

Beyond the Boundary

Sydenham Cricket Club

December 2011 issue



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President's Report

Another season is underway ... but this is not just any other season. As we all get our family lives, houses, and businesses back on track after the devastation of three major earthquakes, it is great to see so many junior and senior players wanting to participate in our wonderful game. Sure all is not perfect, but with a huge effort from our grounds staff, some assistance from Canterbury Cricket, and City Care doing their best, we do have a home ground which is "playable" as an outfield, and our playing blocks are performing really well.



This year we have lost some teams, and that is understandable, because of what has occurred. We have the off-field facilities courtesy of the Bowls Club and our own pavilion is basically useable for changing and toilet facilities during game time. The Pavilion renovation is moving along but with huge frustrations. We hope to be fully consented before Xmas and have a very competent building company Hanham & Philp ready to go as soon as we are given the green light. It is impossible to time-line this because of consent delays and issues with Geotech ground reports, but my real hope is that we can be given the keys to our refurbishment sometime in March.

I am personally very pleased with how our senior men's side is starting to perform – it was hugely encouraging to see the team reach the semi-finals of the one-day competition last week after having finished last the previous year. They are a young side, but have enormous potential, and have been boosted by the arrival of Graham Clarke from Durham. Graham is a class batsman and we will see a lot of fine innings from him in the coming months – already his 88 not out was a key innings for us in our comprehensive win over Marist Harewood a few weeks ago.

I am also pleased to see our afternoon grades performing well – long may it continue! I also wish to offer heartfelt thanks to Sunjay – Senior Grades Manager, Phil – Senior Coach, and AC afternoon grades club Captain for all of their efforts in ensuring our season is running smoothly.



As our season moves along, your committee and myself move our thinking and attention to the future. Our concerns and challenges still remain.

1. How do we fund our club to a satisfactory level, in a funding market squeezed by a decline in funding from our charitable trusts?
2. How do we entice our younger club members into being part of the administration team that ensures we will be around for the next 100 years!!

All of us who participated in preparing our updated strategic plan over the winter are very clear on that, but we need some of you younger guys to step up and be part of making our future happen. Currently we have instigated the following initiatives.

- **South West Youth Cricket** – a new "division" of our club which operates with other high schools and clubs to provide our youth cricketers with a pathway to senior cricket. We still have much to do with this cricket model, particularly formalising our links with all schools in our area and around further development of our coaching programmes.
- **New club and team communication initiatives** – already we have the newsletter underway, but much still needs to be done in advancing our website to a higher level of inter-activeness among our members and stakeholders.
- **Club Operations – Systems/ Procedures overhaul** – currently Kevin Congdon and Geoff Thin have completed and implemented a new financial budget and funding



spreadsheet for all of the operating income and expenses for the club.

But with all of these initiatives we need some new young blood to step up and make these things happen. Frankly I can't keep these guys and others like Plucky, Richard McCracken, Dick Sainsbury and others like them, back on the committee forever. We need a succession plan and I urge some of you younger guys to think about joining our committees and being part of our future club – actually YOUR future club. My mobile is always on 0292920627 and my email is opened daily delhi@xtra.co.nz.

In the meantime ENJOY YOUR CRICKET!!

Graham Harris
President

Club Captains Report



The season started as an unknown after last season came to an abrupt end. But it was good to see all the regular lower grade sides back for yet another season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them and their captains for their support and effort so far this season on and off the field. They have been a great bunch to work with over the years and this has helped to build a good club spirit which I have seen grow even more so this season.

It's also been good to see all the teams putting team reports and stats on the website. This all helps towards building up a club history and good to see what everyone else is doing. And don't be afraid to send in photos of your games and social events (warning to some – they will be checked). Please take time to have a look at the website. We wouldn't have this site if it wasn't for the hard work put in by Ken Julian to keep it going.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee for their hard work. There is a lot involved in running the club and we have a very proactive committee keen to see the club develop and strengthen. It's been unfortunate that the new clubrooms have not started but should soon be underway.

My job has been made easier this year with the appointment of Sunjay Ganda as manager of the Seniors and morning grade sides. He along with Phil Robinson, the club coach, have done a remarkable job with those sides which has seen our senior side reach the semi finals of the one day competition at the time I write this. Well done to them.

