

New South Wales Baseball  
Umpires Association Inc.

90th Annual Report

2012

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# Season 2011-2012

## Office Bearers

Position	Name
Patron	David Cowdroy
President	Neil Alchin
Vice President	Matt Carter
Honorary Secretary	John Bailey
Honorary Assistant Secretary	Glenn Hollett
Treasurer	Rob Brown
Committee Members	Matt Wagner
	Steven Bowen
State Director of Umpiring	John Robertson / Trent Thomas
Delegate to the League	John Robertson
Delegate to the Junior Sub Committee	Fred Adam
Junior Umpire Development	Fred Adam

## Life Members

J. Aitro	B. Clarke	*C. Davies	*J. Deviegne
A. Jones	R. Jordan	*W. Mancell	R. Medicott
F. Mitchell	*D. Price	J. Riley	G. Robertson
R. Russell	*F. Stewart	*L. Wilson	G. Tancred
M. Stephens	D. Cowdroy	*T. Brooks	T. Watters
J. Robertson	I. Rouse	F. Adam	

\* Denotes deceased member

## President's Report

2011-12 was a challenging year for NSWBUA, with a changing of the guard resulting in some major changes for us. With change comes new inputs and opportunity, so we will continue to learn from the past, but also work into the future.

We saw the retirement of our long-term president Trevor Watters & his input will be sorely missed – he has set a high benchmark for contribution and passion to baseball umpiring in this state. We trust that Trevor will continue his involvement in his 'retirement' as his rules & mechanics knowledge will continue to be greatly beneficial to us.

Hot on the heels of Trevor's retirement we also saw Fred Adam standing down from the Junior Co-ordinators role. Fred made a significant contribution in this role. He will continue to provide his input, particularly in regards to Little League.

As if these two losses were not enough, we then saw the retirement of our long standing State Director, John Robertson. Robbo has provided an incredible input in his SDU role over a 10 year period. In recognition of his work, Robbo was awarded our 'Umpire Award' last year. Again we trust that John will continue his great work in umpire training as part of our instructor's panel, under newly appointed SDU, Trent Thomas.

NSWBUA appointed umpires to a number of leagues in 2011-12. Here we list the Umpires appointed for the GF games in each of the leagues:

Umpire	Grade	Competition
Trent Thomas	1st Grade	Sydney Major League
Robert Crawford	1st Grade	Sydney Major League
John Bailey	2nd Grade	Sydney Major League
Geoff Fisher	3rd Grade	Sydney Major League
David Rosser	Under 18	Sydney Major League
Steven Bowen	A Grade	Sydney Women's League
Dylan Payne	B Grade	Sydney Women's League
Rob Brown	1st Grade	Sydney Winter League
Geoff Fisher	2nd Grade	Sydney Winter League
Noel Palmer	3rd Grade	Sydney Winter League

Umpires were appointed to various National Age championships, National Women's & Little League as follows:

Umpire	Competition
Brian McDonald	A National Championships
Rod Thomas	AA and AAA National Championships
Ken Pridmore	AA and AAA National Championships
John Bailey	AA and AAA National Championships
Don Washburn	National Women's Championships
Matt Wagner	National Little League Championships
Riley Barrington	National Little League Championships

As we look to the challenges of the future, we approach the tasks with a positive attitude. We require assistance from all stakeholders in Baseball, as recruitment, training and retention of umpires at all levels is not just the responsibility of NSWBUA but all stakeholders – we all need to do our part.

Neil Alchin

## Secretary

This is my first report as secretary of your association and what a year it's been. There was a number of changes at the committee level with Neil Alchin taking on the role of President replacing long serving member and president Trevor Watters, myself accepting the roll of secretary, with Matt Wagner and Steven Bowen also joining the committee. During the year we also saw the resignation of John Robinson our long serving State Director of Umpiring and locations officer, with Trent Thomas being appointed to the role of SDU.

