



MASTERS SECTION REPORT 2017

Team Summary

Team	Final 2017 Ladder Placing	Manager /Coach	Awards
Women's 35 As	New team for 2017! Lost semi-final to Essendon 3-1 3rd place / 10	Jeni Beattie / Liz Delanty	B&F: Marika Bazley & Jeanette Collier Coaches: Kendra Overall
Women's 35 Bs	Exceeded expectations! 4 WINS and 4 DRAWS 9 th place / 12	Jeni Beattie & Jeanette Collier	B&F: Sarah Goff & Jeanette Collier Coaches: Linda Gillingham
Men's 35 Bs	Made Grand Final against La Trobe Uni, lost 2-1! 2nd place / 8	Nick Bennett	B&F: Joshua Creek
Men's 45 Cs	Struggled without the expected player from disbanded 45As! 3 WINS and 3 DRAWS 11 th place / 11 (by just one point!)	Eric Keser	B&F: Brett Anderson
Men's 50 As	Just missed getting into top four for finals by ONE point! 6 th place / 9	Glen Furze	B&F: Karl Nolle

Table 1 - Final 2017 Ladder Placing

Thanks

On behalf of the Committee and myself, I thank the Masters team managers (Jeni Beattie, Jeanette Collier, Nick Bennet, and Glen Furze) for their effort getting their teams organised from day one, and managing them to the end of the season. I know how hard this is and the time it takes each week. Your efforts and support are greatly appreciated.

No Masters matches at home would have been played (fairly in any case) without support from across the Club in the form of umpires. The Masters section need to provide BOTH umpires at all home matches. It is with great gratitude that I thank the Matt Stoner, Nick Cherry, Bethan Watkins, Mark Petterson, and Alex Bruce for their continued support, even in the face of some unpleasant moments.

I'd also like to thank Liz Delanty for her dedication again this year in coaching up the new Women's 35s As to an amazing result in their first year.

Finally, I especially thank Matt Stoner and Nick Cherry, the Men's 50s team and Yarra Valley Team for the wonderful life saving help given to Joe Picone. I know Joe is forever grateful to you all, and he is still doing well.

Lose a Few , Win a Few

With struggling numbers given most of the Men's 45As were also players from the Men's 35s and significantly from Men's 50s, the Men's 45As and their long history of premiers was disbanded this year. It was hoped that some players from this team might be available to bolster the ranks of the Men's 45Cs, but in the end it was better that they focus on shoring up the Men's 50s.

However, on the back of a strong Women's B team established only two years old, and hard recruiting by some of the Women, we stood up a new Women's A team in addition to keeping our Women's Bs.



Figure 2 – Women's Masters 35 As



Figure 3 – Women's Masters 35 Bs
(come on ladies, back to hockey now!)

Women's 35 B Report

Great leap forward to have 2 Women's Masters teams at Powerhouse. That allowed the star players to take on the challenges of A-grade while the "lesser talented" people could look forward to some easier games.



What a misconception! Having to play against Southern and MCC (with their Victorian representatives) was a big test for our side. The highlight was watching an injured Marie McCarthy parked in the circle and scoring our only (very slow moving) goal against MCC in the last game of the season. Even though MCC already had 6 goals that didn't stop them complaining to the umpire at the end of the match.

The other notable goal scorers (for the other sides) were Sonia and Jeanette in defence, much to the GK's disgust.

Jeni Beattie has done a great job this year making sure both teams had 11+ players – the B's had 29 different people. We always had a social drink after the game, even though a lot of 9.00pm games were past our bedtime. People found distant venues with the help of SmartPhones and Melways (introduced to Roshie as "the Atlas").

Goffy was our youngster and showed us how to keep running.

We missed Andrea and her tomahawk shots at goal after a serious shoulder injury out at Box Hill. Hopefully, she will be back playing next year.

Several players benefited from a class on CPR and use of the defibrillator – thanks to nurse-in-training, Charlotte Evans-Elder. Let's hope there is no need to put into practice.

We are on the lookout for more 35 year-olds for the 2018 season.

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Fundraising

On Sunday 26 November, the Masters section will run the Club fundraising sausage sizzles at the Port Melbourne Bunnings. We will be working hard to beat the Masters' record \$1,300+ raised at the last sausage sizzle in December 2016. Come down and say hi to us if you are nearby.