There have been many highlights this season ranging from Bilal Akbar's 148 not out, Daniel Loughton's 8/22 and last weekend saw the first hat trick of the season by Regan Hatcher 6/17.

The best all-round performance this season has come from Craig Ross playing for the mighty 3C Cardinals with 122 and 5/25. I had the opportunity to play in this side earlier this season and the spirit of the game was very evident on and off the field as you will see from Jamie's team profile further in the newsletter. They all enjoy the game and are very supportive of the club. And I was very lucky that I didn't have to partake in the side's ritual of having to wear a skirt as club captain. Remind me if I play again that I again wait until most of the side are away and no one notices!!!

The first big social event this season was the recent Quiz night held in the clubrooms. Another good turnout which saw a close race to the end. Congratulations to Darren Hickson's "Moist Predators" team for winning on the night. See the clubs website for photos of that night. And a big thanks to Bert Walker for his efforts in putting the quiz together. Look forward to another one probably in February.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and safe driving over the holidays.

The art of success – or how to win **Phil Robinson**

The season began in very disappointing fashion, my first job in cricket coaching since leaving Leicestershire some ten years previous. Loss followed by loss followed by loss. The side had not won a one day game for over a year and yet



we had the players who were very capable of winning, they just didn't know how. It wasn't for the lack of trying. Practice was done hard on bad surfaces and fielding drills carried out to a high standard though some days the grass was so long you could lose the ball in the outfield.

So what was wrong – Sydenham had forgotten how to win.

The first thing to change was the mental attitude of players, no longer settling for just playing and going home at the end of the day with a smile on the face whether you won or lost, losing had to start hurting and players had to play hard as a team and not rely on one or two individuals to do all the work. Then one day against Old Boys everything changed, the bowlers got it right and the batters got it right and at last we found out what it was like to win.

Then came the snowball – practice greeted with new energy, those who used to turn up late or who didn't turn up at all are first there putting the nets up. Everyone wants to be involved – no one wants to miss out. One Tuesday 30 players were out practicing.

Now we are talking about how we are going to win, not I hope we are going to win. All the team has begun to contribute, when we are in trouble someone will step up and make it happen a crucial wicket here a quick 20 there or a great piece of fielding, it all adds up to where we are trying to get to – the top of the league.

The young players are starting to think about the situation of the game instead of just where they are going to drink that night.

There is still a long way to go but we are going in the right direction, the practice wickets are now 100% better, our home ground pitch is really good, we look cool in our new track tops and shorts, and guess what, WIN – WIN – WIN a semi final spot for Sydenham and something for the boys to be proud of, only Canterbury Country and the U20s above us in the one day competition.

Great first half lets keep it going for the second.

**A proud coach
Phil Robinson**

Senior Teams Report

The senior side has had a very successful start to the season with the 1 day competition round robin format finished, Sydenham have ended in 3rd



position and meet Canterbury under 20s in the semi-finals. There have had some very notable performances with the bat and ball throughout the 1 day competition. Phil Robinson player/coach has shown his class already this season having pasted 50 on two occasions with a top score of 77 against East Shirley on the SCG and then followed it up a week later with a 75 off 89 balls against Riccarton at Hagley Oval 3. Captain Sean Heather has also lead from the front with a top score of 81 and has taken 10 wickets with best bowling of 3/43. Ben Rapson has also had a great start to the season with bat and ball with a top score of 65 not out and is leading wicket taker with 14 wickets and a best bowling of 5/13. Graham Clark the England under 17 representative, who is spending the 2011/2012 season with Sydenham has also been scoring runs with a top score of 88 not out, having only arrived in early October. Other notable performance which need special mention have been our opening bowlers Chris Cooper having already taken 12 wickets with a best bowling of 5/34 and Chris Small taken 7 wickets this season and only going at 2.7 runs per over.

We have also had plenty of senior players playing representative cricket this season most notably Chris Cooper who has represented Canterbury A for the first time, well done to Chris. We have also had plenty of seniors playing in the Canterbury under 20s team Braden Gardner, Ryan McCully, Andrew McCracken & Dylan Goldstone, Dylan has also been selected in the Canterbury Under 18 Red team.

