

Beyond the Boundary

Sydenham Cricket Club

September 2012 issue



President's Report

Another season is upon us. I trust you have tidied up all of your winter chores and are ready to put willow to leather. Or if you're in our senior squads, you have done the hard work to get bodies and limbs fit for the rigours of serious competitive cricket. This season our team numbers have grown. In the men's competition, we will be fielding two other morning grade teams below Prems and 6 afternoon sides. On that note a special welcome back to Dick Jones and his boys who will be competing in the T20 competition. In the women's comp we will be fielding a Premier team in conjunction with Lancaster Park Woolston and also hopefully 3 div 2 teams. As we go to print it is not clear what our South West Youth Cricket and Junior strength will be, although there is very strong interest in early registrations.



Our pavilion is currently a building site – but at least we are underway – and completion date is looking like early December. It will be a marvellous facility, and combined with the facilities we are invited to use at the Bowls club, we will be the envy of all other clubs with both on-field and off-field facilities. Our astro turf has been re-laid and the actual cricket blocks are scheduled to be done in early November. We really do have some facilities to be very proud of.



This season we also plan to have club nights to be run monthly. These are special occasions with lots of activities after Saturday cricket and generous prizes. Look out for that timetable and get your team down there!! We also have other social activities planned, so keep an eye out for those and get along with your wives, partners and mates to support them – it will be lots of fun.

You will all know from the information from our AGM regarding subs. A special request from me, as teams, please get your subs paid promptly. It is increasingly difficult to fund the running of your club, so your prompt payment ensures we can buy the stuff we need, and pay our bills on time. In that regard I wish to acknowledge last year's key sponsors who hugely assisted us in funding the club's activities: Air Rescue Services, NZ Community Trust, Pub Charities and The Southern Trust.

So let's get underway, on behalf of your committee, we trust you all have a successful and enjoyable season!

Graham Harris
President

Club Captain's Report

Welcome to another exciting season at Sydenham Cricket. Hope you all had a good winter.



This coming season has seen a couple of changes on the committee with our esteem secretary Geoff Thin leaving and Brent Carpenter taking over his duties. And we welcome Geordie Dann and Jack Rivers onto the committee.

This season will see a couple of changes in our grades. We welcome Dick Jones and his team back and they will be playing in the 20/20 competition. Geordie Dann's 3A team from last year will be moving up into 2nd grade to replace the 2B team from last year. This will give us a much greater depth in the higher grades and give more of the younger players a chance to move through the grades. At this stage all other teams will be back in their grades from last year. And the women's section is as strong as ever with a senior side and three other teams.

The coming season we are making some major enhancements to the social calendar in the club by introducing the Club Day initiative, and adding other events such as poker nights and a Hypnotist evening. Club Days are the major change and are a recognition that times have changed and as such it is increasingly difficult to get many players back to the clubrooms regularly on a Saturday night. Whilst we still encourage that, Club Days will be an event day and we strongly encourage all players to target that day once a month to be there and support the rest of the Club.

Introducing "Club Days"

Club Days will be on the first Saturday of each month and will comprise:

- Team speeches
- Club Player of the Day award
- Team Player of the Month awards for each team
- BBQ
- Raffle
- The Swandri \$100 bar tab team draw is eligible to be won by any team which has at least five players present at the club night, including the Supporters Club who will act as team in the draw. If the winning team does not have the required numbers in attendance, the draw will jackpot to the following Club Day but must be won on the December night, and then reverts back to \$100. The same will apply after Christmas which only jackpots to Prize Giving night.

In addition, on the first Club Day on opening day 6th Oct, there will also be the Club bowls

competition which was washed out last season. We will probably have more bowls competitions during the season.

