



2014 ANNUAL REPORT





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THE TEAMS

Angels

Coach and Coordinator: Cheryl Bernhard

Devils

Coach: Alison Rhoads

Coordinator: Aileen Leddy

Rebels

Coach: Merryn Leo

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Coach: Kelly Griffith

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to start by thanking the 2014 committee. It was a challenging year and we would not have got through it without this super talented 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.

Through their respect for each other, dedication and commitment to SWBL they made it work. Which in turn gave all of us, the SWBL community a fun filled and entertaining season, so again, thank you Committee and to those behind the scenes who assisted us above and beyond the call of duty, you are legends.

Again we had our fair share of rain outs. However, with the great social activities it did not dampen the SWBL spirit. The Main event brought out some high rollers and fantastic costumes as well as a talented Elvis impersonator.

Fair Day recruitment saw some teams packed to the rafters however as in previous years, injuries and work commitments etc throughout the season still meant some teams struggled to field a team week after week. Something for next year's committee to keep in mind.

I would like to 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. 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.

The BBQ continues to be a huge hit, not only among the players and supporters but also with the cricketers who have embraced the "cash less" BBQ system and the meat raffles continue to be a big draw for the league and the punters at the Golden Barley Hotel (GBH). We have even converted some of the soccer girls who now regularly buy tickets.

Once again we received sponsorship from the GBH and we thank them for their support. I was particularly impressed with

the addition of having the undercover area out the back reserved for us each week. Well done GBH.

The ACON sponsorship has also continued with the reciprocal support from SWBL at Bingay.

Our Mother's Day Classic again provided an avenue for us to raise money for BCNA with all teams stepping up the challenge at the bake off, so well done to all. Huge accolades to Caro from Rebels who shaved her head and to Morgwyn from Angels who dyed her hair brilliant pink for the cause.

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.

We had to say "Hasta Manana" to some of our beautiful SWBL friends who we hope to see back in the not too distant future.

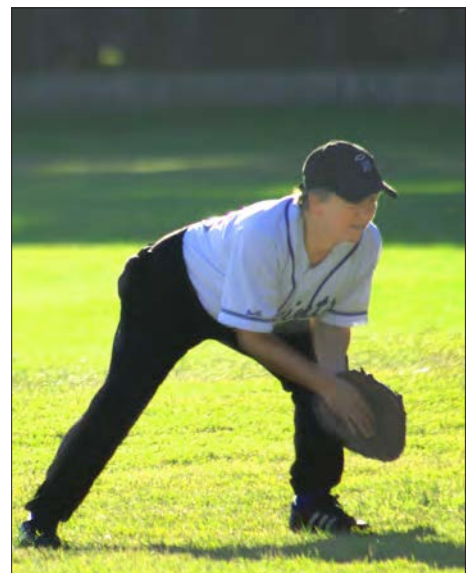
On the whole, when the rain stayed away, we enjoyed sun shine, team mates, kids, dogs, a bit of ball throwing, a snag, a beer, and loved ones.

We had a few 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.

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, SWBL President, 2014



FROM THE TREASURER

Another successful year SWBLers! We had a total of 107 members playing on our seven teams this season. I hope you all had a fun season. With your hearty appetites and thirst before and after your games, we raised an average of \$221 per week from BBQ and drink sales.

We are a bit down from last year's fundraising totals, but will still be donating a healthy amount of to BCNA. The BBQ/Baked Goods Sale from Mother's Day raised \$1,524.80 and the online fundraising for Morgyn's hair dye, and Karo's head shave, raised over \$1,700.

Thanks to a deal that started in 2012, ACON has sponsoring SWBL through the 2014 season for \$2,000 per year. We really appreciate all of their support and are proud to help give back to ACON, by attending BINGAY. For those of you that attended, thank you for donating to a great cause.

This season the Golden Barley continued their generous sponsorship of \$4,000. We appreciate the help from each team in selling meat raffle tickets this year. We raised an average of \$150 each week with Michelle Link raising a massive \$604 on the final night!!! Thank you to Michelle and everyone else who sold raffle tickets as well as a big thank you to all of the SWBLers who purchased tickets each week. (How many of you still have meat left over from winnings?) Through our weekly member draws we gave away a total of \$1,000.

