dani co-ordinated the magnificent DAS Angels Machine, got her brother to do the choreography and the Angels came to life, then chilled with a BBQ and a reminder "It's a big game tomorrow kids, keep the training up". It was a big game against the Stealers. However the dancing from the night before appeared to cause collateral damage. 3 quads, and ultimately my knee, and the Stealers humbled us with a more competitive than it represents 14-3 loss. Still, we were all there and so we snapped a great team shot. So what did Dani have to say you ask? Great weekend kids. Thanks!!



# THE DEVILS

The Devils continued our standard form of winning a few, drawing a few and coming second in the rest. We ended up 5th on the ladder, finishing the season with a brilliant game against the Rebels. We may not have improved our standing since last year, but we sure improved our skills, and on the plus side, we didn't go backwards. Look at the positives girls. This year's highlight was without doubt our untouchable performance in the Boat Races. Stealers, good try old girls, but your crown is ours!

## The Newbies

We scored four newbies this year ... well, four that turned up anyway.

**Michelle:** We were lucky enough to have Michelle join us from the Stealers this season. She's a great all-rounder, a team player, and a mighty fine BBQ chef to boot. She also loves selling the raffle tickets at the GBH and happily does every one of our plate umpiring duties ... what a top chick; she's a keeper that's for sure!

**Gemma:** Young Gemma joined us this year having had some prior experience on the diamond. She eagerly filled every role asked of her and brought supporters with her each game in the form of a husband and baby. A great quiet addition to the team and we hope she'll be back next year.

**Kate (aka KG):** Greek gangster rapper and all round top player; a happy addition to the team, even if she is dating a Saint.

**Monica:** Joined us late in the season but is showing great progress with the bat and the ball; welcome to the team.

## The Great Disappearing Acts of 2015

**Donna and Jen:** Both out injured from, it is rumoured, dodging too much horse manure in the paddock; will hopefully be rejoining us next year.

**Deb and Sarah:** Deb was out with work commitments and eventually Sarah just stopped showing up too.

**Cass:** Off serving the country for us and for this we thank her ... but she'd better be joining us again next year or we'll be having a stern word with the Chief of the Defence Force.

## The Stayers

**Aileen:** Coordinator and occasional 'coach' and player; sarcasm is just one of the services she offers.

**Alison:** Coach Hellspawn; if we had a dollar for every 'God dammit' slap of your clipboard we could have new uniforms just like the Shammies.

**Brooke:** Hungover, pining for Cass, or starving because she doesn't like cooking for just herself, she still played her heart out every game; and great catching to Michelle.

**Bui:** Continues to surprise with her stealth batting; now if only she could remember to steal 2nd and to not overrun bases ... more yelling obviously required from the

coordinator. Nice job in the boat races though.

**Elise:** Think Elise is really starting to enjoy the yelling and abuse from the coordinator; pretty sure she always had that nervous tick; but hey her game has improved tenfold so something is working.

**Janet:** Back on 1st this season either playing or coaching; frequently heard giggling something about being free of committee duties.

**Maeve:** Talk about raising the bar, literally, Maeve maintained her commitment to the Devils through the season and managed to become a fully fledged lawyer along the way. I put it to you, your honour, that she'll be back next season.

**Narelle:** The old girl isn't ready to hang up her glove just yet ... was described by one of our newbies as 'majestic' while taking a catch at left outfield; suck-up or factual commentary, you be the judge.

**Rozenn:** Constantly harder on herself than she ever needs to be; vraitment, she is doing a très bon job at short.

**Vanessa:** Really starting to own 2nd and brings along our only other supporter, her dad, and occasionally her dog.

Finally, thanks to the other six teams. It's an absolute pleasure to be part of SWBL with you. Thanks to the committee for all your efforts again this season. Your work is, as always, fully appreciated.





# THE REBELS

The Rebels season had it all – thrills, spills, screaming catches, big hits, babies and the odd dance number.

Game 1 saw an unfortunate collision on third base that ended Caro's season when it had only just begun, however being the trooper that she is, she was at the fields each week scoring and trying to keep us organised.

Not an easy job!

Jo, Jae and Belle joined the Rebels this year and Amara went from WAG to player. These ladies are all handy with a bat, and in the field took some brilliant catches. Belle certainly left her mark on left field! They are all great additions to the team.

Players weren't the only new additions to the Rebels this year, not one but two little Rebels came into the world this season. Mezz and Sam welcomed Digby and Britt and Michelle welcomed Otis into their families. Don't we all melt with those two and their cuteness!!!!!!

Our lovely Kiki moved from player to WAG and the Rebels scored the best Scorer

we've ever had! Our book has never looked so tidy! And talking about scoring, how good was SWBL Vision!