Social calendar for the 2012-13 season

Saturday 6 October	Club Day
Friday 12 October	Poker Night
Saturday 3 November	Club Night
Tuesday 20 November	Bert's Quiz Night
Saturday 1 Dec	Club Night
Saturday 22 December	Christmas BBQ
Saturday 12 January	Club Night
Friday 25 January	Poker Night
Saturday 2 February	Club Night
Saturday 9 February	Hypnotist Function
Saturday 2 March	Club Night
Tuesday 5 March	Bert's Quiz Night
Saturday 23 March	Prize Giving

So there's plenty on this year and I urge all players to get to Club Day's and involved in the other events – obviously, without your support these events will not make it past year one. All the best for the coming season, please get out and enjoy your cricket and support your club.

Andrew Chisnall
Club Captain

Senior Coach's Report

New Season – New challenges (time to step up)

A new season always brings new challenges, and this year is no exception. This season sees a new captain, myself, and the loss of our top three batsman. Sean and Clarky have gone back to the UK, and Ben Rapson has got a new challenge as player coach at Riccarton.

So we must move on and what a great opportunity this creates for our younger players. Nick Kraiger and Dylan Goldstone now become senior batsmen and it will be tough test as we will



rely on them to get runs consistently but these guys have the ability and skill to become great players. If Lou Allen continues to improve as he did last year we will see him scoring heavily.

Our bowling attack, although lacking a class spinner, is one of the best seam attacks in the league, with Chris Cooper, Braden Gardener, Chris Small and Tom Agnew all capable of ripping through opposition batting orders.

The second team, now led by Sunjay Ganda, has a lot of good players pushing for premier cricket with the majority under 19 years old. I am looking forward to seeing how the young guys stand up and I am sure through a dedication to teamwork, hard work and mental application we will have another successful season.

Good luck guys

Phil Robinson
Senior coach and captain

Sydenham Cricket Supporters Club



As part of the regeneration of the Club that has been underway for the past couple of years, and further to the renovation of the clubrooms and increase in social activities currently being planned, the Club will be instituting a formal Supporters Club. The Supporters Club is intended to keep previous Sydenham cricket players involved in the club, and provided some added support for the senior team on match day, and the rest of the club on Club Day.

A heavily reduced subscription of \$50.00 p.a., which includes the supply of a high quality Sydenham "Supporters Club" branded polo shirt, will make this affordable, and membership will qualify members to some free drinks, access to the Club Day \$100 "team" draw, and inclusion to all off field social occasions run by the club.



It is the club's intention to have a Club Day on the first Saturday of each month (refer to Andrew's Article) which we envisage will attract a lot of past players to attend, watch some cricket, and continue to tell lies about their cricketing prowess of yester years. The new Clubrooms and viewing deck, together with available "liquid refreshments", should make it a most pleasurable experience.

We have already had expressions of interest from those wishing to join, but can others who are not yet aware of the initiative, and keen to be involved, please email me back with your interest asap to assist in ascertaining jersey numbers etc, otherwise perhaps see Andrew Chisnall on Club Day. Can you also provide me with your street no. address, plus the email addresses of any other past members who may be interested, but are not on the newsletter email address and therefore not aware – we would welcome your encourage of others to join.

Graham Harris

Email: Graham.Harris@longbeach.co.nz

Sydenham Cricket Club Fundraiser Poker Night

Friday 12 October

At the Sydenham Bowls Club, Brougham St
(right next to Sydenham Park)

Registrations from 6.30pm

First Hand Deal 7pm SHARP

1st Prize \$500

2nd Prize \$250

3rd Prize \$100

(subject to numbers)

\$40 entry fee

(only 48 places)

\$4 handles for the evening

Enquires: sydenhamcricket@gmail.com



Confessions of a Young Sydenham Rebel

In our April newsletter at the end of last season, Bert Walker's "Berties Musings" column recounted the story of Richard Petrie's senior debut for Sydenham in 1985. The article also rekindled some memories for Richard himself, and elicited an immediate response from him which we have held over for this following newsletter. Ed.