Thanks to Chloe, and our other social assistants for all of the fun events that SWBL put on this season; Meet and Greet, Vegas Reunion, and Pool Comp. We had a big turnout at the Vegas Reunion Party, thank you SWBLers for supporting the league and attending our social events.

The one item we are hoping to purchase prior to next season is a new van (yes we've been talking about it for a while) but hopefully we will find a newish van for a good price.



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2013	Income	2014
\$14,710	Registration Fees	\$14,510.00
\$8,287	BBQ Takings	\$5,342.85
\$6,000	Sponsorship	\$4,000.00
\$0	Government and Community Grants	\$0
\$360	Merchandise Sales	\$315.00
\$3,920	Social Events	\$2,562.72
\$1,820	Presentation Night 2013	\$60.00
\$0	Presentation Night 2014	\$295.00
\$730	Bank Interest	\$307.47
\$1,178	Fundraising – BCNA	\$1,861.60
\$0	Other Revenue	\$0
\$37,005	Total Income	\$29,254.64
2013	Expenditure	2014
-\$2,853	BBQ Purchases	-\$2,162.64
-\$4,110	Equipment	-\$1,256.00
-\$4,199	Ground Hire	-\$2,522.00
-\$1,371	Insurance	-\$1,335.68
-\$340	Plate Umpire Fees	-\$60.00
-\$901	Merchandise	-\$1,250.43
-\$878	Website	-\$83.40
\$0	Presentation Night 2013	\$6,314.60
\$0	Presentation Night 2014	\$0
-\$998	Publicity	-\$268.66
-\$3,060	Social Events	-\$4,844.42
-\$2,500	Garage Rent	-\$2,000.00
-\$2,122	Vehicle Expenses	-\$2,085.00
-\$1,841	Depreciation of Assets	-\$786.00
-\$169	Printing and Communications	-\$23.16
-\$135	Bank Fees	-\$110.00
\$0	Fundraising – BCNA	\$0
-\$402	Miscellaneous	-\$74.60
-\$25,879	Total Expenditure	-\$25,176.59
\$11,124	Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$4,078.05
2013	Assets	2014
\$39,620	Cash at Bank	\$41,792.84
\$2,627	Fixed Assets	\$0
\$500	Accrued Revenue	\$0
\$460	Stock Held	\$1,045
\$43,207	Total Assets	\$42,847.84
2013	Liabilities	2014
-\$6,772	Creditors	-\$6,000
-\$6,772	Total Liabilities	-\$6,000
\$36,435	Net Assets	\$36,847.84

Note: Figures are correct at time of printing. The official audit for 2014 is yet to be completed.





THE ANGELS

Congratulations Angels you have proved to be the strongest team in the 2014 SWBL season. No, seriously, by holding up everyone that sits above us on the ladder we must be the strongest! Realistically we finished 7th out of 7 in what proved to be a very close very competitive season.

The new season brought to the Angels a new team, after a raft of retirements and a transfer from our 2013 team. The new players were all an amazing addition to the team and invigorated the existing playing group with great energy. With such a significant change in the playing roster it made it easy for all players to feel involved and be a real part of the team.

We had Amanda and Geri adding a little class to the team, Claire and Jess added some real firepower to our line- up, and Dani and Tina were awesome team players who managed to epitomise the Angel ethos of injury before warm-up. Well done ladies and welcome to the Angels for hopefully a good time and a long time. Our second year players in Morgwyn and Nicole showed fantastic improvement and are such a genuine part of the team that I thought it was their 3rd season 'til they corrected me.

JoJo, Jenenne, and Candice bring an enormous amount of experience, skill and energy to the team, JoJo sometimes a little too much energy at times particularly when throwing to (or over) first base, but you cannot fault her enthusiasm. With a little bit of training I am sure we can channel that energy into her batting and I reckon we have next season's most improved already locked in. I just need to send her an SMS with training details.

