



Coaches & Managers Meeting	
Meeting Opened	Tuesday, 23 rd February 2010, 8:00pm
Present	Andrew Warner, John Clinch, Connie Wheeler, Stefani Hunt, Dalen Rudlin, Kevin Raccani, Don Goldstein, Corey Schock, Alan Worsley, Trina Thomson, Claudia Moore, Joff Stevens
Apologies	Cheryl Jones, Sheree Crick, Ann Lincoln, Angela Hay, Danielle Bishara, Alison Baker, Gina Tap
Junior Softball Report (Cheryl Jones)	<p>No report tabled in meeting, although the following information has since been submitted by Cheryl:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semis commenced last weekend for Div 1,2 & 3. • We had two div 1 sides in the top 4 • Div 1 Side Grasshoppers won the major semi 7-1 and are through to grand final • Div 1 Side Rascals lost minor semi and now play in pennants comp. • Div 2A side Rebels who came 2nd lost major semi and have another chance this week. • Div 2A side Dominators are playing off in the pennants comp after finishing the comp in 6th place. • We have 3 Div 2B sides finishing 4th, 5th & 7th • 4th place side Diamonds lost minor semi and will now play along with other two Div 2B Greenway teams in pennants comp • Teeball & modball are non-competitive and therefore there are no finals series for them. • All game times are on HDSA website. • Please look out for last minute Duties that may be allocated to teams.
Senior Softball (Danielle Bishara)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report from Danielle
Pre-Live Baseball (Corey Schock)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two teams likely to make finals – U8 Comets and U9 Tigers • Gala Day for U7s teams this weekend has been arranged with the cooperation of North Ryde and Macquarie, replacing what we had hoped would be a full competitive second half of the season with Rangers and Thornleigh. • All finals matches (whether Semi-finals or Grand Finals) are to be officiated by independent umpires (i.e. no family members) at both home plate and in the field. Managers should liaise with Gary Simpson regarding sourcing of such independent umpires.
Live Baseball Juniors (Andrew Warner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibly 3 teams to make finals, although it is more likely to be two (U11A D-mons and U12B Wolves) • All finals matches (whether Semi-finals or Grand Finals) are to be officiated by independent umpires (i.e. no family members) at both home plate and in the field. Managers should liaise with Gary Simpson regarding sourcing of such independent umpires.
Coaching Update (John Clinch)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenway Giants conducted a Catchers Clinic run by Detroit Tigers Catching Coach and ex Greenway Player Andrew Graham over three consecutive Monday nights in Nov-Dec 2009 for two coaches and catches from each live-ball team. The last clinic on the 14th Dec was combined with a Pitching Clinic run by Ryde 1st Grade coach, Matt O Neil and myself. The pitching clinic was for three pitches from each Live-Ball team and their coaches. All nights were a great success and provided a great deal of information and coaching tips for players and coaches alike. • Over the Christmas holidays, Matt O'Neill and other Sydney Major League players held a two day camp for all baseball players of The Giants at Greenway Park. This was a great development program for a small fee per player. • I had only one request for any special coaching help through the season which came from