With a very disruptive start to the season due to a very wet October and early November the 2A & 2B teams started their season with the 1 day competition and unfortunately both sides missed out on making the top 4. The teams played some competitive cricket during the 1 day competition and were unlucky not to come away with a few

more victories. Over Show weekend both sides were meant to have the first two rounds of the T20 competition however again due a heavy rain on Friday night (Show Day) all cricket was cancelled. The next rounds will be held on January 7th & 14th 2012.

The teams have now also completed their first 2 day game, with the 2As side securing a draw with first innings points against Lancaster Park-Woolston, with a couple of good scores in the match, first innings Ryan McCully 60 & Andy West 57, and in the 2nd innings George Thomas 91 & Andy West 88*. The 2Bs side played their first 2 day match of the season verse Heathcote and went down, by an innings however, notable performance in the match was from Sam McLardy scoring 52 in the first innings.

With the end of the calendar year approaching both sides are likely to have an influx of School Leavers, with a number of players coming from the South West Youth Cricket Teams as they start their progression through our senior sides and on to Representative cricket. This is a very exciting time for our senior teams as we now have a clear pathway for our youth players to progress through.

New senior scorer appointed

Since Brent Whear's move to Dunedin following the earthquake, we have been without a full time scorer, and indebted to Richard Goldstone for filling in the role in the interim. We are now very pleased to announce that Stuart Burns has agreed to take up an appointment as the new senior scorer. Stu is well known to the older members of the club as Stu was the senior scorer in the years from 1984 to 2001, and obviously a member of the senior squad that won the competition in 1985/86, something we're determined that he will get to experience again soon.



Stu has continued to follow the club from a distance in recent years, and we now welcome him formally back into the club. It has been a long search to find a replacement for Brent, but one well worth the patience as it has bought an experienced scorer, and passionate Sydenham man, back into the fold.

Where are they now?

Darrin Murray

Back in October Kevin Congdon sent me a copy of the first newsletter and it reminded me that you can easily lose touch with the past – especially living on the other side of the world in Amsterdam. Congo asked me to write a piece for the next newsletter and given I have a lot of great memories of the club, it is an honour to share some of my experiences.



Congo and Graham Harris emphasized the importance of team and club culture and when I joined in 1985, fresh out of Shirley Boys High, the fighting spirit, teamwork, club commitment was probably at its strongest in my 13 years of playing at the SCG. It was not only Bob Carter that directed that on the park but off the field, the club had its characters and stalwarts – Bryan Salt, Dave Gallop, Graham Harris, Paul McKenzie, Bert Walker plus many more who put many hours into the club. It is sometimes easy to look on the honours board and see who played for Canterbury, New Zealand etc but I would also like to share some stories on the dedicated club guys who contributed so much to the club when I was playing.

The championship win in 1985/86 is a good example. Snake (Richard Petrie) and I were the youngsters but I think we learnt a lot from the "journeymen" who trained hard every week, always did their bit around the club and in the end, contributed to a championship win. This group included Higgys (Wayne Higgins) – the only senior batsman I knew that batted with a packet of

Rothmans in his top pocket and his wallet in his back pocket! Ash Hart as keeper was the master of the "dirty sneak", sneaking up on the leg side to the seam bowlers to get a stumping – this was later banned!

We had no stars in the team of 85/86 and on paper, most teams expected to beat us, but Bob managed to bring it all together and it was a very satisfying experience to beat the more fancied sides in Christchurch from the other side of the railway line! Bob also had a large influence on the next generation of players from a coaching perspective. Horse (Blair Hartland), Germ (Lee Germon,) Flem, Snake and myself all benefited from this. In later years we had some great battles against Snake and Bob at Wellington and luckily we managed to win most of the time.

Ironically in the early 1990's we had a chance to win the club competition with a very young talented team. We needed 90 to win against East's in the penultimate game of the season which would have given us the championship with a game to spare. We lost our last 3 wickets for 5 runs and the captain (yours truly) had let our No. 11 leave early for a wedding! Maybe we needed the experience of the 85/86 journeymen to find a way to win!

From about 1992, the demands of representative cricket took over and unfortunately we played very little club cricket. I think this is a shame for today's club cricketers that they rarely play against the Canterbury players. One of my best memories was opening the batting as a 19 year old against Sir Richard Hadlee – quite a challenge from the Brougham Street end with no sight screens!

