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**KU-RING-GAI STEALERS
BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL
CLUB INCORPORATED**

ABN 21 664 105 236



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2022-23 Committee

Office Bearers

Position	Name	Other
President	Shaun Joffe	Sponsorship
Secretary	Andrew Kunce	Public Officer
Treasurer	Rob Scott	
Vice President – Junior Baseball	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simon Granville<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ From: 18-May-2022○ Resigned: 19-Mar-2023• Corrie Ackland<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ From: 24-Mar-2023○ Elected to casual vacancy on 24-Mar-2023	
Vice President – Senior Baseball	Matt Dolan	
Vice President - Softball	Maria Kunce	

General Committee

Name	Portfolio
Julia Benson	Softball Committee
Fred Beyers	Canteen
Justin Chou	Junior Umpires Coordinator
Nicholas Gibson	Senior Baseball Registrar
Gavin Gillett	
Paul Haynes	
Jane Heap	
Matthew Kiddle	
David Lane	
Celeste Musgrave	Softball Committee
Zachary Scott	
Adrian Steer	
Courtney Tuma	Softball Registrar
Alexia White	Junior Baseball Committee

Life Members

Year	Member
2018	Rob Scott
2015	Ross Stevenson
2012	Linda Matheson
2010	Rob McCluskey
2010	Ian Graham
2009	Chris Rainnie
2009	David Coutts
2009	Gordon Fraser
2002	Rick Geersen
1998	Frank Freeman
1998	Brian Luttrell
1992	Col Clarke

Club Person of the Year

Year	Member
2022-23	Damien Ackland
2021-22	Phil Wilson
2020-21	Fred Beyers
2015-16	Chris Rainnie
2014-15	Guy Jeffrey
2013-14	Adrian Steer

JVG Award

Excellence in Coaching & Sportsmanship

Year	Member
2021-2022	Wil Ilsong Lee
2011-2012	Harm Drenth
2010-2011	Gordon Fraser
2009-2010	John van Geldermaulsen [Posthumously]

Junior Coach of the Year

Fingleson Family Award in Honour of Joe Spinks

Year	Member
2022-2023	Adam Sprainger
2021-2022	Mat Kiddle
2020-2021	Damien Ackland
2019-2020	Phil Wilson
2018-2019	Sabrina Caffin
2017-2018	Aaron Christie
2016-2017 (Inaugural)	Damian Kunce



President's Award – Softball

(formerly The Chase Softball Club Presidents Award
donated by Lynne Townsend)

Year	Member
2020	Courtney Tuma
2017	Maria Kunce
2015	Stephanie Koehn
2014	Ross Stevenson
2012	Gary Sullivan
2009	Alison Winch
2008	Anne Phillips
2007	Sandra Sands
2006	All Managers & Scorers
2005	Karen Hill
2000	Foster Family
1999	Felicity Witt

Player Numbers

Code	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Junior Baseball	193	117	148
Senior Baseball	201	197	184
	2022	2021	2020
Softball	92	99	83
Total	486	413	415



President's Report

Shaun Joffee

Dear Members,

It is my privilege to present to you the President's Report for the 2022/2023 season of the Stealers Baseball and Softball Club. I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to the previous committee who passed the baton onto us. Their dedication and hard work have paved the way for our success, and we are truly grateful for their enduring contributions.

Allow me to introduce myself to those who may not be familiar. My name is Shaun Joffee, and I have been a proud member of the Stealers Baseball and Softball Club since 1986. It is an honour to have been entrusted with the role of club president, and I am committed to upholding the values that make our club so special.

As we reflect upon the past season, it is crucial to acknowledge the immense support we have received from our sponsors. Their generous contributions have been instrumental in providing our Baseballers and Softballers with the resources they need to excel on the field. We extend our deepest gratitude to these sponsors for their unwavering belief in the Stealers family.

To our coaches and managers, thank you for your tireless efforts throughout the season. Your expertise, passion, and unwavering dedication have played an indispensable role in shaping our players' skills and character. Beyond the wins and losses, your guidance has instilled in our players a sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship that is the hallmark of our club. We are immensely grateful for the positive impact you have on our members' lives.