Richard Petrie

The captain Bob Carter looked me in the eye, "At Sydenham you would bat seven and open the bowling. We have a great team of young talent and Brian Salt (convener of selectors for Canterbury) has a soft spot for Syds players". Brian Salt smoked 60 Capstan extra strength cigarettes a day and was honest as the day is long. "Come to Sydenham Petrie and I have a funny feeling you will get a Canterbury trial before long", Salty whispered as a smooth rich tobacco film covered my face.

Hmmm, Sydenham were leading the competition at Christmas and the recruitment promises sounded good. I knew I did not want to go to East's who were basically a bunch of piss heads with Gary Lund slotted in (future New Zealand soccer captain). I took my cricket too seriously to play there.

Back in 1985 there was only one thing my mate Darren Murray (Dibble) and I wanted to do, play for Canterbury. We were ruthlessly focused. I was ruthless and he was focused. We decided before we officially 'signed up' we would head down to a Sydenham practice (AKA 'Flagon park') to get a feel for the club.

First impressions – short boundaries, changing rooms the size of a large toilet (shared), traffic, industrial factories and skinheads walking across the ground. Hardly the Willows. Darren and I walked over to join the fielding session. First thing we noticed was that with the exception of Ken Julian, Kevin Moore and Bob Carter the rest were

well into their thirties. To be fair Bert Walker was probably under 30 but even back then he looked 45 under soft lights.

One player was carrying a few extra pounds. A chubby sausages maker from a Hutton's factory. Hutton's never worked out why the Bromley factory was always down 10% on production, I had a clue. He was the legendary Wayne Higgins. Never without a packet of cigarettes in one trouser pockets, turf digest in the other and a wallet in top pocket of his white Hallensteins business shirt. I could not see Higgy diving into the metal fence to save a four off my bowling.

The fielding drills started. Balls were going between feet and catches being dropped I looked at Dibble, he smiled – this is not what we expected of senior cricket. The sloppy fielding ended and three players thanked Bob for 'the best trainings we had all year'.

First game, Lancaster Park Club. I am ready to open the bowling. Captain Carter turns to Stu Simpson 35 and Mike Dolden 38 for first use of the new cherry. Dolden was a spinner who appealed comically for everything and Simpson had a run up longer than Michael Holding but without the Fire in Babylon. Bob brings himself on first change and Bert Walker 2nd change. 'F#@k me' the bowlers were at least getting younger but the glossy picture Bob had painted was starting to fade.

After half the team had a rolled their arms over including a few who had never bowled before, Ash Hart the keeper might have even had a crack before I was tossed the ball. A full toss snapped Tony Collins off stump in half. The Sydenham career was under way despite the unscheduled delay of being 5th change. We did not know it but Dibble and I had joined the most unlikely band of cricketers ever assembled. No two characters were alike.

Ash Hart was the most unlikely looking keeper. Six foot two inches built like a number 8 with hands and a physique like a bricklayer. He was also the Canterbury keeper and brilliant standing up to the spinners. Kevin Congdon the Banker was a fine wine surrounded by meat pies. Congdon opened the batting with an uncanny ability to drive a full

toss off the middle of the bat through the covers for one.

Stuey Burns was the scorer with an mischievous twinkle in his eye and an unusual magazine collection. His battles with Alan Gambles the Riccarton scorer were legendary. Ken Julian was a promising big turner of the ball who swung a huge log of Gray Nicholls willow always dripping with linseed oil.

Bert Walker bowled dry bread and butter deliveries with an ugly pumping action and never let you down. Bob Carter lead from the front like a pro, always bowling himself at the tail. I never saw Ewen Spence score a run in any game I played in but his place in the side was as secure as Richie McCaw's place in the Crusaders. Dibble added class to the outfit and I added rebellious aggression.

This collection of colourful characters created a perfect storm. Naturally we won the competition. Salty was as generous towards Sydenham players as he promised, and Bob even let me bowl first change (behind him) after a few seasons.