My playing days finished in 1998 and I am sure Bert Walker could tell me all my stats! Another Sydenham legend who has done so much for the club. Bert played a few games with the new generation and was in line for the most economical figures in a one day match in the CCA competition. After his 9th over he dived into a tree fielding (real commitment to the club!) and damaged his ribs – unable to bowl his final over to enter the records books. Maybe if he had a rugby background rather than football, he may have hardened up and bowled his one over! Needless to say, he did not make Horse's rock hard club.

Unfortunately with family and work I never experienced social cricket at the SCG once I had retired from first class cricket – let's call it unfinished business. Bea, Oliver, Josephine and I moved back to Amsterdam in 2004 and I did manage to turn out for a few seasons with VRA in Amsterdam. Cricket is a small sport here and Oliver and Josephine are more into hockey than cricket. Hockey is huge here and they play from the middle of August to mid June, training 3 times a week! Leaves little time for summer sports but Ollie did manage to make his debut for the Dutch cricket U13 team in England last year, getting a 50 in his first game and now has a much better international average than his father!

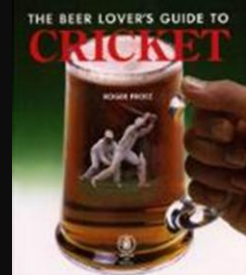
I hope you can all get behind Graham and his team to bring the club back to the level of 85/86 – it is a good benchmark to strive for on and off the field. The club and Christchurch have had an extremely tough time with the earthquakes but the culture at Sydenham has always been about fighting hard so I am sure we will get there. A visit to the SCG is definitely on my agenda during my next visit to Chch and would love the opportunity to play a game with some of the guys from 85/86 in Presidents!

Darrin Murray

Darrin played for Sydenham seniors from 1985 to 1998 and went on to play 53 first class matches, scoring at an average of 34.6 for both Canterbury and NZ, including 8 tests and 1 ODI.

First come, first serve

Each issue of this publication will contain a cricket related question where the first player to reply via email will win a \$50 bar tab available at club's bar from that week (or next season in the case of the Apr issue). They're not hard, but speed is essential as it's simply a case of first come, first serve. The prize is available to registered players only.



"What was the reason why RT Robinson retired hurt during the second innings of England's test match against India in 1985 at Green Park?"

A Dutch Summer

This winter, I was lucky enough to be invited to play cricket in Bloemendaal in Holland for the season. It was all short



notice stuff, with only have 5 days to get ready and get on the plane, but with Rappo as the coach, I was confident that things would all be good. And they were. I have been staying with a great family and have managed to travel around most of Holland playing cricket, as well as holidaying in Germany, France and Turkey. A wonderful experience – who would have thought cricket would take me to all these places!

Playing cricket in Holland has been a fascinating experience. The first thing you notice is that there are only 2 grass pitches in the country and so I spent most of my time playing on an artificial pitch, the like of which I have not come across before – gravel with a mat on. So a bit of an adjustment to technique and playing style was required pretty quickly.

I have been playing for the U18 team and the senior men's team, which meant a lot of cricket on the weekend and practices during the week for both teams. The rules for the U18 team meant that I had to bat no higher than number 6, and had to be retired at 50 runs – an interesting situation, but designed so that the local players get a fair go. Similar rules applied to bowling, with a maximum of 3 wickets allowed by overseas players – not really a problem for me, except in the game where I already had 1 wicket, then got two quick ones in a row and had to retire from bowling on a hat trick AND in the middle of the over!!!

I enjoyed playing at three for the senior men's team – something I have never done before, and so it was a challenge to adjust to waiting in the pavilion to go out to bat (unfortunately, sometimes the wait was not very long!). It would be fair to say that the senior team had an up and down season –

when they were hot they were hot, and when they were not ... well, you get the picture. A great group of guys though and an amazing club to play for – they celebrated their 100th year of cricket last year. The clubrooms and grounds are set out like a traditional old English Country club, complete with deck chairs and oak trees.

I guess my claim to fame this season is as the bat breaker!! For some reason, I managed to break my own bat, then break 3 borrowed bats, then break my new bat!! Strangely enough, no-one would lend me their bat by the end of the season!?? I would love to say it is because I hit the ball so hard – ha ha! Despite this, I did manage to end up as the top run scorer for the senior team – chased very closely by a mate who plays for the Netherlands U19 team.