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	<p>Don Goldstein. I'd like to remind coaches that if they require help or advice on coaching juniors that they contact me anytime and I will arrange to have myself or another coach help out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My plans to visit teams during their first two trainings after the Christmas Break to offer assistance had to be cancelled due to bad weather, with the grounds closed and some of that time also spend on the repair of damaged diamonds. • I'm interested in knowing if coaches would attend specialised coaching on Batting on a Monday night in future. Or even a series of courses on things like; Fielding (infield-outfield), Base running etc. • All Live-ball, Under 10's and Under 9's coaches need to complete a Players Report Form and have it back to me before the end of this season. These forms will be emailed out as well as handed out at the Coaches and Managers Meeting. This aids us in the development of players as well to provide us information for the grading process. I suggest that the head coach consults their assistant and or manager on their opinion before filling out the form. • Ryde- Hornsby will hold Winter Development Program. Usually over six Sunday mornings in May-June for Under11-12, Under13-14 and Under 15-16. This is the age group that the player will be in in the 2010-2011 season. This is not an elite player program and is open to all Ryde/Hornsby players in the respective age groups. After the completion of Winter Development, a number of trials will be held to select players for Representative positions. Could coaches and Managers please remind their players of these programs and remind them to watch RHBL and Greenways Web sites for the posting of dates. Our junior Co-ordinator will send you an email as it approaches. • Coaching Accreditation; At this stage all Head Coaches are required to have a minimum of a Level 0 Accreditation. I would like to encourage the Assistant Coach and maybe even the Manager to complete a Level 0 and the Head Coaches to consider a Level 1 accreditation. As coaches, our main job is to develop our players to their full potential. The higher the coaches' accreditation and experience, the easier it is to achieve this. These are the only way of staying ahead of your player's development. Even parents showing interest should be encouraged. Contact me for more info. • The start of next season I will hold another "Basics of coaching Junior Baseball" evening. This is for New and inexperienced coaches. I will also hold a clinic for more experienced coaches early in the season. I was disappointed that only two coaches attended this season. • I'd like to thank all our Baseball Coaches this season and a special thanks to two coaches that help us out this season. Mr Steve Dalgains of the 11A's and Mr Phil Ardil of the 16A's.
<p>Players Player Awards (Andrew Warner)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew reported that requests for teams to nominate a Players Player had already been issued along with the criteria for evaluating. • Some Coaches/Managers reported that they had not sighted anything yet, so Andrew offered to resend out to all Coaches and Managers. • Nominations are to be received from all Live Ball teams across Baseball and Softball • The situation regarding nominations from Softball was unclear, given Cheryl was not present. Joff offered to follow up with Cheryl to see that the nomination process was either complete or under way. • All nominations to be sent to the responsible Coordinators (Andrew Warner for Baseball and Cheryl Jones for Softball by no later than Tuesday 2nd March)
<p>Junior Presentation Day (Joff Stevens)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 21st 1 – 3 pm • Format of the day to follow time-honoured schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Season Wrap-Up ○ Players Player



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Representative Recognition ○ 5 Yr and 10 Yr Service Awards ○ President's Awards ○ Participation Trophies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● St. Agatha's having their school fete down on the lower oval on that day.
Equipment Return (Joff Stevens)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All Baseball kits (both Junior and Senior) to be returned to the Dungeon between 3pm and 4:30pm after Presentation Day, March 21st 2010. ● Softball arrangements TBA – Joff will liaise with Rachael, Cheryl and Danielle to finalise arrangements, and Greenway and Softball Websites updated accordingly.
Uniform Return (Andrew Warner, on behalf of Jo Warner)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Managers of Live Ball teams (U11 and up) to ask parents to bring a change of shirt along to the last game (whether Home and Away or Final). Managers to collect shirts and put (dirty) in a plastic garbage bag, label and drop to Jo at 16 Paxton Crescent, Cherrybrook. Jo will wash, repair and have uniforms ready for the start of next season. ● Pre-live Baseball team (U10 and down) arrangements TBA – Joff will liaise with Julie Simpson ● Softball arrangements TBA – Joff will liaise with Cheryl and Danielle, and will ensure that the Greenway and Softball websites are updated accordingly.
Annual General Meeting (Joff Stevens)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will be held from 8pm on April 20th – all Greenway members and friends welcome ● Nomination forms were handed out to Coaches and Managers, and all were encouraged to either a) consider taking on a vacant position or b) encourage parents in teams to take on a position. Concentration of roles in the hands of too few members currently is not good for the club's future, and leads to burnout ● Vacant positions for next year currently include Treasurer, Junior Softball Coordinator, Baseball Photo Coordinator, Greenway Trophy Coordinator, Social Coordinator, Grounds Manager
Meeting Closed	Tuesday, 23 rd February 2010, 9:10pm