Nat and Benita played their 5th season with me this year and as always are my rock and the heart and soul of the team. Benita continued to get her share of bruises and was a clear winner for the Most Angelic of the season. It will take a special effort to dislodge her next year I suspect.

The season was a little slow to start with only one game in the first 4 weeks, which didn't help the cause of getting a new team up and running. However it didn't seem to impact us, as we got going in Round 5 with a ripping win over the Rebels 11-4. An amazing draw on Mother's day against the Devils and a win to Nicole in the bake-off had us feeling pretty good about ourselves.

We had some mixed results with a fun but big loss to the Stealers, followed by an awesome one run win against the Saints in round 8. We were equal 4th and right in the mix. But that is where we lost traction; a bye followed by a wash out broke our rhythm. We closed out the season with four competitive but disappointing losses, to finish in 7th place and win BBQ duties for the first round of finals.

Thanks to everyone who attended the numerous social events including the Meet and greet, the Main Event, Bingay and our end of season BBQ, not to mention many a Sunday night at the Golden Barley. Also thanks for your support with duties. As you know the competition is run by volunteers so your contributions help to make it work.

Congratulations to everyone who won our team awards, MVP - Nat; Most Improved - Morgwyn ; Most Angelic Moment - Benita; and Rookie Dani, and thanks to Nat for organising the awards and Dani for hosting a great BBQ.

Go ANGELS

Cheryl Bernhard



THE DEVILS

We're heading in the right direction ... albeit at a somewhat glacial pace. From 8th last year to 5th this year, we're steadily improving.

Once again, the Devils had an influx of new players. We lost a few players last year due to injury and had our fingers crossed at Open Day that the baseball goddess would smile kindly on us.

Well she did, and we're very grateful for it. The Devils had a huge team this season, 18 players and a coach. We assumed there would be a dramatic fall-off after the first couple of weeks (around when fees were due). But no, the Devils are such an awesome welcoming team, that all eight newbies stayed (well except for Saie, aka the Phantom, who frankly I'm not sure existed at all as she never turned up at any game or answered an email).

2014 was a great season for the Devils. Our fabulous new players also happen to be all-round top chicks as well:

- **Bec:** a safe pair of hands on 1st and gorgeous in a wig and knitted poncho.
- **Charlotte:** keen, enthusiastic and starting to own 2nd.
- **Debbie and Sarah:** came from the Swingers after playing a couple of games last season; we're glad they're swinging with us now.

- **Elise and Maeve:** ah, ain't young love grand – these two improved a lot, going from rarely making it to 1st to being solid hitters and fielders ... and well done to our new legal eagle, Maeve, on passing the Bar (not what a Devil normally does).
- **Ellen:** it was our good fortune that she came to us from the Jets; she's an all-round top, supportive player; we hope her sous-chef hangs around so she'll be back next season with us.
- **Jen:** thanks for the practice games at 'the ranch' – they really improved our skills with dodging horse poo.
- **Shannon:** wow, this girl can pitch; but she hurt her shoulder at the start of the season and has now settled into catching, eh!
- **Vanessa:** super keen, good with the bat and eager to try different positions (get your minds out of the gutters girls!)

The old girls:

- **Aileen:** team coordinator, and coach in Alison's absence ... basically spent her time yelling abuse from the sideline.
- **Alison,** aka Coach Hellspawn, continued to encourage us with frequent bursts of 'Goddam it' and slaps of her clipboard.
- **Brooke:** catching, pitching, fielding, sliding: is there nothing she can't do (although sliding may be problematic ... how's the ankle?).

- **Bui:** our stealth hitter this season, fooled the opposition by waiting until full count and then smacking the ball and making it to 1st.
- **Donna:** continued her fine form pitching and hitting and brings endless enthusiasm and chatter into every game.
- **Janet:** spent more time coaching 1st than playing it, but this was invaluable and we now all steal at every opportunity ... well, mostly 'all' ... not looking at anyone in particular.
- **Kirsten:** some day she may last a full season and not get out to injury; sadly though, not this one; good to see our mascot Ollie finally fits his Devils' shirt.
- **Narelle:** the old girl has still got it ... she made some spectacular catches in the outfield, running 'til she nearly re-tore that achilles, and thankfully never hit any infants this season.
- **Rozenn:** the french éclair, lightening by name, lightening by nature.