Andrew McCracken
Seniors

Did you know?

No less than five batsmen were run out during the New Zealand innings v Sri Lanka at Sharjah in March 1988- only eight wickets fell in all.

Cranfield Glass 3C Cardinals – its all about organisation

There can be no better organised cricket team in this country than our 3C Cardinals team. They are the epitome of how a social team can enjoy the game. This is their story:

Introduction

The Cardinals are a team of like minded men who enjoy rolling their arm over and having a bash with the bat. It is a mixed team with a lot of first time cricketers but they also have a sprinkling of gentlemen who have played before. The Cardinals enjoy playing cricket in the sun with the BBQ roaring, chilly bin full and WAGs (wives and girl friends) gossiping on the boundary. What more could you want from a summers day?

History

The Cardinals were formed in the 2005/06 season by current President Jamie Livingstone and the God Father of Cardinals cricket Kris Kilkelly. Sydenham was chosen as Jamie has played for the club since he was 5 and Kris was currently playing rugby for Sydenham. The Cardinals were welcomed with open arms by then Vice President Ivan Thompson and were entered in the 5th Grade competition. Their first season was highly eventful and a great introduction to the social and not so social side of lower grade cricket. Apart from one season sabbatical at another club (mainly due to the co-founders being both out of the country), the Cardinals have enjoyed their time at Sydenham and look forward to many more days playing out on the SCG.

2011-12 season

The Cardinals had recruited well during the off season brining in ex senior players Ben Larter and Craig Ross to strengthen up the team. Most of the team returned from last season with us only loosing Cardinals Original Nick Smithson overseas. This year the Cardinals have 18 paid up members but for some reason despite such a large squad we are always looking for fill-ins. In saying that, we have not so far this season played short. The Cardinals would like to thank all the lads who have stepped up and helped them out when the numbers were low, in particular the players from the other club teams. To date this year the Cardinals have played 6 and have won 3 and lost 3 so are sitting middle of the table. It is pleasing to note that the losses have all been very close and the Cardinals have never been out of the game. Our 3 wins have to be some of the finest in the Cardinals short history. They have beaten LPW by 10 wickets, Hornby by 180 runs and Upper

Riccarton by 8 wickets. There were some fine individual performances in these wins (see below).

The Cardinals can now approach the rest of the season with confidence and are looking forward to picking up a few more victories.



Individual performances

This year the Cardinals have had some outstanding individual performances. Craig Ross hit his first century in Sydenham colours scoring 122 (10x4s, 10x6s) against Hornby at the SCG. Craig shared in a 120 run partnership with Jamie Livingstone who finished on 67. Craig also picked up 5/25 with the ball in the same game. A fine all round performance. Ben Larter scored the second century of the year with a fine 104*(7x4s, 7x6s) against Upper Riccarton. He also shared in a match winning partnership of 196 with Tom Adams (74*, 9x4s) for the 3rd wicket. Manny Robert led the Cardinals in their victory against LPW taking 4/8 off 6 to help the Cardinals roll them for 70.

Sponsors

The Cardinals are very lucky to have the support of 3 key sponsors. Firstly, Cranfield Glass have come on board this year as naming rights and major sponsor. The Cardinals are extremely grateful to the support of Craig Ross and his team. Cranfield Glass also extended an offer to everyone in the club which could earn them a 10% rebate for their teams for any jobs referred to them. Our Player of the Day sponsor is Old Mout Cider, which is extremely refreshing after a long day in the middle. They have a full range from the traditional Apple Cider to the latest in their range Cranberry Cider.

Brumbys Barrington Mall are the Cardinals bread sponsor for the important Saturday BBQ. We are

extremely appreciative to Kim and Sue Dale who sorted this out for us as their Brumbys Edgeware Road store suffered damage in the earthquakes. We wish Kim and Sue all the best in getting their business up and running again. Without these 3 key sponsors the Cardinals wouldn't exist and they thank them very much for their support.

