

Around the Bases

The North Murray Diamond Sports Association's newsletter



February 2009

Important Dates

CHOCOLATE MONEY IS NOW DUE – PLEASE GIVE ALL MONEY TO SHAUN KEATING OR DANIELLE BLACKMAN

- 25 February 2009 -

Last Little League baseball game for the season except players in State Charter team

- 28 February 2009 –

General bye for Tee-ball due to State Tee-ball Championships and Last U14 & U16 baseball games before the finals

- 2 March 2009 -

Little League State Charter Team Trial Carnival at Morley

- 11 March 2009 -

Last Little League baseball game for the season except players in State Charter team

- 12 March 2009 -

Last date for Winter Softball registrations U13 mixed, U16 and Men's

- 14 March 2009-

Last Tee-ball games for the season, Annual General Meeting, Trophy Presentation and Windup

- Easter Weekend-

Little League State Charter Team State Championships at Mirrabooka

Windup Information

We hope to have Steve Fish from Baseball WA and some American players who are playing for baseball clubs in Perth come to our club on the 7/3 and again on the 14/3 to introduce our U10 players to the sport of baseball. U10 players will be given the opportunity to either hit the ball baseball style as it's pitched to them or hit the ball off the tee. Apart from the option to hit the ball baseball style and having no Tee-ball pitcher, all the usual Tee-ball rules will apply. The catcher should wear the pitcher's protective equipment and stand well back behind the player. This will be confirmed with coaches after the long weekend.

After the U10 games on the 14/3, we would like all players, parents and siblings to move to the Courts area in the Recreation Centre. Unless you are involved in the return of equipment and uniforms, you will need to be seated in this area by 9:45am. A quick informal Annual General Meeting will be held first in the court area - not near the canteen as was originally advised. The AGM will be immediately followed by the trophy presentations.

The U7 Tee-ball, Little League, Baseball & Softball teams should plan to arrive at the Recreation Centre **before 9:45am** to avoid disrupting the proceedings.

The team coaches will be asked to hand out the medallions/trophies to their players but as there are a lot of game milestone trophies to be presented this year, this task will be done by some of the committee members. Following the trophy presentation, the players will be able to go off to enjoy various activities such as rock climbing, volleyball or activities on the courts.

A free sausage sizzle and drink will be provided to all players who have filled out their RSVP form. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase one for themselves and any non playing siblings by completing the RSVP form. All RSVP forms and any money (which should be placed in an envelope with the RSVP form) are to be put into the box in the canteen **by no later than 7/3**. A voucher will be issued to anyone who has completed the RSVP form and is entitled to or has paid for a sausage sizzle and drink. If we haven't been able to give you your voucher(s) before the windup, you will be able to collect them on the day. Coaches and active committee members will be given a free voucher but still need to return their RSVP form.

We will need parents to step in to help with the sausage sizzle and to help supervise the children's activities. Please do not expect the committee or the team coaches to do this as they deserve some time off after a busy season.

As the Recreation Centre closes at 1pm, we will need to be there then.

What Happens at the End of the Season?

Tee-Ball U7 teams

U7 players will be playing their last game on the 7/3/09.

- All players are to wear their own clothes to the game on their last game day 7/3 – long pants and t-shirt.
- U7 team uniforms are to be returned to the team coach at the last training session for the season as the U7 coaches will need to return the uniforms to the Uniform Coordinator on the 7/3.
- Any player who does not return their shirt and pants as requested by the Team Coach will be invoiced for the cost of replacement of the items.
- The U7 team coaches will need to hand back the **complete** set of team uniforms to the Uniform Manager and the complete kit bag to the Equipment Manager at the end of their game on 7/3.
- Both equipment and uniforms will be checked before the return of them is accepted so team coaches need to understand that they may need to wait a while before being able to leave on the last day.
- Please remove any personal items from the equipment bag before returning it.
- If there is a problem with any of the equipment or the uniforms, you must let the Uniform or Equipment Managers know so that the problem can be fixed before the start of next season. All Club keys must be returned on the last day to the Equipment Manager.

Tee-Ball U10 teams

U10 players will be playing their last game on the 14/3/09.

- All players are to wear their own clothes to the game on their last game day 14/3 –long pants and t-shirt.
- U10 team uniforms are to be returned to the team coach at the last training session for the season as the U10 coaches will need to return the uniforms to the Uniform Coordinator on the 14/3.
- Any player who does not return their shirt and pants as requested by the Team Coach will be invoiced for the cost of replacement of the items.
- The U10 team coaches will need to hand back the **complete** set of team uniforms to the Uniform Manager and the complete kit bag to the Equipment Manager at the end of their game on 14/3.
- Both equipment and uniforms will be checked before the return of them is accepted so team coaches need to understand that they may need to wait a while before being able to leave on the last day.
- Please remove any personal items from the equipment bag before returning it.
- If there is a problem with any of the equipment or the uniforms, you must let the Uniform or Equipment Managers know so that the problem can be fixed before the start of next season. All Club keys must be returned on the last day to the Equipment Manager.

Little League

- Team shirts will be collected by the Uniform Coordinator at the end of games on the 11/3 so all players will need to bring a shirt to change into at the end of their game.
- Any player who does not return their shirt as requested will be invoiced for the cost of replacement of the shirt.
- Team equipment bags are to be returned to the Equipment Manager at the end of the games on 11/3 so coaches need to ensure that all equipment is in the bag and that personal items have been removed.
- All keys are to be returned to the Equipment Manager at the end of the games on 11/3.
- If there is a problem with any of the equipment or the uniforms, you must let the Uniform or Equipment Managers know so that the problem can be fixed before the start of next season.

