



The Bear Pause

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Adam Barton was all aglow after receiving his C Grade Players Player Award



Presentation Day organisers Doc Llewellyn and Cliff Rock work the barbie as Graham Liu waits for some first class Aussie grub!

Bears' Best Come Out For Presentation Night/Bowls

The stars came out to shine Saturday afternoon at the North Sydney Leagues Bowls Club as the Bears Baseball team celebrated the end of the Winter season.

Doc Llewellyn and Cliff Rock served 'em up fresh off the grill and the beverages were free flowing as the All-Star Gala got under way at 3 p.m.

A short awards presentation by each grade followed at 4 p.m. Acceptance speeches were limited to 30 seconds and news helicopters circled overhead to capture the magic (no, really...)

Award winners for Winter 2005:

A1 MVP and Player's Player — Alex McDonald

A2 Most appearances in a winning team — Nathaniel Eckstrom

A2 Most Versatile Fielder — Steve Shirliff

B2 MVP — Danny Cain

B2 Player's Player — Tony Callanan

C Grade Offensive Award — Paul Cremin

C Grade Defensive Award — Jason Cooke

C Grade Coaches Award — James Wedesweiler

C Grade Consistent Performance Award — Richard Jamieson

C Grade Player's Player, 1st Place — Colin Edwin

C Grade Player's Player, 2nd Place — Adam Barton

C Grade Player's Player, 3rd Place — Jim Strachan

F2 MVP — Jason Richardson

F2 Player's Player — Barry Czitan

An emotional Jimmy Wedesweiler fought back tears as he accepted his award, "Geez, is there anybody on C-grade that didn't get an award?!"

Following the awards ceremony, the party moved to the bowls green until the liquor swilling-group was kicked out to make room for the full-force nanna fury of a bowls club function. Ain't no party like a nanna bowls party 'cuz a nanna bowls party don't stop!

By Jim Strachan



"Straight to the Pool Room!" Denny Cain accepts his B2 MVP Award.



A1 Grade MVP Alex McDonald accepts his award the next day at the A Grade tryouts at Blacktown Olympic park.



North Sydney Bears — C-Grade Winter 2005

The combined C-Grade Squad — Back row: Adam Barton, Jimmy Wedesweiler, Jason Smart, Kristain Cruz, Brett Gordon, Dan Hoskings, Colin Edwin, Rich Jamieson, Andrew Jessop, Michael Cudmore, Mark Verrall
 Middle row: Craig McQuillen, Graham Liu, Cliff Villarroel, Jason Cooke, Michael Hagarty, Daniel Badger, Joshua Cuthbertson, Paul Cremin, Jim Strachan
 Front row: Co-managers Paul van der Westhuizen and Darren Llewellyn

Early Surge By Knights Denies C-Grade Bears A Spot in Grand Final

As the only side to make the Winter League finals, a large group of clubmates were in attendance to support the C2 Bears against Castle Hill.

In a tense opening, the Bears allowed the Knights to load the bases. A routine fly ball on any other ground cleared the right fence at Auluba, and the Knights were ahead 4-0. Barto had some trouble finding his rhythm early, and the Knights scattered more hits and advanced to a 8-0 lead at the end of the first.

In the second, the middle order allowed the Bears lineup to stage a fightback. Aggressive running put the pressure back on the Knights, and the score closed to 8-4. The Bears were coming back.

The bottom of the second saw Barto return to his best, closing the inning in quick time. A change of pitcher to Spud in the third, and more hits for the Bears middle order saw the score move to 9-6 after 3. The Bears were unable to capitalise and closed to 9-7 in the top of the fourth. Another pitching change to Cookey in the fourth had the desired effect with his velocity hard to handle by the Knights.

Unfortunately more errors allowed runners into scoring position, and the score moved to 12-7. The Knights closer ended the Bears rally in the fifth and the game was over.

All of the Bears pitchers did their best

but were let down by some errors in the field. Pauly and Rich were standouts in the field and made some great plays. As always, Crem was solid behind the plate and called a great game.