Sydenham is a great club. My club. Our club. Thanks to all those who made a place for a young Sydenham Rebel.

Two Championship Wins

I played senior grade cricket for Sydenham for 20 years- first game December 1958, last game March 1978. In that time we won the senior championship twice, an average performance for a ten team competition. There were some similarities and contrasts in these two successes. Both were won comfortably, with a round to spare-24 points in 1965/66 and 37 points in 1976/77-the latter win included seven outright wins from ten games. In both seasons victory was often achieved by the lower order batting. In neither season did a batsman score a century. In 1965/67 there were only ten half centuries, 1976/77 11. In other seasons



centuries were scored but in two day cricket big scores can get in the way – if one team makes 300, the other has to get to 201 to avoid the follow on and there may not be enough overs left to contrive a result. In the 1976/77 season the policy was to bat second, declare behind if necessary, and control what the run target would be. On five occasions matches were won with few overs or wickets remaining.

There was also a considerable contrast in the approach in the field reflecting an analysis of each team's strengths and weaknesses. The 1965/66 team, with its bowling strength spin, aimed to keep pressure on batsmen by bowling overs as quickly as possible. Thus batsmen were given little time to discuss a plan of attack. An example of this was against Riccarton when we bowled 30 overs in the first hour after lunch and 55 in the two hour session – the over rate was only slowed by the comings and goings of batsmen. The bowlers fielded at slip, and fielders were organized for minimum movement between overs. The umpires joined in the act!!

By contrast in 1976/77 the approach, with an attack based on a pace attack, the over rate was reduced to 12, sometimes 10 (8 ball) overs per hour 15/16 6 ball). The aim here was to enable the two main bowlers to bowl long spells and keep control of the run rate. We batted second every game when we had the choice, and aimed to use the first five sessions to set up a run chase that we thought was achievable in the circumstances. This led to one interesting contrast. Against St Albans on Hagley 1 we allowed Saints to achieve a lead of 200 at tea with 140 minutes to play. We reached the target eight down with a few minutes to spare, and the cooperation of their fielders. In the second game at Sydenham they were given a lead of 220 at tea with two hours play left(It has to be remembered that the number of overs bowled was only related to time not a specific number in the last hour). Their captain said he was not playing the sucker twice. They batted on so the target became 250 in 90 minutes (approximately 23 eight ball overs), a stupid declaration as only one team could win. The target was achieved with 10 minutes to spare. Those not batting, or next in, were stationed around the boundary and in Brougham Street to ensure the swift return of the ball.

A key to success was analysing batsmen's strengths and weaknesses and devising a plan of attack accordingly – fields should be set for batsmen not bowlers. Of course such plans depend on bowlers abilities to carry them out. In the penultimate match of 1976/77 Old Boys needed six to win, nine down, with one ball left. A win to Old Boys, and the last round would be crucial, a Sydenham win would secure the Championship. The batsman clearly favoured the sweep so three fielders were stationed around the square boundary and the bowler, left arm orthodox, instructed to bowl accordingly. He delivered, the batsman played the shot which was heading for the caretakers house (Hagley Oval) and was intercepted by a fielder to complete a memorable win. Sometimes you have to be prepared to gamble.

Controlling declarations is an art, not a science, but giving the opposition too much time batting third only strengthens their position. In general, the more runs you have to get, the less the chance of winning. Over recent years I have seen many declarations of the second first innings which have given the team batting third control. It is easier to give away runs later in the third innings to make the chase target one you can achieve.