Your committee is working hard reviewing the functions carried out by your association some of these reviews are in umpire allocations, the leagues we can support with a limited active membership, ongoing development and how we can improve. The better use of the instructors and resource available through the year and recruiting umpires to our membership. Ongoing funding and running cost for your associations.

As mentioned above with JR resigning I took on the additional responsibility of allocations officer and I would like to thank Trevor for his behind the scenes support while learning the system. I can now fully appreciate how hard John & Trevor worked for your association over the past ten years with little or no appreciation of the actual hours devoted to the running of your association.

Finally thank you to my fellow executive for their support during the year.

John Bailey

## Treasurer's Report

I present my Report to our Members for the year ended 30 April 2012.

I am happy to be able to report that we recorded a profit for the year of \$3511. To reconcile this figure, you will need to look at both the reported profit of \$5637 and the reduction in Development of \$2126.

If you review the Profit and Loss you will see that another interesting statistic is the top three expenses of; Computer costs \$1317, Under 16-18 National Championships \$1200 and Little League \$1085. A prudent member might ask what do these costs mean to me – why should I pay for them? Shouldn't the users pay?

I would like to thank the executive committee for their support for our association in particular the outgoing John Robertson, Trevor Watters and Fred Adam whose guidance and friendship has been greatly appreciated and also the 'new' committee with special thanks to Neil, John & Matt.

Over the last couple of years, the fundamental issues affecting our Association's financial well-being haven't changed. A core number of our members are carrying the work, both on and off the field. This must change. We need additional volunteers – if you think you can help our association in any way, please email, ring, write or speak to me or any other executive member and if I can't help you, I will pass your thoughts on.

To those I have umpired with this year, THANKS – I've had a lot of fun and hope to meet more of you on the diamond. All you need to do is email the Coordinator and ask – he will arrange it.

Assuring you of my best intentions at all times,

Rob Brown

## Statement by members of the Management Committee

The Management Committee has predetermined that the Association is not a reporting entity

The Management Committee has determined that the special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the accounts.

In the opinion of the Management Committee, the accompanying financial statements being:

- a) Income Statement for the Year Ended 30 April, 2012.
  - b) Balance Sheet as at 30 April, 2012.
- 1) Present a true and fair view of the financial position of the  
  
NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED  
  
as at 30 April, 2012
  - 2) At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the  
  
NEW SOUTH WALES BASEBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED  
  
will be able to pay its debts as soon as and when they fall due.

The Management Committee further reports:

- a) There are no mortgages, charges and other securities of any description  
  
affecting any of the property of the Association as at 30 April, 2012.
- b) There are no funds held by the Association in its capacity as Trustee of any Trust.

This statement is made in accordance with the resolution of the Management

Committee and is signed for an behalf of the Management Committee by:

President \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 28 September, 2012

Neil Alchin

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Dated 28 September, 2012

Rob Brown



## Income Statement

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2012

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Administration Fees	4,295	3,970
Member's Subscriptions and Joining Fees	2,651	777
Seminar Income	3,245	5,796
Interest Received	109	107
Shirt and Book Sales	2,635	59
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	12,935	10,709
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<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Annual Dinner Subsidy	738	1,632
Audit Fees	770	770
Bank Fees	69	82
Computer Expenses	1,317	691
Depreciation	514	-
Entertainment	860	978
General Expenses	357	583
Honorariums	1,810	1,810
Postage/Printing/Stationery/Telephone	31	41
Shirts/Awards/Books	832	554
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	7,298	7,141
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<b>Operating Profit</b>	5,637	3,568
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<b>Accumulated Surplus at Beginning of Report</b>	25,166	21,598
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<b>Surplus for Year</b>	5,637	3,568
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<b>Accumulated Surplus at End of Reporting Period</b>	30,803	25,166
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## Balance Sheet