This season began with an unexpected challenge as torrential rainfall transformed our Golden Jubilee into knee-high grass. Undeterred by this setback, our members, groundsman, and volunteers united to restore the playing surfaces. Unfortunately, Mother Nature continued to test our resolve as the season progressed, with the appearance of bill bugs infesting Golden Jubilee. However, our dedicated grounds team, in collaboration with the council, fought tirelessly to combat this infestation and restore the fields to playable conditions. I extend my deepest gratitude to all who lent a helping hand during this trying time.



I also want to express my heartfelt appreciation to every single member of the Stealers Baseball and Softball Club. Whether you are a player, parent, sibling, or fan, you are an integral part of our Stealers family. Your commitment, passion, and unwavering support are the foundation of our success, and a testament to the exceptional community we have built together.

It is also testament to our Club and facilities that requests continue for their use by local clubs, local association, and NSW State teams. This is something we should be immensely proud of.

Looking ahead, I am filled with excitement for the future of our club. Stealers Baseball and Softball Club will continue to grow, expand and improve looking for new sponsorship and community fundraising opportunities, as well as new player recruitment.

Once again, I want to express my deep gratitude to the previous committee for their exceptional service and commitment to the Stealers Baseball and Softball Club.

Thank you all for your incredible contributions to our Club.

Warmest regards,

Shaun Joffe

President

Secretary's Report

Andrew Kunce

It has been so pleasing to see a year of Baseball and Softball without the interruption of COVID restrictions and minimal interruption due to weather, allowing our members greater time on the diamond.

We are also fortunate that after so much hard work in getting the batting cages and bull pen completed, that these fantastic facilities are being highly utilised. Stealers members now have access to some of the best Baseball and Softball facilities that a local club has to offer.

Thank you to the new members of the Committee and Executive on taking on the roles to continue making Stealers a premier club. With half the Executive either being new or changing roles it has been a challenging year, however with the continuing assistance of previous office holders, and a steep learning curve they have done a stellar job in the management and promotion of Stealers.

Thank you to our previous office holders for their continued support, guidance, and assistance.

Governance

I can report that Stealers has been able to fulfil the following regulatory requirements since the last AGM:

- Submission of our 2022 A12 Annual summary of financial affairs to NSW Fair Trading.
- The Committee has held 13 meetings since the last AGM.
- The AGM for the 2023 year is scheduled for 19th July 2023 and as required, is within 6 months of our end of financial year (31st March 2023).
- Production of end of year financial statements (as included in this report).

Andrew Kunce

Secretary



Treasurer's Report

Rob Scott

Please see the *Accounts Pack Financial Year Ending 31st March 2023* addendum at the end of this Annual Report for the full Treasurers Report.

Junior Baseball Report

Corrie Ackland

What a pleasure it is to provide this report for the 2022/23 juniors baseball season, a phoenix of a season which rose from the ashes of the previous few seasons which were severely affected by COVID-19 disruption and rainouts. On the contrary, the 22/23 season played a full 21 rounds- including finals rounds, without a single full-round wash out!

Participation numbers improved from the previous season decline. We had 12 teams including Hawk Ball. 7 of these teams progressed into finals rounds with 2 of these teams doing so as Minor Premiers (JD3 Knox, JD2 Tigers). We had 5 teams in the grand finals with 3 home games. 2 of these home games were played at Golden Jubilee, with 1 home game opting to play at ELS Hall and live streamed. None of these teams came away with the gold, but solid efforts by all.

At presentation day, the Fingleson Family Award to the Junior Coach of the Year in Honour of Joe Spinks was awarded to Adam Spranger. JD3 Knox were awarded the school team of the year at the RHBL AGM.

I have only recently stepped into the role of VP Juniors, with thanks going to Simon Granville who was in this role for the 2022/23 season. I would also like to thank Justin Chou - Umpires Co-ordinator, David Wall - Results Co-ordinator, Fred Beyers - Canteen Legend, and all our coaches, managers, scorers, and other volunteers, for giving up their time to support the kids and the club over the season.

We are looking forward to a big, exciting season starting 8 September, with preparations already underway including pre-season development, come and try days, and grading.