Thanks to our supporters and the other six teams. You girls are amazing and it's a pleasure to be part of SWBL with you.

Finally, thanks go to the committee for all your efforts this season. Your work is, as always, fully appreciated.



THE REBELS

The Rebels, while off to a slow start in 2014, showed by the end of the season that they could all pull together as a team to play some exciting baseball, finishing in 6th position. (not last! woohoo). Coaches Mezz and Simo supported the team when they could with some motivating training and encouraging pep talks that really worked in generating a close knit team. Simo, especially, took on the role of 'Italian Passion Stallion' giving the team that extra fire in their bellies to play the best game possible. Only can an Italian get away with saying "Try and catch it!!!" or "Why [Insert name of whoever has done something dumb here]?". Thanks for everything coaches. Thanks also to Bernie, our Captain, for organising us all, being our Team mascot and remembering everything!!! Couldn't do it without you. Thanks also to Deb for merching us up with new hats for the season too.

The first few games, while often rained out, would like to be seen by the Rebels as warm up games. It really wasn't until half way through the season that the Rebels remembered who they were - a gutsy group of people willing to give anything a go and give it their best. Not to mention, welcoming in some new players, bringing back some old players and saying goodbye to some others. It's no wonder The Rebels were a little disoriented at first! We welcomed back Mel who had been absent due to a shoulder reconstruction, who learnt quick and fast how to catch that ball on 3rd base. Then we welcomed in pocket-rocket Heidi, who not only delved straight into some damn fine pitching for us, but also caught a blinder in the outfield early on, we think to the Stealers AND we think we won that game! "I basically said to myself, it's yours no matter where it goes". quotes Heidi. 'Ewok' will now be known as 'Flash Gordon'! After the disbandment of another team, Jules was also welcomed and kindly put her hand up to be our season kick-ass catcher - giving Britt a much needed leg and knee break. Thanks Jules - catching is not an easy feat. Lastly, we said goodbye to Emma... no wait.. she's still in the team.. no hang on is she?.. but she played one game?... oh bloody hell.. who knows, but we have missed Emma.



The rest of the team gladly received these new players with open arms and took the first few weeks to get to know one another and build up their team spirit. Deb took on the pitching role with much courage and enthusiasm. Pitching is a tough gig and she took it in her stride. Nice work Deb. Not only was her pitching incredible, Deb really showed her stuff by also scoring a home run and some sneaky steals. You got this Deb! That wasn't the only home run from The Rebels. Britt also hit a homer, but this one went into the other field!!! Go Britt! Katherine had lots of fun showing some outstanding improvement this season, managing to hit some balls into the field and making it home! Well done Katherine. Kiki stopped dancing for two seconds to catch someone out on 3rd base and when not injured managed to stop a couple of balls in the outfield. Consistent effort was seen from the pro Sam, always managing to score us some runs and beautiful hits. Bernie, as always providing effortless talent on 1st base, plus bringing her 'game face' towards the end of the season was priceless. While Anne-Marie was out for quite a few games due to injury, she was always there for the team, scoring, cheering us on, and keeping tabs on the bbq money so the council didn't find out. Thanks Anne-

Marie. Shan, when not working, brought her positive attitude and her great swing to the game. And lastly who could forget Caro and Karla for their smiling faces, their positive attitudes and fantastic hits. Thanks to everyone!

It wasn't just all about the games for the Rebels. Who could forget Heidi and Mila as Siegfried and Roy at the Las Vegas party, Deb's win at the base sprint for Mothers Day, Caro shaving her head for charity, keeping our shirt ON at Bingay, shooting some pool at the Pool Comp or the number of times The Rebels won the weekly cash draw at the Golden Barley, but were never there to claim it!!! We also managed to hold a number of our own social events this season, which are always great ways to bring a team closer together - does anyone remember Coco!!?