AS AT 30 APRIL 2012

	NOTE	2012	2011
		\$	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at Bank Westpac Bank, Wentworthville & Paypal		26,714	22,697
Receivables - Fees, Admin & Accreditation Fees		17,400	21,911
Stock on Hand - at cost		4,176	2,429
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>48,290</b>	<b>47,037</b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
CB Instructor Radios - at cost		600	600
Less Accumulated Depreciation		600	600
		0	0
Card Scanner		112	112
Less Accumulated Depreciation		112	112
		0	0
Computers - at cost		3,657	3,180
Less Accumulated Depreciation		3,302	3,180
		355	0
Projector - at cost		1,879	1,879
Less Accumulated Depreciation		1,879	1,879
		0	0
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>		<b>355</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>48,645</b>	<b>47,037</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Umpire Development Fund	2	8,983	11,559
Creditors		8,858	10,312
		17,841	21,871
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>17,841</b>	<b>21,871</b>
<b>SURPLUS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES</b>		<b>30,804</b>	<b>25,166</b>

## Notes

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2012

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial Statements are special purpose financial reports prepared in order to satisfy the rules of the Association and the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009.

NOTE 2:	UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT FUND	2012	2011
	RECEIPTS	\$	\$
	Member's Contributions	3,090	2,794
	Other Income	-	750
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		3,090	3,544
	EXPENDITURE		
	National School Boys	-	210
	National Under 23 Championships	-	500
	National Under 14 Championships	400	500
	National Under 16/18 Championships	1,200	1,800
	Womens Nationals	650	-
	Major League Finals	-	815
	Sydney Winter Finals	730	270
	NSW Womens League	-	314
	Little League	1,085	1,562
	MLB Academy Gold Coast	550	1,298
	Other	600	520
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		5,215	7,789
	EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME	-2,125	-4,245
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	BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	11,109	15,804
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	BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD	8,984	11,559
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	NSWBUA	8,534	11,109
	MANLY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION	450	450
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		8,984	11,559
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## Independent Audit Report

To The Members  
New South Wales Baseball Umpires Association

### Audit Brief

I have audited the financial report, being the Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 April 2012. The Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Financial Report and the information contained there in. I have conducted an independent audit of the Financial Report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the Association.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the Financial Report, and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the Financial Report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the association's financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

In conducting my audit I have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

### Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the Financial Report of New South Wales Baseball Umpires Association presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, the financial position of New South Wales Baseball Umpires Association as at 30 April 2012 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

MARY SZIRMAI B Bus  
Registered Auditor  
28 September 2012

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Reporting Entity Statement

# State Director

## Appointments

This year we had several notable appointments to championships and advanced training:

Umpire	Competition
Bob Crawford	ABL
Luke Goldsmith	ABL
Paul Hyham	ABL
Trent Thomas	ABL
Brian McDonald	A National Championships
Rod Thomas	AA & AAA National Championship
Ken Pridmore	AA & AAA National Championship
John Bailey	AA & AAA National Championship
Riley Barrington	Little League Championships
Matt Wagner	Little League Championships
Don Washburn	National Women's Championships

# Appointed Umpire Reports

## **National A Championships**

Umpire Appointed: Brian McDonald

- No Report Received -

## **National AA and AAA Championships**

Umpires Appointed: Ken Pridmore, Rod Thomas, John Bailey

I was appointed to the National Youth Championships hosted by City of Geelong and The Geelong Baycats Baseball Club held between the 7-18 January.

On Friday 7th I travelled to Melbourne with Rod Thomas and NSW Country U/16 team. Our other member of the NSW team Ken Pridmore would arrive on Saturday. We landed at Melbourne airport around 10.30am where we picked up a bus organised by the ABF and headed off for the hour long drive to our accommodation at The Geelong Grammar School. Friday afternoon we meet with the other umpires for the tournament briefing had some lunch and then drove 45 mins to the grounds for walk through and discussion on the ground rules and tournament rules.