Corrie Ackland

VP Junior Baseball

Senior Baseball Report

Mat Dolan

Stealers Seniors had another successful year in 2022/23.

In PCBL summer, we had 106 players across 8 teams, with representation from A grade through to F Grade. We had good outcomes throughout, including better weather than the previous two years, and this allowed for all players to play more throughout the season.

In Masters, we had 30 players across 2 teams in the 2022 Spring season, and 25 players across 2 teams in the 2023 Autumn Season. Well done the BaTS for making the final in both years.

In PCBL winter, we have 41 players across 3 teams. At the time of writing this, there have not been any washed out games.

This year marked the 10th anniversary of sending at least one team away to the Tamworth June Invitational tournament. This year we sent two teams, both playing in C grade. A big thank you to Shaun Joffe, Rob Scott and Mark Richards for their organisation to keep allowing this to continue. Special mention to Shaun Joffe, and yours truly, as the only two players who have attended every year.

A big thank you to the Club Person of the Year award recipient - Damien Ackland - and I would like to acknowledge all of the work that Damien put in to getting the grounds back to playable, especially following the worm infestation that struck GJ over the summer.

A thank you to all managers, scorers, coaches, umpires and spectators. Without you, this sport would cease to be.

I have enjoyed serving you in this role this year, and I look forward to seeing you out on the diamond again soon.

Mat Dolan

VP Senior Baseball

Softball Report

Maria Kunce

2022 North Shore (NSDSA) Winter Season

Registered Players		
Benny Ball	3-6 Years	1
Sub-Junior	7-12 Years	7
Junior	13-17 Years	16
Senior	18+ Years	68
Player Totals		92
Officials	-	3

Our season was affected by rain but all in all it was a good season.

We had two junior teams, Div 2 Stellars and Div 3 Stars. We unfortunately do not have a Div 1 team yet, but Kissing Point kindly took in our Stealers Div 1 player for the season, and they also played in their Seniors B1 team. Congratulations to our Div 2 Stellars who took out the grand final in a nail-biting game.

Our seniors were also well represented with the B2 Rockets, B3 Jets & Titans, C Grade Meteors & Pulsars. The Rockets & Meteors were all strong contenders for the finals.

Thank you to those who helped getting their teams on the diamonds at St Ives for the 2022 Season. Thank you also to Julia Benson who along with playing & managing & scoring for teams, works tirelessly on the NSDSA committee. Thank you also to all coaches, managers, and scorers for volunteering their time to bring out the best in our players. Thank you also parents for getting your superstars to games and trainings, we are truly grateful.

2022 NSDSA Representative Season

Again, many Stealers junior players were selected to the North Shore U12, U14, & U16 Representative Teams. For such a small pool of junior players we have made up 1/3 of these teams. Gratitude to Sabrina Caffin and Mark Benson for their contribution to coaching in the Representative Program.

Congratulations to the following players for being selected to represent NSDSA:

- Maddie K, Millie B, Lana T for U12s
- Sophia B, Eva K, Angie H & Lydia R for U14s
- Ruby A & Emily K for being selected for U16s
- Ngaire O, Sabrina C & Mary B for O45s



2022-23 Hornsby (HDSA) Summer Season

We had a good season, with a team each in Seniors B grade, and C grade and one of our winter junior players playing in two teams in the juniors' morning competition. We also had some of our junior umpires help when they could in the afternoon.

Thank you to all players and officials for the fun season, it was a relief not to have as many wash outs as we did the previous season.

Maria Kunce

VP Softball

Sponsors

As a community-based club one of the ways we strive to deliver the maximum value to our members whilst keeping fees as low as possible is by sponsorship.

We are extremely grateful to our sponsors for the past year and highly encourage all members to support them where possible.

This year we were able to provide all new players and coaches with a training shirt with our sponsors logos on the back.

If you or a business you know would like to join as a sponsor for this upcoming year then please contact president@stealers.com.au for more information.