Baseball

Julie Beaton the Baseball Coordinator will collect the team shirts and return them to the Uniform Manager. Any player who does not return their shirt as requested by the Team Manager will be invoiced for the cost of replacement of the shirt. Coaches are to make arrangements with the Equipment Manager to return their equipment bags to him so that he can check them to make sure that all the items are accounted for. All Club keys must be returned to the Equipment Manager. If there is a problem with any of the equipment or the uniforms, you must let the Uniform or Equipment Managers know so that the problem can be fixed before the start of next season.

What Happens at the End of the Season (continued)

Softball

Freya Whitton the Softball Coordinator will collect the team shirts and return them to the Uniform Manager. Any player who does not return their shirt as requested by the Team Manager will be invoiced for the cost of replacement of the shirt. Coaches are to make arrangements with the Equipment Manager to return their equipment bags to him so that he can check them to make sure that all the items are accounted for. All Club keys must be returned to the Equipment Manager. If there is a problem with any of the equipment or the uniforms, you must let the Uniform or Equipment Managers know so that the problem can be fixed before the start of next season.

NOTE:

Equipment Manager is Rod Turnor, 0417 172 013. Uniform Manager is Lorraine Pich, 0413 322 547.

Please note Fixture Changes for Little League Teams

Round 18

| Date | Home | Away |
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| 25 Feb | 6:00 PM Kelmscott Red | (bye) |
| | North Murray Black | vs North Murray Orange (at Briggs Park) |
| | North Murray Grey | vs Kelmscott Blue (at Briggs Park) |

Round 19

| Date | Home | Away |
|-------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 4 Mar | 6:00 PM (bye) | vs North Murray Black |
| | Kelmscott Blue | vs Kelmscott Red (at John Dunn Oval) |
| | North Murray Orange | vs North Murray Grey (at Briggs Park) |

Round 20

| Date | Home | Away |
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| 11 Mar | 6:00 PM Kelmscott Blue | (bye) |
| | North Murray Black | vs North Murray Grey (at Briggs Park) |
| | North Murray Orange | vs Kelmscott Red (at Briggs Park) |

Club Website Launched

Thanks to our member Michael Montgomery who did all the hard work setting it up, we now have our very own dedicated website at last.

Launched in the last week of January, you will be able to use the site to keep up to date with the latest club news, fixtures and events – plus any last minute event changes.

You can also use the site to contact committee members, view our very own photo gallery and download forms such as player registration and innings line-up.

Owned by us and maintained by us, you can send any suggestions through about how you think we may be able to improve the site to make it as useful for you to use as possible.

You can find us at www.nmdsa.org.au. (Sorry, we gave you the wrong web address in the last newsletter). Key features of the site include latest club news, rules and policies, health & safety information and even a link to Perth's latest weather conditions.

Getting There

We had a win this week! As you would have realised, the club has a big problem with the lack of storage space close to our grounds. In November we lodged with the Shire a planning application to place a storage container near our grounds. Following much canvassing of our Councillors as well as attending the Shire meeting to read out a statement, we have been given approval to put one 40' sea container near the canteen for a two year period.

We still have more paper work to get through though before this can happen but at least we're a step closer to having a temporary solution to our problem. Over the next year, we will need to keep pressing the councillors to come up with a more permanent solution for us.

Special thanks needs to go to Councillors Merri Harris and Christine Randall who were instrumental at getting a decision made for us at the Shire meeting this week. They were very supportive of what our club is trying to do and took the time to listen to what we had to say.

Thank you also to Shaun Keating who helped prepare the planning application and supported me during the whole process, encouraging me not to give up.

Recently I was invited to attend a Department of Sport and Recreation meeting for the Peel region. The meeting was primarily to gather information around what expectations the sporting groups in the Peel region had of the department and where they think they could improve their service levels. It was a very productive meeting with representatives from many sporting groups. I was surprised to find however that I was the only representative from sporting clubs in the Serpentine-Jarrahdale Shire. Hopefully some of our other sporting clubs will become involved in the future so that we can make sure that we receive as much assistance from the Department of Sport & Recreation as the clubs in Mandurah get.

The Sports Medicine Workshop was held recently and it was disappointing to have only a handful of people turn up as it was very interesting and well worth attending. They are running more workshops throughout the year so if you are interested in attending any of them, please let our Volunteer Coordinator know.

As we wind down towards the end of the year, I'd like to thank everyone who helped with all the activities during the season. Particular thanks should go to our fantastic committee and our team coaches, umpires and other volunteers. We really could not function without their help.

Please consider nominating yourself for a position on the committee this season as the more people we have being active on the committee, the easier it is for everyone.

Connie Keating

We Need a Crowd of Supporters

On Saturday 28th February our two junior baseball teams will play their last game at Briggs Park before heading into the finals – Under 14 will play at 1pm and Under 16 will play at 4pm. We would like everyone to come and support our Under 16 team who will be playing a game that they really need to win if they are to advance to the finals.

All North Murray players coming to watch the game should wear their team uniforms as we want to show the other club how much **we really want our team to win**. Our Little League players, particularly those in the State Charter team can learn quite a lot from watching the U16 players as they are very good team – almost as good as the Perth HEAT.

Bring fold up chairs, water, snacks, popcorn, hats, sunscreen and cheering voices. Let's show the other club how unified and supportive our club is of all our players. We would really have a home crowd advantage so let's wind it up. Make the effort and sit back to enjoy watching our team win!