The next 11 days was all baseball on average two games per day alternating between plates and base. The standard of baseball was very high the best of the best from each State. The 3 man system was used in every game and at the conclusion you were debriefed by the umpire coordinators on situations that occurred during your game and what panel could have done better. This occurred every day. I found the high level of concentration required over 11 days exhausting at time. The first game each day commenced at 9am with the last 6pm.

It was good experience working with umpires from other states ACT, QLD, VIC and WA all at different levels experiences.

Finally I would like to thank NSWBUA for the opportunity to attend this year's Championship and to umpires that are afforded the chance to participate in National Championship to accept the offer, it's a great experience and huge learning curve worth the time and the effort.

Thanks  
John Bailey

## National Women's Championships

Umpires Appointed: Steve Bowen, Melissa McFarland, Don Washburn

The Australian Women's and Under 15 Girls' Baseball Championships for 2012 were held in April at the Narrabundah baseball complex in Canberra. Steve Bowen, Melissa McFarland and I represented NSW in matters relating to umpiring. Steve and Melissa were assigned mainly to Under 15 games, while I worked both tournaments. I did 17 games in nine days with my share of plates, and for once came away quite willing to leave the umpiring to somebody else for an extended period.

Nevertheless, it was a good week. Our coordinator, ABL umpire Matt Pearson, while professional and discerning, was relaxed and unpedantic, which meant that one could concentrate on the ball game without worrying about real or imagined mistakes. Matt stressed working together and getting our rotations right rather than text book mechanics, and in my case his approach was entirely effective. Of course, I did have the benefit of umpiring with experienced colleagues such as Greg Kent and Mick Cumming of the ABL and Paul Carthy, Fiona Lambrick and Geoff Cooper, all veterans of past Australian Women's Championships. In the gold medal game I was assigned to right field, probably a fair indication of where I stood in the umpire rankings. But I did have more action out there than Paul Carthy had at 3rd base.

The standard of baseball was mixed. But the girls, particularly at the top level, play the game with skill, verve and intelligence. The under 15's tournament certainly justified itself, and I'll endorse the opinion of officials, coaches, players and spectators that it should be part of the AWC from now on. I should also mention three games that stood out:

In their game against Northern Territory Country NSW sent 25 batters to the plate in the first inning and scored 20 runs. In the second inning CNSW went 3 up, 3 down.

Two of the better teams, WA and NSW, played a 3 hour 30 minute marathon with NSW winning 24-23 on a walk-off single in the 7th inning.

WA took out the gold medal, beating NSW 9-8 in as gritty an encounter as you will ever witness.

All in all it was a satisfying experience. Even the National Director of Umpiring, Geoff Robertson, a man not normally given to fulsome praise, conceded that we had done "a great job" and would all be welcome back next year.

Don Washburn

## Little League National Titles, Gold Coast

Umpires Appointed: Matt Wagner and Riley Barrington

Firstly I would like to thank the executive for the opportunity of this appointment. Traveling to the Gold Coast for these National Titles has certainly been a Highlight of my Umpiring Career so far.

On Monday May 22 this year Riley Barrington and I headed off to the Gold Coast for the Little National Titles representing NSW. Arriving at the Gold Coast we picked up our minibus waited for a couple of interstate counterparts and headed off to our Accommodation at Currumbin Sands on the beachfront. The rooms were self-contained and the rest of day was spent buying food, relaxing and waiting for the rest of the guys to arrive.

Tuesday saw us off to the venue to meet up with the local guys from Brisbane and the Gold Coast and for some Training on the new Little League/Small Diamond Mechanics.

These new mechanics were being trialled for the first time at these Championships and involve a modified 2 man system. The main points being;

- The plate Umpire is responsible for all catches
- The Base Umpire is either in the A or B position and does not go to C.
- The Plate Umpire may assist with plays at 3rd.

Generally speaking,

- The Base Umpire “Stays out” on an Infield hit and,
- The Base Umpire “Goes in” on an Outfield Hit.
- But the BU may have to “Go Out” on a batted ball that is “trouble” or close to going out of play through a field using cones, lines or small fences to enclose the outfield. On these occasions the PU has all runners.