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Accounts Pack Financial Year Ending 31st March 2023 Addendum



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Ku-Ring-Gai Stealers Baseball and Softball Club Inc

**Accounts Pack
Financial year Ending 31 March 2023**

Ku-ring-gai Stealers Baseball and Softball Club Inc

P.O. Box 193

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

Assets

Cash

Savings Account	55,252
Statement Account	2,692

Total Assets	57,945	57,945
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Liabilities

Creditors

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Total Liabilities	-	-
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Equity

57,945

Change in Cash 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Opening Balances at 1 April 2022

Savings Account	70,569	
Statement Account	<u>3,364</u>	
Total	73,933	73,933

Closing Balances at 31 March 2023

Savings Account	55,252	
Statement Account	<u>2,692</u>	
Total	57,945	57,945

Net increase/(decrease) (15,988)

Reconcile against profit/(loss)

Profit/(loss)	(15,988)
discrepancy	(0)

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Profit & Loss [Last Year Analysis]

"2023 Actual Column" shows actual income and expenditure to 31/03/2023

	2023 Actual	2023 full year Budget	Var Actual to Budget	Last Year 2022 Actual	Var 2023 Actual to 2022 Actuals
Income					
Summer Seniors Baseball	28,976	28,800	176	28,740	236
Summer Juniors Baseball	28,785	23,700	5,085	23,627	5,158
Winter Seniors Baseball	9,197	7,900	1,297	7,820	1,377
Softball	5,186	3,400	1,786	3,393	1,793
Uniform Sales	2,432	4,200	(1,768)	4,169	(1,737)
Canteen Takings	3,357	1,700	1,657	1,610	1,747
Miscellaneous Income	1,348	500	848	430	918
Jubilee Cup & Other Rego	-	-	-	-	-
Sponsorships and grants	2,750	34,000	(31,250)	54,584	(51,834)
Total Income	82,030	104,200	(22,170)	124,372	(42,342)
Cost of Sales					
Tournament costs (in-out)	(2,133)	(200)	1,933	(120)	
Purchases for Resale-Uniforms	1,088	3,000	1,912	10,533	
Capitation - BA & BNSW	-	-	-	-	
Capitation - RHBL	-	3,400	3,400	3,335	
Capitation - PCBL	17,958	15,300	(2,658)	15,290	
Capitation - Softball	(940)	(400)	540	(363)	577
Total Cost of Sales	15,973	21,100	5,127	28,674	577
Gross Profit	66,058	83,100	(17,042)	95,698	(29,640)
Expenses					
Bank & Government Charges	48	200	152	101	53
Advertising	3,003	2,300	(703)	2,259	(744)
Commissions Paid	-	200	200	200	200
Gala Day & Other Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Baseball Equipment	9,332	2,800	(6,532)	2,707	(6,625)
Baseballs	3,980	1,900	(2,080)	1,803	(2,177)
Machine Maint	2,045	700	(1,345)	680	(1,365)
	-	-	-	-	-
Training and Camps	405	700	295	631	226
Ground & Hall Hire	36,025	22,400	(13,625)	22,392	(13,634)
Ground Maintenance	21,564	20,000	(1,564)	60,672	39,108
Postage & Communication	-	200	200	144	144
Web Site Expenses	1,333	1,000	(333)	990	(343)
Season Start Up Costs	411	-	(411)	-	(411)
Registration & Meeting Expense	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,900	1,900	-	1,850	(50)
Presentation Day & Awards etc.	2,368	200	(2,168)	187	(2,181)
Clubhouse/Committee Amenities	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	82,414	54,500	(27,914)	94,614	12,200
Operating Profit	(16,357)	28,600	(55,828)	1,083	24,401
Other Income					
Interest Income	368	100		29	
Total Other Income	368	100	(268)	29	(339)
Other Expenses					
Interest Expense	-	-		-	
Total Other Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Net Profit / (Loss)	(15,988)	28,700	(44,688)	1,113	(17,101)

Ku-ring-Gai Stealers Baseball and Softball Club Inc
Notes to the Profit and Loss Account FYE 31 March 2023

1. Income

1.1. Summer Seniors Baseball

On budget.

1.2. Summer Juniors Baseball

Performed \$5k or 21% better than budget.

1.3. Winter Seniors Baseball

Performed \$1.3k or 16% better than budget.

1.4. Softball

Performed \$1.8k or 53% better than budget.

1.5. Uniform Sales

Down \$(1.8k) or -42% to budget. This is unusual given the increased income from Junior Baseball and Softball registrations.