In neither season were the batting stats impressive. In 65/66 D.L Gallop scored 430@26, K Thomson 298@19.8, I Hartland 289@14.4, R.Thomas 263@13.1, W.Thomson 226@13.3, B.J Salt (Captain) 216 @19.6 and J.M McIntyre 205@13.6. In all we achieved a mere 15.6 runs a wicket compared with the team which came last 13.7, but they conceded 23 runs a wicket compared to our strike rate of 14.6. Only once did the batting take control when K. Thomson and D Gallop scored 120 off 14 overs in February and Sydenham passed 200 for the first time-it was the eighth game and gave Sydenham an 11point lead. This partnership was not without a bit of

humour. With a lead of 43 we lost ground rapidly as Gary Bartlett, at 150 km plus, reduced us to 26/3. Then their spinners came on and an agreement was made to milk rather than cane them. One bowled generously flighted leggies – six an over with at least one play and miss was the target. After five overs of this the penny was dropping and a discussion to remove him after the next over was overheard. Dave Gallop was asked to get a single of the first ball without explanation. The rest of the over produced 4,6,6,6,4. Dave was most indignant at the other end!!! The team also won the One Day Knock-Out competition played in March with K Thomson scoring 106 and 89.

The 1965/66 attack was based on spin which bowled 74% of the overs to get 72% of the wickets which fell to bowlers. J.McIntyre (left arm orthodox) led the way with 301 overs, 95 maidens, 58 wickets, average 8.8, D Gallop (leg spin) 309, 67, 42 @15.9, B Salt (off spin) 242, 82, 28, 18.3. The best of the seam bowlers was P Thomas with 195, 53, 497, 32, 15.5. By contrast the 1976/77 bowling was based on pace – these bowlers bowled 78% of the eight ball overs. C W Aldridge figures were 266, 45, 945, 61 wkts @ 15.5: I Wilson-267, 40, 919, 52@ 17.7; D Smoleski 65, 6, 294, 14@ 21.0-spinners shared 24 wickets.



The batting figures look better in 1976/77-the summer was dry and the wickets always covered. Aldridge and Wilson had seventeen innings between them (both averaged over 20 with 4 and 6 not outs respectively) – Rob Sutherland did not bat in his four matches. The Press summary of the season had this to say. "But Sydenham's batting was seldom anything but encouraging to opposing bowlers. Part of the team's success was attributable to its ability to fight back late in the day. The bowlers in the side plus wicket keeper Ashley Hart contributed very useful runs'. But seven batsmen averaged 20+ and a further 4 averaged double figures. J Larter led the way with 505@ 25.1, K Thomson 405 @40.5, W Thomson 368 @18.4, D Gallop 302 @20.1, D .Burrell 280@ 18.7, J Warrington 274@ 39.1, A Hart 160 @ 20

The key to success in both seasons was to understand the teams' strengths and weaknesses and develop appropriate strategies and tactics.

Keith Thomson

Keith played two tests for New Zealand in 1968, and had a first class career for Canterbury spanning 1959 – 1974, during which he captained the side and scored 3,134 @ 28.2

Get Carter

New Black Caps coach Mike Hesson has made a smart start to his new job, he selected a good Sydenham man as his assistant coach. In early August we heard the great news that Canterbury coach Bob Carter had accepted the assistant coach role for the Black caps, with particular responsibility for the side's fielding and batting. Bob's has always enjoyed a challenge, and he's certainly got one there.



Bob is a long time Sydenham player who played for, and captained, the senior team through 1980/81 to 1989, and orchestrated Sydenham's senior championship win in 1985/86. He went on the coach Northamptonshire, Wellington, Canterbury, New Zealand A sides, and spend four years until 2008 working with the Black Caps under John Bracewell

The Club is very proud of Bob's appointment, and wish him well in this exciting new career development.



Subscriptions



As everyone is aware, last year we trialled a "pay as you go" scheme at \$10 per player per week to assist teams where this system might best suit them due to the make-up of their squads (i.e. those with a lot of transient players). Although the scheme worked reasonably well for some teams, it proved a dismal failure with a few, particularly the morning grade sides. The committee has no sympathy for individuals who do not fully pay their subs, and furthermore with the captains also indicating that they found it a distraction to collect, we have decided to discontinue the pay-as-you-go scheme this season – we will bring the responsibility back to a personal one between the player and the club, and not be left to the discretion of a captain or selector as to whether a player plays past the final non-payment date of a sub, as is detailed below.