Quiz

The Cardinals enjoy the Bert Walker run Quiz nights, so just as a warm up for the next one, here is 5 questions for you to answer. The first person with the correct answers emailed to Tom Pritchard (tom.pritchard80@gmail.com) will win a selection of Old Mout Cider just in time for the Christmas break. So get your thinking caps on.

1. Which County Championship cricket team plays at Swalec Stadium?
2. Where is the HQ of the ICC?
3. Who is the current top run scorer for the Cardinals this season?
4. Old Mout make how many types of cider?
5. How many Brumby's bakeries were there in CHCH prior to the earthquake?

Executive

Not many teams will know but the Cardinals have their own executive which helps run the team on and off the field. Therefore, it is not left to the captain on his own to run around after the team. The Cardinals executive is as below:

Jamie Livingstone	President
Tom Pritchard	CEO
Brett Carpenter	Club Liaison Officer/Stats
Jolie Pritchard	Treasury
Ben Larter	Business Development Manger
Bonnie Johnston	Committee
Manny Robert	Committee
Andrea Milne	Head WAG

This year we have also elected a new patron of the Cardinals, SCC legend Bert Walker. The Cardinals are extremely proud to have Bert finally associated with the Cardinals. Bert also made his debut in the

win against Hornby and took his first Cardinals wicket. The Cardinals are more than happy to share their knowledge with other teams in the club. Just approach any of the executive and they will be able to give you a hand. It is all about making Sydenham the best club possible.

Cardinals Hall of Fame

The Cardinals celebrate their past and have a Hall of Fame that recognises players who have been there from the start and still contribute to the Cardinals. The inductees are:

2008/09	Guy Evans
2009/10	Bret Carpenter
2010/11	Nathan Kreft

Social

The Cardinals do enjoy the social side of cricket and that all begins on a Saturday with a couple of Old Mout Ciders and a sausage or two off the BBQ. But Saturday is not only for the team members. Over the last couple of seasons we have increased support from our WAGS and most Saturdays the numbers on the boundary out number the players. This is great as it allows everyone to be involved in the team. Andrea Milne does a fine job in keeping the other WAGs entertained. The club has a fine facility in the Bowls Club and the Cardinals have made the most use out of it. It does seem on some occasions that they are the only team who make use of the facilities. It is good to see the Seniors now making a real effort to attend the clubrooms. They have also been seen supporting the Cardinals and it is very much appreciated. The club needs more of this and also needs more of the teams to make a real effort to come down to the club to enable a real club culture to develop. If we get more teams down regularly then we could go back to the old days of having speeches and player of the day awards. It doesn't take much to come down for a lemonade!!! We look forward to seeing you there.

Cardinals Xmas Party

What has become a tradition is the Cardinals Hawaiian Xmas Party. This year it will again be held on the last day of cricket for 2011, 17 December. The Cardinals and supporters dress up in Hawaiian theme for the day and then hit the clubrooms for a

bit of Christmas cheer. Everyone is welcome to join the Cardinals who will hopefully be playing on the SCG, so dust off your shirts and coconut bikinis.



The rest of the season

The Cardinals are looking forward to the rest of the summer and hopefully picking up a few wins. If you are stuck for something to do on a Saturday afternoon come down and support the Cardinals and enjoy some of their fine hospitality. There will always be an Old Mout Cider and sausage waiting.

Jamie Livingstone

President, Cranfield Glass 3C Cardinals

The Next Generation

The season to date has been a bit of a stop-start affair for the Sydenham Juniors. The competition kicked off on October 1, followed by a two-week break for the school holidays. Throw into the mix a couple of cancellations for weather and the odd bye/default and some teams have found themselves with only one or two games under their belt!



Still, there's a lot of enthusiasm out there and I'm sure the season will go from strength to strength from here. We have 34 teams entered in competition, from Kiwi Saturday up to Year 8 with two youth grade girls' teams. We are really

encouraged by the numbers attending our Friday night Have-a-Go programme at Beckenham Park. On our first night, we had 38 youngsters attend and it looks like we will exceed 50. This is great for the future of the game in our area.

The representative season has also begun and we are again well represented at the Year 6, 7 and 8 levels for boys and girls. In Year 6, we had 10 players in development teams and a further 10 in emerging teams. We had 7 boys in Year 7 development teams and another 6 in emerging teams. And in Year 8 boys, we have 8 players in development teams for Spring Tournament games now under way. Three have since gone on to make one of two Year 8 Metro teams. In the girls Years 5-8, we have 9 players who made development teams and a further 7 who made emerging teams.