Wednesday and Thursday saw Pool games underway with 4 time slots and 4 games underway at once each game utilised the 2 man system with 3 games to do each day. Early mornings, hot weather and late finishes called for quiet evenings and early bed times.

Saturday and Sunday where finals generally using 3 man systems but semis and the Gold Medal game used 4 Umpires.

All Games where 6 innings excluding Mercy Rule games.

I was given the plate for the Semi between Perth North and Brisbane South which saw a nil all deadlock broken by a solo home run in the bottom of the first extra innings by Perth North.

Paul Carthy from Victoria was given the Plate for the other final where North Ryde was outgunned by a stronger pitching Yarra Rangers. Following this tournament Paul was selected to go to the Asian Championships in Taipei.

Riley Barrington was given the plate for the Gold Medal game and did a great job where the game saw a lopsided finish for the winners Perth North who out battered Yarra from the first innings.



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Perth North as National Champions went to Taipei in July but next year the Australian Champions will qualify straight to the US.

For Development a number of states appointed Junior Umpires to this Tournament with Riley being one of the older ones but 2 guys from Victoria, 1 from SA, 1 from QLD and NT still at school. This mix with some older Umpires made for a great few days.

Again I would like to thank the Executive but would also like to encourage any of the NSWBUA members that have an interest in developing their Umpiring Career or an interest in this junior Level of our game to seek appointment an event like this or to get involved in our own NSW Championships as a starting point.

Matt Wagner

## President List

1960-70	Frank G Stewart
1971-74	David Price
1974-75	Dick Jordan
1975-77	Fred Mitchell
1977-78	Jim Connell
1978-84	Fred Mitchell
1984-89	Bob Medicott
1989-01	Jim Riley
2001-04	Michael Stephens
2004-11	Trevor Watters
2011-	Neil Alchin

### Commentary:

1960 was the start of the Associations records

The period 1988-1989 was shared between Bob Medicott and Jim Riley

## Umpires Award

Awarded for services to the game of baseball.

1979	Jack Gaynor
1980	Steve Green
1981	Barry Moore
1982	John Hollander O.B.E.
1983	David Titcume
1984	Kevin Baillie
1985	Eric Howarth
1986	Auburn Baseball Club Ltd
1987	Colin Martin
1987-88	Ken Douglas
1988-89	Organising Committee of the National Challenge Series
1989-90	Jack Clucas
1990-91	Sydney Wave Organisation
1991-92	Cheryl Barnier
1992-93	Tom Walton
1993-94	Jim Strickland
1994-95	Alan Jones
1996-97	Australian Secondary Schools Baseball Association
1997-98	Andre Desjardins
1998-99	Rod Walbancke
1999-00	Dianne & Michael Stephens
2000-01	Tom Walton
2001-02	David Cowdroy
2002-03	Richard "Dick" Jordan
2003-04	Jim Riley
2004-05	Cliff Watson
2005-06	Peter Worboys
2006-07	Kerry Jackson
2007-08	Garry Everson
2008-09	Graham Smith
2009-10	Leigh Carroll
2010-11	John Robertson
2011-12	Robert "Bob" Crawford

## Rookie Umpire Award

1999-00	Paul Muir
2000-01	Paul Chappell
2001-02	Rod Thomas
2002-03	Matthew Carter
2003-04	Christopher Adam
2004-05	Ben Nash
2005-06	Don Washburn
2006-07	Randy Kersey
2007-08	Rob Hadley
2008-09	Brian Kable
2009-10	Adrian Rampoli
2010-11	Luke Goldsmith
2011-12	Nil

## Little League Umpire Award

2008-09	Ron Ross
2009-10	Phillip Griffiths
2010-11	Riley Barrington
2011-12	Matt Wagner

## Sydney Major League Umpire Award

(Awarded by the League)

2011-12	Robert 'Bob' Crawford
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