

REGISTRATION

Hi folks, **Registration Day 2009** for the 2009/2010 season is **Sunday August 30** at the West Torrens Baseball Clubrooms, Netley Avenue, Lockleys, from **9.00am to 12 noon**.

It is critical for our planning purposes that we know how many players we have in each grade to ensure that we cater for everyone that wants to play baseball at West Torrens and that we have enough teams and coaches.

UNIFORMS

A reminder for those returning to the club and informing those new to the club, we provide Playing Uniforms (Tops and Pants) for the Little League Teams. Under 14's and 16's we provide the playing tops, players must purchase their own pants. Under 18 players must purchase their entire Uniform.

PRE SEASON CONCLUDES

The coming week sees our August pre-season work under the tutelage of Burke Weber and Bob Baker coming to an end. The final dates for trainings are Monday 24 August and Thursday 27 August. I'd like to extend my gratitude to Burke and Bob for the excellent work started with our junior players

JUNIOR COMMITTEE

I appeal once again for assistance on the Junior Committee for this season. Bernadette Donaldson and Karen Scheer have kindly put up their hands again, and I have had some offers of assistance where necessary, but I reiterate that Baseball is a small sport, helpers are needed if the club is to continue to be successful. If it falls to the same few each year then eventually they will burn out and opt out and then who will run the club?

There is much to be done. PLEASE put your hand up and offer to join the committee and help take on the tasks that must be done to ensure that the season happens.

If you would like to help by becoming a member of the Junior Committee then please contact me at mark.mcgarry@pulteney.sa.edu.au and I will be in touch. The committee would meet once a month over the season.

COACHES and TEAMS

I can confirm that the following people have accepted roles as coaches for 2009/10

Coaching Coordinator: Burke Weber

Under 12 - Jamie Boyden/Tim Mead

Under 12 - Ron Paulus

Under 14 - David Green

Under 14 - Rob Dineen

Under 16 - Rick Mead

Under 18 - Brett Ettridge

Pitching Coach – Bob Baker

We would hope to add a third Under 12, but this will depend on registrations.

Website

Great news, the West Torrens Baseball Club Website is back in action and up-to-date. We will continue to add things and develop the site over the season, so if you have any suggestions about what you would like included and what information you need to access, then drop me a line at this email address. The address is still <http://www.wtbc.org.au>

Major League Baseball

Is returning to Australia in the form of a new National League competition starting on November 13. South Australia will have its own yet to be named team. There is a competition to find the best name for the team, the prize for the 'creator' is a trip to next year's All-Star game in Anaheim, California.

Our club is fortunate to have many players that played with the Giants and the Bite in the previous National League still around as coaches and in some cases players. Do you know who they are? Names like Burke Weber, Grant Puckett, Brett Ettridge, Rick Mead, Andrew Scott just to name a few, so who will be the in the next generation of players?

Pre-season Training

Coaches will take over pre-season training in the near future. I will be in touch again soon to confirm details as they are finalised. As a general rule, the Little League Majors and Minors train once a week on Friday nights. Trainings are held at Lockleys oval on the Junior Diamond. Under 14's and 16's will train on Wednesdays and Fridays. Under 18's will train Tuesdays and Thursdays with the Seniors. Coaches will work with their squads and specialist coaching for Pitchers will be done by Bob baker in the Bull Pen, and other specialist work will be done as coaches are available for batting and catching. These details will be advised.

Yours in Baseball

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