The challenge for us is to retain the obvious talent at the younger level through to Year 8 and beyond, through good coaching and by ensuring that players see there is a pathway within our club structure. Our committee is also going from strength to strength, with four new recent recruits. With most of our committee comprising parents of youth grade players, we were keen to recruit new members with younger children coming up through the grades. We are grateful to the new members who have come forward.

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We would again like to thank the Sydenham Bowling Club for making their clubrooms readily available to us for our meetings. It is extremely helpful to us to know that we have such a great venue available to us for club events.

Sydenham Junior Cricket Club Committee

South West Youth Cricket



South West Youth Cricket has gone into the 2nd half of the youth season with 8 teams playing in a variety of grades from first 11 Reserves to 3 Year 9 teams.

Unfortunately with a late start and bad weather most teams have only got to play about 4 games so again a very short half of the season. All teams have had a mixture of wins and losses over the short season.

Over the last three weeks we have had a century scored each week, first from Michael Turner in the year 10b grade and then by Matt Allen and Harrison Kirk in Year 9A grade in the following two weeks.

There have also been a couple of 5 wicket bags, Jack Lewis in Y9B and Todd Ramsay-Boyd in the first 11 Reserves.

We are looking forward to better weather and a few more games in the first half of the 2012 season in the new year.

Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.



Playing Performances

League Tables

Let's face it, results are not the only reason for playing the game, particularly for the afternoon social sides. However, winning is always nice, and continuous improvement should be celebrated.

Team	Current placings	No. of teams	Last year's final placings	No. of teams
Seniors – 2 Day		10	5th	8
Seniors – 1 Day	3	10	10th	10
Seniors – 20/20	3=	8	4th	4
2nds – 2 Day			8th	8
2nds – 1 Day	8	8	6th	8
2nds – 20/20		8	7th=	8
3rds – 2 Day	6=	7	8th	8
3rds – 1 Day	6=	7	7th=	8
3rds – 20/20	7	7	7th=	8
3A Suddenly	4=	14	3rd=	8
3B Goats	9=	12	3rd	12
3B Allstars	9=	12	8th	12
3C Cardinals	6=	14	7th	8
Pres Cardinals	1=	11	3rd=	11
Hospital	7=	11	11th	11

Honours Board

Player of the year and top 10 performances season to date

NB – only includes performances from those teams that have reported data to the club.

Player of the Year		Batting		Bowling	
Ben Larter	459	Bilal Akbar	148*	Daniel Loughan	8/22
Ben Rapson	410	Craig Ross	122	Regan Hatcher	6/17
Sean Heather	333	Michael Nicholson	106	Ben Rapson	5/13
Chris Cooper	299	Ben Larter	104*	Craig Ross	5/25
Phil Robinson	294	Graham Clark	88*	Brenden Winder	5/30
Abraham Atherton	271	Bennie Magon	83	Chris Cooper	5/34
Michael Nicolson	256	Sean Heather	81	Manny Roberts	4/8
Craig Ross	254	Phil Robinson	77	Dick Sainsbury	4/11
Lewis Allan	253	Phil Robinson	75	Paul Thomson	4/11
Geordie Dann	245	Kevin Moore	69	Abraham Atherton	4/22

Player highlights

Michael Nicholson & Daniel Loughton

3C Suddenly players have produced a couple of the standout performers before Christmas. There are a few things in life that a young man wants to tick off in his life, the second one is scoring his first ton. On 5th Nov 11 Michael scored a splendid 106 of 82 balls in 3A Suddenly's win over Sumner at Barnett Park. In the same match Daniel Loughton finished off an excellent day for the team by taking a career best haul of 8 for 22.



Michael Nicholson



Daniel Loughton

Beck's Roster Table

20 Jan	Goats	2 Mar	2nds
27 Jan	Allstars	9 Mar	3rds
3 Feb	Cardinals	16 Mar	Suddenly
10 Feb	Pres. Cardinals	23 Mar	Goats
17 Feb	Hospital	30 Mar	Allstars
24 Feb	Seniors	6 Apr	Cardinals

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