The committee has decided that the subs for the coming year will apply on the basis described below. The captains have provided a list of all members of their playing squads who have indicated to them that they will play this season. Payment terms are as follows:

A. The team pays \$2,200 by 31 October 2012

Any team that has not, or cannot, achieve this by that date, the options are:

- Players who are able to contribute will pay \$200 each, and the team captain will communicate to the club the names of the other players yet to pay.
- The latter players automatically move to option B from 1 November.

B. The player pays \$250 to the club by 30 November 2012

- If there are any players from teams that fall into the B category who have not paid their sub by 30-Nov-12, the committee will instruct either selectors or captains that they are not permitted to select such players into their teams until the arrears are fully paid.
- Players are expected to start the season acknowledging what their subs commitment is, however should a player subsequently experience some genuine financial hardship, they may approach the Club Captain to work out a time payment arrangement – this is expected to be very much the exception.

Needless to say, should any player wish to leave the club without making their payment, the Club will not formally release them to the CCA, such that they will be unable to play cricket in NZ until so done.

Students who typically might be playing only up until Christmas (or equally who might only be only playing half a season after Christmas) are due \$100 – teams with a player(s) in this category should consult with the Club Captain or Treasurer to agree their Option A payment requirement.

It takes little mathematical skill to figure out that Option A is by far the cheapest way for a team to go. A typical squad of say 15 players is paying \$146 each, rather than \$200. No senior club is cheaper, so organise yourself, and get it done, because frankly any individual who can't commit to that pre-season, shouldn't be in your squad. Ideally captains will be paying the amount in one lump sum of \$2,200 prior to 31-Oct-12, and as such we will not require individual player payment details. However, if they miss that cut-off, you will need to provide us with the player names and amounts

when you credit the \$200 amounts to our account. Three ways to pay in order of preference:

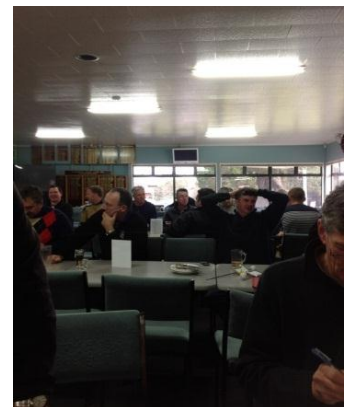
- Credit bank account: 03-802-0095195-00
- Cheque to the Club at PO Box 7073, Christchurch
- Cheque or cash can be handed to the Club Captain or Treasurer

Sydenham Golf Tournament

Unlike the sun filled day for our golf tournament in April last year, this year's held later in July was cool, cloudy and drizzly. But the weather didn't put anyone off, as we had a good field of 61 for the event, even more than last year.

As always the tournament was held at the Avondale Golf Club, which has now been kindly hosting us for 30 years – ever since the memorable first occasion back in 1983, when club personality, and then Canterbury wicketkeeper, Ash Hart was given the honour of opening the first tournament. So with a sizeable crowd watching he opened his broad shoulders on the no 1 tee – but unfortunately the footing was wet after previous rain and he slipped, resulting in a looping left handed mishit which landed with a resounding clang on the nearby clubrooms roof!!

There were no such memorable mishaps this year, although Club stalwart Ben Larter did manage to fall out of his golf cart while trying to retrieve a ball, fortunately without injury except to his pride! While Ivan Thomson's massive effort on the longest drive hole.....didn't quite make the ladies tee, just in front of him! And there were other worthy mug



of the day nominations for a variety of people, including club stalwarts Craig Ross, Phil Gray and Wayne Pluck for various golfing etc misdemeanours (Plucky, you don't pee on the "This is not a toilet" sign without realising you're doing so) – for which they all received an actual coffee mug. But the winner of the coveted broken coffee mug for overall Mug of the Day was the highly esteemed Kevin Congdon. However I won't embarrass Congo by relating what he won the award for – although it was a surprise to see such a usually totally well organised and reliable character running late because he'd left his golf cart wheels at home, and had to go back for them, followed by later this very respected figure in the world of finance not correctly auditing his team mate Plucky who had somehow added up his team's commendable 2 x 35 rounds as equalling 75?