Thanks to Kiki and Amara, our talented actors/dancers/musicians, for creating the 'Mujeres Bonitas' dancing troupe with Katherine, Caro, Annemarie, Mel, Deb, and Alana taking out the prestigious SWBL Vision crown! It was a great night to dance and celebrate 20 years of SWBL Spanish style!

Bernie as always kept the Rebels together and running! She really owned that "Captain" title this season not only being the amazing coordinator she is, but also taking on the role of Coach for the season. Mezz will be proud to know Bernie made us warm up before every game and she really thought hard about the batting line every game. Hard to come up with a good strategy when that annoying auto out played against us more than once! We may have struggled to get 9 Rebels on the field every game but as always the SWBL spirit saved the day and we had other teams helping out. The continuing support and

experience of the League in helping our team is very much appreciated, so a big thank you to everyone!





# THE SAINTS

What a wacky year that was...

Saints could barely get two games in a row all season between byes, bad weather and public holidays!

We had new recruits Katy and Karen, who gave us their all. Our more seasoned players worked as a brilliant co-ordinated unit - well, on the good days. On the other days, we all just had a good laugh at ourselves and each other.

A couple of SWBL stalwarts returned to the game this year, nice to have you on the team Mel G and Mel M.

We lost our drill sergeant scorer as Little One found greener pastures at The Cottage in Balmain. Their gain was definitely our loss. But the universe provided when needed, and Poss joined the crew as the new scorer.

A serious Jamberoo injury saw Dan bow out early in the season – stop trying to outdo the kids Dan, you're a grown up now :)

Belle had the usual number of hangovers due to the extended 'I'm 40' party plan but

actually she plays pretty well when she's hungover so no problem really.

Excellent pitching and catching from Stacey, Katy, Loz and Hetty throughout the season - job well done ladies.

And thanks to Brenda and Mel G for stepping in to whip us into warm up mode - no injuries arising from a lack of warm up this year - yay team.

Kylie was all safe hands and dodgy shoes and Holly was just special – always doing what we least expected, you know like overrunning 2nd base, again and again!

Unlike other teams that spent more time at RPA emergency rooms than on the Diamond, Saints did remarkably well – we are the sensible ones - no body on the line here if we can help it. With age, comes maturity.... doesn't it Ms Mills/Princess? (hmm)

Thanks to Jen again for steering the ship and making sure we didn't take ourselves too seriously.

Jackie spent a lot of time being the SWBL medic but it's reassuring to know that when

Jackie says go to the hospital, she's always right. And now we have frequent flyer points so we get in faster.

We loved being in our new digs – thanks SWBL Committee for a great decision. It's close to home, easy to park, rarely rained out and toilets in easy proximity. That's a lot to love.

Great effort to get to the Finals again gals.... so maybe next year will be our year ;)





# THE SHAMROCK PLAYERS

The 2015 minor premiers, the SX Shamrock Players take the cup!!

Looking the goods in our new uniforms, the Shammies dazzled on the diamond completing the season undefeated! A huge thank you goes out to the SWBL committee, without your dedication and hard work off the diamond, this season would not have been as smooth and enjoyable as it was!

To the Stealers, what a grand final and dare we declare it the best game ever?! There were zero fielding errors, batting brilliance from both teams and nail biting moments a plenty! Congratulations to all, well played.

After a successful 2014 season the Shammies said bye-for-now to 3 team members and we welcomed 2 rookies and 1 player returning to the league. This lead to us all enjoying an amazing year of team work and great highlights both on and off the diamond. One rookie's season was cut short due to winning the "injury of the season" award but we are looking forward to having her back for the 2016 season!

To all the teams and supporters including our special little two & four legged friends, thank you for a fun filled season and we hope to see you all again next year.

With love from:

- Ally 'Advice' Witten
- Grandma 'Collie Curry Kenny' Patterson
- Haylz 'slugger MVP, sponsor extraordinaire' Lockett
- Jacqui 'how did you get there?' Brooks
- Janna 'jazz hands' Richert
- Karlie 'smiling assassin' Wise
- Laura 'is she really a rookie' Steel
- Larin 'import' Sullivan
- Lisa 'rookie no more' O'Sullivan
- Loz 'I got us new uniforms' Cosgrove
- Mez 'I'm there' Brewer
- Sonia 'the arm' Gillet
- 'Nana' Nash Ball
- Jane 'only on the weekend' Tsai





# THE SLIDERS

This year the Sliders reached new heights or maybe it's a new low. We added a new wooden spoon to our utensil drawer, but we aren't too ashamed to claim the prize. We had some very competitive games this year, especially both games against the Angels with one even ending in a 1 all draw. Our last game of the season saw us finish on a high with a hard fought win.