1.6. Canteen Takings

Performed \$1.7k or 100% better than budget. Note that some of this money may be for funding softball rep participation (re: cake stall fundraiser).

1.7. Miscellaneous Income

Performed \$848 or 170% better than budget. Largely third-party use of the batting cages.

1.8. Jubilee Cup & Other Rego

No gala days were held during the year.

1.9. Sponsorships and grants

Down \$(31k) or -92% on budget and down -95% on last year's income. This year we only obtained two small contributions from Baseball NSW Grassroots and Ku-Ring-Gai Council.

1.10. Total Income

While mitigated somewhat by a boost of income in baseball and softball registrations, the loss of any significant sponsorship or grant income resulted in an overall decline in operating income of \$(42k) or -34% on last year's income and a final result \$(31k) or -21% down on budget.

2. Cost of Sales

2.1. Tournament costs (in-out)

This is predominantly a clearing account for the Tamworth June Baseball Carnival and aims for break-even. It is currently in negative expenditure as players have begun to pay registration fees for the 2023 tournament.

2.2. Purchases for Resale-Uniforms

Expenditure is down \$1.9k or 64% in line with reduced uniform sales (see 1.5 above).

2.3. Capitation - BA & BNSW

Obsolete line item as this is now garnished at the time of each player's registration.

2.4. Capitation – RHBL

RHBL is yet to send us an invoice for the 2022-23 season, consequently no expenditure but \$3.4k expected.

2.5. Capitation – PCBL

Expenditure \$2.7k or 17% higher than budget however we are currently \$745.75 in credit with PCBL. Payment to PCBL this year includes \$670 in fines (E2 Road Runners \$330, A2 Swingers \$150, C2 Numbats \$110, D2 Shoeless Joes \$80).

2.6. Capitation – Softball

NSDSA capitation is now garnished at the time of each player's registration. The negative expenditure of \$940 is a credit from Softball NSW.

3. Expenses

3.1. Bank & Government Charges

Underebudget.

3.2. Advertising

\$703 or 31% overbudget. Several social media boosts were included this year.

3.3. Commissions Paid

None during the year – related to poor performance of 'Sponsorship and grants' income (see 1.9 above).

3.4. Gala Day & Other Subscriptions

Stealers had no club-funded participation in gala days this year.

3.5. Insurance

No payment for insurance as it is understood that required insurances are included in association/state/federal bodies capitation fees.

3.6. Baseball Equipment

Expenditure overbudget by \$6.5k or 233% due to purchase of new Zooka machine and catchers gear.

3.7. Baseballs

Expenditure overbudget by \$2k or 100% due to replenishment of balls especially for training.

3.8. Machine Maintenance

Overbudget by \$1.3k or 192% resulting from overdue maintenance to Zooka machines.

3.9. Training and Camps

Underbudget due to only one player participating in softball official training.

3.10. Ground & Hall Hire

Overbudget by \$14k or 61% but includes \$10k of unpaid invoices from the previous year and \$5.5k of new recurring expenditure related to clubhouse/batting cages rent.

3.11. Ground Maintenance

Overbudget by \$1.5k or 8%.

3.12. Postage & Communication

None.

3.13. Web Site Expenses

\$300 overbudget.

3.14. Season Start Up Costs

\$400 overbudget.

3.15. Registration & Meeting Expense

None.

3.16. Miscellaneous Expenses

On budget and similar to last year. Predominantly juniors umpiring expenses.

3.17. Presentation Day & Awards etc.

Increase of \$2k on last year, as presentations were reinstated after the COVID lockdown.

3.18. Clubhouse/Committee Amenities

None.

3.19. Telephone

None.

3.20. Total Expenses

\$28k overbudget due to unbudgeted expenditure in Equipment and Ground Hire.

4. Other Income

4.1. Interest Income – overbudget due to increased interest rates on bank savings account.

5. Other Expenses

5.1. Interest Expense – none.

6. Net Profit / (Loss)

The net loss of \$16k is broadly attributable to lack of Sponsorship/Grant income coupled with increased expenditure on Equipment and Ground Hire. This loss results in a commensurate depletion of the cash reserves and reduction of equity on the balance sheet.