All in all, The Rebels had fun this season - after all that is what it is all about. Thanks to the committee, ACON and numerous others who contribute each week to ensuring our games are safe and fun for everyone. The Rebels look forward to bringing it next year! Ciao Bellas...

THE SAINTS

Saints welcomed huge numbers of new players in 2014 and there were some absolute sensations in that mix. Great personalities and boundless enthusiasm were on display from Dani, Belle, Holly, Steph, Maria and Kiwi Lisa.

We had a full contingent of 21 players at the start of the season which felt packed to the rafters until one or two games when we had 10 people away or sick at the same time. Over the season, we lost a few and rounded out at a consistent 17 players.

For the first time in several years, we were able to look the part as Kiwi Lisa arranged for matching Saints shirts - and it made all the difference, our game results definitely lifted after they arrived on the scene.

With so many players, there was plenty of flexibility around taking time out but it was tricky business making sure everyone got enough game time and consistent appearances towards the end of the season really improved our performance.

There were some stand out moments and double plays that were a surprise and a joy to watch. Dani took her first outfield catch early in the season and when she and Belle decided to have a joyful dance to celebrate instead of going for the second out what

could we do but look on and laugh? That's the Saints spirit, celebrate the achievement of the moment and know that there will be other opportunities to bring home the bacon. And indeed, in one of the last games of the season, Dani put together an unexpected and timely double play for two outs. There was no dancing that time, and perhaps it was the fact that we never put Belle and Dani close to each other on the field again, but hey, we'll never know ;)

Great season overall despite the rained out games and we were very pleased to make it to the finals series.

Fantastic effort from Li-Min who almost overcame her fear of batting and made it home with some great running this year. All we needed to do was provide the right incentive and in turned out to be hot chocolate.

Stacey and Lauren were pitching up a storm and Kylie and Brenda delivered some tight infield work.

Holly and Li-Min were very consistent at the BBQ - thanks for stepping up, and Dani and Belle took on the raffle punters at the pub - Cheers. And big thanks to Lauren, Princess, Hetty and Jackie for taking care of the all important umpire duties.

Teamwork as always is the magic recipe for Saints. Polite, respectful and encouraging behaviour both on and off the field meant that we enjoyed our games and winning was always a bonus.

Saints also did great pub work this season, with a core group of 6-8 at the GB every Sunday - well done and this kind of commitment ensures that the GB continues to support SWBL year after year.

Our thanks and gratitude go to the tireless committee who try to fit in a game or two around all of their duties - we appreciate your efforts and the time and energy you and your partners devote to SWBL.



THE SHAMROCK PLAYERS

2014 minor premiers SX Shamrock Players may have lost the crown but it was all worth it.

A big thank you goes out to the committee, without your dedication and hard work off the diamond this season as with all before would not have been.

To the Stealers, what a grand final and dare we declare it the best game ever. Congratulation well played. (damn you D'Arcy)

This year there were four rain outs, two byes & one forfeit. (sorry Saints). Sadly we didn't once get to meet the Angels on the diamond. Hopefully next year ladies.

The Shammies were very fortunate to have all but one of our team members' return from a successful 2013. This lead to us all enjoying an amazing year of team work and great highlights on and off the diamond.

To all the teams and supporters including our special little two and four legged thank you for a great season and we hope to see you all again next year for SWBL's 21th Birthday.

With love

- Ally 'advice' Witten
- Grandma 'Collie Curry Kenny' Patterson
- Halz 'slugger VP, sponsor extraordinaire' Lockett
- Jacky 'how did you get there' Brooks
- Janna 'jazz hands' Rickert
- Jude 'come on' Hartnett
- Karlie 'smiling assassin' Wise
- Laura 'super doper I use colour scorer' 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
- Tash 'it took 11 years home run' Ball

Bring on the SWBL 2015 Season, Shammies return to steal that crown back!