As for the actual winners overall, the top team was again a young quartet headed by guest Brent Selwyn. A team mysteriously called "Larter's Mercenaries" was a very commendable second overall, while next best of the Sydenham teams there were Congo's and Jamie Helms ones. And just behind them was Craig Ross's team, followed by Tom White's team – all scoring very well in the challenging conditions, as there sure wasn't a lot of run in the fairways!

Following the introduction of the Ambrose format last year (making it a solely team game, with just the best shot being used out of each 4's shots each time) this year was the first time we had a shotgun start, and it worked very well. The result was that almost all the teams got back into the Avondale clubrooms not too far apart – and subsequently there was no long wait for the prize giving, which had previously been the case for the early teams off.

So thanks are due to our very generous Sponsors for the tournament:

- Lion Nathan Breweries, per Scott McKenzie
- O'Sheas' Public House, per Alan Stroud
- Longbeach Holdings, per Graham Harris
- T & R Distributors, per Barry Straight
- Watty Paints, per Jon Bennett

While thanks are also due to the excellent helpers on the day: Tom White, Keith Thomson & Zorro

So that's it for golf for this year, will look forward to doing it all again next year!

Bert Walker, Organiser

The Next Generation

Sydenham Junior Cricket Club

The Sydenham Juniors are in the middle of registration and gearing up for a busy season.

The season begins a little later than normal, on October 20. This is timed to avoid the school holidays but unfortunately falls on Labour Weekend, which can't be avoided.

We were grateful to have the services of Canterbury Wizard George Worker prior to registration, who made contact with our club members to encourage them to re-register and also visited schools in our area promoting our club. We also had the support of the Canterbury Junior Cricket Association who sent texts to all our members reminding parents/caregivers of registration dates.



We believe that this helped with the very good turnout during our three registration days.

Our Friday night Have-a-Go programme has been a vital part of our club's junior development programme and will continue this year.

We are also keen to nurture our relationship with our local schools and to that end, have recently liaised with CJCA to have an artificial wicket put in at Somerfield School.

We will again be running trials for our Year 7 and 8 premier teams, which will be held at the Sydenham nets later this month. We are very proud of our club and look forward to a long, hot summer of cricket. The support of Sydenham Senior, Junior and Halswell Clubs have been instrumental in SWYC being able to field 9 teams and we would also like to acknowledge the support of Pub Charity who have recently granted us funds towards cricket balls.

Helen McCall, Juniors

South West Youth Cricket

As we are a year 9 to year 13 youth grade, our season is the same as the High School Year – this means we are half way through the 2012 cricket year and are looking forward to the start of the second half of our season which finishes in December.

During the winter a number of players and parents have taken up a CCA offer to learn how to be coaches. We hope to utilise their new skills during the summer -most probably in the junior ranks for starters. SWYC is also running a pre-season training camp for our captains and one other player from each of our teams. Glenn Hooper (level 3 coach) will be running this and it will be based at Catholic Cathedral College.

Bruce Day (1st X1 Manager/coach) has been running a couple of pre-season outdoor sessions for our top players and a few of these players have also attended the pre-season training with the Sydenham Seniors.

A big thanks to the Sydenham Seniors, Halswell Cricket Club, Cashmere High School, Catholic Cathedral College and Hillmorton High School for assisting SWYC with regards to training grounds and facilities.

Richard McCracken, SWYC Grade Manager

Cranfield Glass offer to Sydenham Club Members

Cranfield Glass are proud to support the mighty Sydenham CC. The company is offering the club a 10% rebate for all work referred by its members.

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