Crem also led the way with the bat (2-3, 2 RBI), along with Jim (1-2 1 RBI), Barto (2-2 1 RBI), Rich (2-3 1 RBI) and Brett (1-3 2 RBI). Despite the outcome, the entire C Grade squad had a great year and look forward to getting back together for the summer comp. On behalf of the team, thank you to those who came along to the game to support us this season.

By Doc Llewellyn

The entire C Grade squad would like to thank Co-Managers Darren "Doc" Llewellyn and Paul van der Westhuizen for their hard work and commitment over the 2005 Winter season. Oh, and Hagarty too... Thanks guys.

If any of the C Grade players would like an 8"x10" print of the team photo above, email me at bearpause@optusnet.com.au (They're \$10 each, but I could also send you the high res file if you can print them yourself. Just let me know, Jim.)

A2s: “More Ups And Downs Than Honeymoon Bed”



Standing, from left: Jim Owen, Alex Macdonald, Michael Bromley, Steve Shirtliff, Nathaniel Eckstrom.
Kneeling, from left: Tom Buckle, Damien Treseder, Dave Hogan, Dave Burns.
Not pictured: Simon Treseder, Duncan Balmer, Simon Letchford, Michael Taylor & Justin Miller.

B2s Miss Playoffs But Look Really Good Doing It

After some end-of-season analysis at the Bridgeview, it was decided the brilliant Bears B2 side had a reasonable year—narrowly missing the playoffs by just a single game.

Talk in the team had us winning the Grand Final...only problem was we didn't even make the playoffs, but we're sure the teams involved were very relieved we didn't.

We would have been a threat!!

Throughout the season, the team had its normal ups and downs. We were traveling along brilliantly until mid-season wet weather seemed to stop our momentum. We just weren't the same team when we came back.

The team at times was very impressive, all players had their moment or two of

brilliance (some just had more moments) but most importantly all got along with each other extremely well. There were lots of laughs, much talk about umpires' decisions, and already there is talk about a pennant flying over Flat Rock this time next year.

By John Thompson

New Executive Committee Elected At AGM

Next year's Bears Baseball Executive Committee was elected at the September 17th AGM at North Sydney Leagues Club. This year's committee includes several returning members as well as a few new faces.

President—John Dumay

VP Seniors—Michael Hagarty

VP Juniors—John Thompson

Treasurer—Mark Holman

Assistant Treasurer—Yvette Miller

Secretary—Paul van der Westhuizen

Directors of Social and Media Committee (4)—

Cliff Villarroel, Darren Llewellyn, Jim Strachan, Kristian Cruz

Club Patron—Alan Clinch

No VP for Representative Baseball was elected as North Sydney are not involved in the AA competition.

North Sydney Bears F-Grade Squad



Back Row: Dave Watt, Paul Nesbitt, Billy Patterson, Mark Holman, John Dumay, Yvette Miller
Front row: Tim Gould, Dan Pearson, Barry Czitan, Arthur Richardson, Jason Richardson, Ian Burgess
Not pictured: Claude Davidson

Mixed Fortunes Defines Season For F Troop

We won our first game by a country mile and feared getting regraded. No problem, we lost the next four games. Regrading down was not talked about, as you cannot get lower than F2.

However, with a bit of inspirational coaching from Billy Patterson and a bit of 'can do' on the field, our team started to show some promise.

I was especially delighted that the attendance at training was particularly high and it was usual for 10 or more of the team to make it to those cold dark Thursday nights.

The payoff came late in the season when we really started to give the competition leaders a run for their money and even to beat the leaders in

an exhilarating game. We did miss out on the playoffs, but by the narrowest of margins. But we did have a great season nonetheless, where people really learned a lot and put in all the time.

By Mark Holman



New look coming for Bears. Look for this new logo to grace the pages of the Bear Pause and many other North Sydney Bears communications in the near future!

Important Changes:

There's a new email address for submissions to the Bear Pause. Starting September 1st, all materials should be submitted to this email address:

Submissions: bearpause@optusnet.com.au