THE SLIDERS

WE ARE NUMBER 4

2014 was the sliders best season to date. We were thrilled to have some mates (friends and lovers, get the play on words?) from other teams join the sliders for the 2014 season. I won't say they made the difference to us sitting toward the top of the ladder for a lot of the season but they better stick around next year and play with as we have become accustomed to being up near the top where the air is crisp. The rainouts had no impact on us being near the top. None whatsoever. The fact that we didn't have to play the premiers once and only played the shammies once did not have any effect on how we finished up at the end of the season....

We also had some new arrivals from outside of the league and they tried their hardest, I mean when you are Scottish you are disadvantaged from the start, to have that handicap and still be able to get an out in your first game.....beginners luck? Bernie Mac was swanning around the globe for half the season and when she was here she was making her own teammates cry when she annihilated, thrashed, schooled us at bowling.

The regular girls tried their best but we all know that the new additions carried the team this season.

There was not been enough drinking done by the team throughout the season as shown by our poor performance in the boat races at the end of the season, which we all know is the real competition for SWBL not the baseball. We have only let ourselves down! We will be drinking, chugging and just acting like the Neanderthals we all know we are in the off season. Get ready to go down (that's what's she said) next year.

Looking forward to coming back for SWBL's 20th year (now confirmed) in 2015 and improving on this season. Well done ladies.



THE STEALERS

What a season the Stealers had for 2014!! SWBL's longest standing team (17 seasons and counting) the Stealers again had a great year of good old fashioned baseball fun. Winning the Grand Final just topped it off!

We started the season in fine form with our core of original Stealers joined by newcomer, Kayna.

Jacqui and Shorty also had their first real season of baseball this year after injuries prevented them from playing last year.

In fact, injuries dogged quite a few of the Stealers in 2014, Marsie coached instead of playing, Roz had a few games off with a dodgy elbow and a couple of girls returning from the Gay Games in Darwin like the walking wounded. Cath ended the season with a gammy hip which sadly prevented her from playing the grand final.

Luckily Kel was able to get a leave pass from family duties some weekends & make a real impact with her killer pitching. Arsy Annie again managed to get to every base without getting run out, nearly being lapped

by our resident speedster, Chuckie. There was some brilliant batting from Darcy, Jamie and Shari, killer catches from Alex and Mags, and just an all round solid performance from Michelle.

Special mention must go to Michelle who umpired pretty much the whole season and Stat Man Roger consistently keeping score. Thanks to the large collection of Stealers wags, friends, kids & animals who support us each week.

Stealers, you rock!!



FINALS AND ACON ALLSTARS GRAND FINAL



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ROOKIES AND LIFERS



MOTHER'S DAY



MOTHER'S DAY



POOL COMP



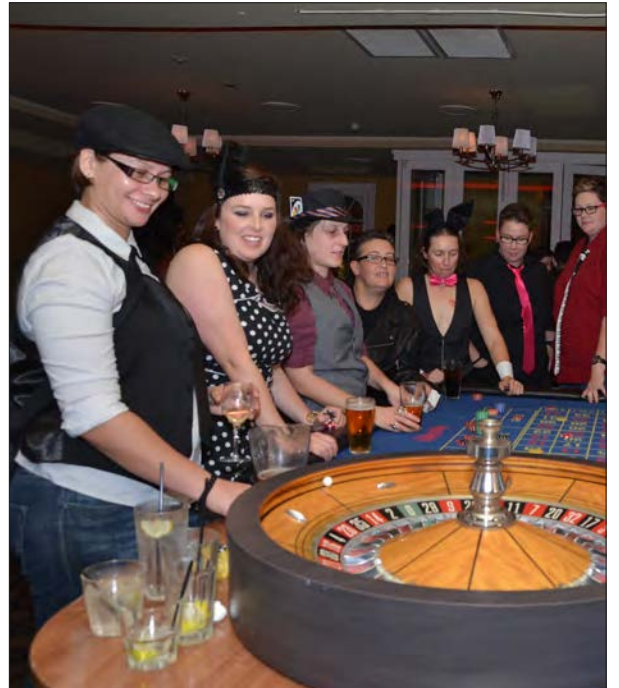
POOL COMP



ACON BINGAY



MAIN EVENT: LAS VEGAS



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