We had 4 new players join the Sliders. Nessah ran like the wind around the bases & in the outfield, pretty much put her hand up to play any position asked, even having a few goes in the centre to see how she fared as a pitcher. For the record she is pretty good for a newbie, so watch out in seasons to come.

Catherine scored a nice bruise on her boob after putting her body on the line on first base, her skills progressed nicely during the season & became a valuable member of our team. Emma helped raise the average height of our team from a bunch of mainly short arses. She also added great value to our team & was very handy in the infield. And Ex-Jet/Devil/Any other team she has played for Ellen, came to her senses &

joined the best looking team in SWBL. With her she brought great experience whether she was pitching, in the field or sharing the catching duty with our normal workhorse of a catcher Jules, she always performed well.

This year also proved to be a 'holidaying is way more fun than baseball' season with Rochelle & Ant, and then Gayle taking off for a month at a time. But Gayle didn't have any motorcycle accidents this year so watching her run around the field was nowhere near as much fun as when she was hobbling everywhere. Ant left her position of right outfield & preferred scoring this year, not actually making the field at all. Chloe proved a cripple missing quite a few games with a "back injury". Tash or is it Nat was solid in the field. Ann, Jinny & Jules proved reliable as always turning up week in week out, helping put our team on the paddock even when numbers were proving tight. Tanya owned left field, catching anything in a catchable radar. Robbie showed her experience by making base consistently, sneaking her way around & sliding into home. Petra did whatever was asked & did a great job at 2nd every time she was there. Ned pitched more often than

not & did a solid job, the team coordinator job also fell on her shoulders this year.

Off the diamond we were thrilled to come 4th in the highly competitive SWBLvision. Team Austria brought you our 'conchita' version of My Favourite Things' karaoke. Petra promises not to sing in public again. We rocked those beards girls. Thanks to Tanya & Petra for the lyrics & Margot for putting it all together. A big thank you to Loretta & the social committee for a fab night befitting the 20th anniversary of SWBL.

See you on or around the diamond in 2016.





# THE STEALERS

20 years ago a new women's baseball comp started, the Inner City Women's Baseball League, with the home grounds above an old reservoir in Centennial Park. A couple of years later along came a new team called the Stealers – and why were we called the Stealers? Because we had to beg, borrow and steal not just equipment and uniforms, but also players in order to make up a full team each week. We also didn't mind stealing a few bases while we were at it!! We also stole the show that year and won the Grand Final.

We have come full circle this year, the Stealers 18th year, having to 'steal' quite a few players to make up our numbers to play with a full compliment. We would like to thank all of the teams for helping us out and letting us steal their players for a little while. And while we may not have stolen the Grand Final this year as we did in our first year we fought tooth and nail and had a lot of fun in the process.

We've had friendly fire within the team and Chuckie's bruised and battered face will be remembered (and not repeated) for a

long time. We've learnt Roz throws it hard and Chuckie's bones are stronger than we thought. We've also had friendly fire between the teams when Mags dislodged the Presidents ribs and got hit hard by stray pitches every time she umpired - so we'll call it even.

We welcomed Billie to the gang and a welcome addition she is!! Annie's speed still astounds us, and Griffo continues to be a superstar coach and pitcher.

Marsy, Alex and Cath organised the moves, music and outfits for our SWBL reunion performance and KJ takes the Estonian look-alike award home. D'Arcy, Shari and Chuckie went all out with the foil for sharp looking outfits for the SWBL party. And if we don't look out we'll

have our first cross-dressing member playing for us next year with the Stealers' new 'daughter', Jack GS.

A fun year was had by all and we'd like to say a big thanks to our support crew, including super scorer Rog, who've helped us out uncomplainingly (especially given we were short most weeks) – we really appreciate it. Bring on more fun times next year.





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# ROOKIES VS LIFERS



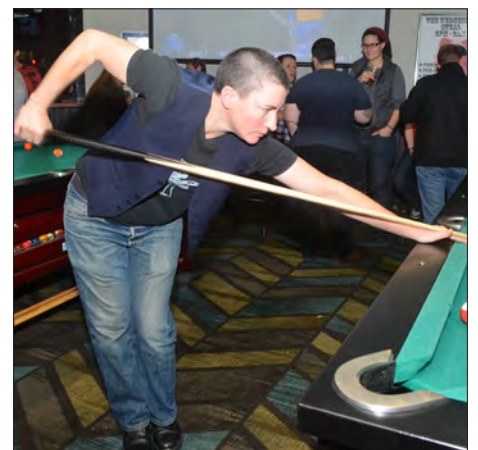


## MEET AND GREET





## POOL COMP





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