

Beyond the Boundary

Sydenham Cricket Club September 2014 issue



Established in 1896

President's Report

A warm welcome to our 2014/2015 season.

This promises to be a huge season for cricket in Canterbury – especially with the World Cup getting underway in February, and games played at our very own Hagley Oval. And it also promises to be a big one for our Club. We welcome two new teams, the Sydenham Punjabs, a group of Punjabi Indians who now reside in Christchurch who are dedicated cricketers and have decided to join our club as an own selection team, plus a new T20 side which sees some new players to the club and some players from Dick Jones' old T20 team. I know our senior club in general are also fielding lots of calls from players also wanting to join teams. I can also report that our Junior club are telling us of busy registration days and likely record team entries.

We also have some special cricketing visitors joining our club – a very warm welcome to George Harding from the Crewe Cricket Club in England who will be joining our Premier Mens team, and Samantha Haggio and Olivia Rae, both Scottish International players who will be joining our Premier Womens team.

This season also promises to be a big one socially. Your committee has been working hard to ensure that we have lots of activities, both after match and also function wise, and the recent members online survey was part of that process in assessing exactly what the members want in this regard. We have already started this with a very successful "Bert Walker golf match", and there is much more to follow. Please support all of these events as they are very much part of a re-invigorated culture we are trying to bring back to our club, but it can't happen without you.

Here's to a great 2014/2015 season!!

Graham Harris, President



Club Captains Report

Welcome to the new season. I hope you all had a great winter and are ready for another exciting season at Sydenham.



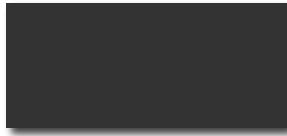
The lower grades have lost the 3A side from last season but we have gained two new teams for the coming season. We welcome Deep's Indian Punjab team who are playing 3A and Josh's Soldiers team who are playing in the 20/20 competition. The club has also seen an influx of new players over the winter which has helped to strengthen our lower grade teams. We welcome those new teams and players to the club.

Last year we had a variety of social events and again this season we will be looking to do the same thing. Bert's first quiz night this season is on Wednesday 15 October. We encourage all teams to support this night and other upcoming events. Not only are they a great club night out but also an important fundraiser for the club. It would be great to have a team from every grade at this event! Again this season, club events will be posted on the club website and on the club and team Facebook pages.

The club has been running a questionnaire to see how we can improve or change the culture in the club. The committee recognises the importance of a strong culture within our club. We are determined to maintain and improve this and would like to hear the member's opinions on what we can do to help make the club a better place for all players and their friends and family. Hopefully many of you have filled out the online questionnaire. Please, any ideas or thoughts on how we can make the club a better club, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the committee.

So all the best for the coming season. Have fun and enjoy!!!

Andrew Chisnall, Club Captain



Sydenham's It is difficult to replace four players of the calibre that we have lost over the off season, Phil Robinson and his family have relocated to Australia, Rob Nichol has taken on the Captaincy for the Auckland Aces, Simon Keen funny enough will probably not be seen in Canterbury again, and a significant loss is Arnie Yugaraja. We will miss Phil, the Mercedes, his son and all the effort that he has put into the club, we will miss the banter with the first class players when they were available, and most significantly we will miss the runs Arnie scored, although a byeline was that he never scored a ton in his short stay with us, a case for much laughter and ribbing in the sheds. The good news is that Chris Harris has agreed to take on an even more senior role in the club and has been appointed to both the coach and captaincy roles for the Pregs for the 2014-15 season.

This season we are looking a little light on the runs front again, but with all scenarios, comes opportunities for some to 'turn up'. Lewis Allen looked very strong towards the end of the season, and we are hoping that this may develop into filling Arnie's shoes. Les Humphries also started to show the form that he can produce and some more constant time spent at the crease will assist him in achieving the results he wants. George Thomas completes his studies in October and will be a regular for the season, he also started to show the required performances for an opener, combining well with Dylan Goldstone they will again hopefully form a positive structure to complement each other at the top of the order.

Two new additions to the club premier side are 16 year old Taylor Scott, a very talented wicket keeper and middle order batter who played for Canterbury Under 19 last season and surprisingly still has another 2 years at that level, and 17 year old George Harding a tall left arm spinner from Cheshire/Crewe in the United Kingdom, middle order batter. Both of these lads will bring energy and youth to an already youthful side. However, the draw has not been kind to us, as the Two day champions have drawn us first up in a first place plays second from last season in the season opener at Ilam three.

Second grade are largely unchanged from last season, Jamie Mountier is away with other sporting commitments, Sunjay is having another child, and the team is left with a lot of youth and the need to develop some leadership amongst the young players there. We congratulate Josh Heenan who has been appointed to the captaincy for the season to start that process. Again performances on the park will be important as these players have to start putting pressure onto the ones above. We are working hard in the background to attract new players from the youth section of SouthWest and Sydenham juniors who are finishing for their various schools around Christchurch. A lot to do, but if we can create depth and performance, it will flow upwards.

Lastly a big congratulations to Chris Cooper on the safe arrival of his baby boy 'Franklyn'.

HARRY IN CHARGE



With Phil Robinson's move to Australia, we're pleased to announce that Chris Harris has agreed to take on a more senior role in the Club and has now been appointed as both Coach and Captain for the Pregs side from the new season. It will indeed be a busy season for Harry as in addition to these roles he will also be coaching the Canterbury Under 20 side, and taking on other coaching for the likes of South West Youth Cricket, and private one-on-one coaching etc.

The Premier Women Squad Report

Sydenham's second season in the Premier women's competition is off to the best start we could hope for. A lot of work has been done over the winter by Andrew McKenzie and Graham Harris, to acquire

two very skilful Scottish internationals, Ollie Rae and Sam Haggio. They are both very excited to join us before our first game on the 11th October. Ollie, a level 3 coach, will coach the Prem team, while Andrew will coach the Div 1 team, although the teams will work very closely together this season with Andrew managing them both.



Pre-season training has been going well at Lincoln and Sydenham, with a very good turnout of girls already, we should be well prepared for the first games of the season. Quick bowler Eden Pettigrew will be making the jump to prems this season, and should scare a few of the opposition while we have lost Emma Hunt as she turns to focus on her intense football training.

Isla McKenzie has been smashing the ball in the nets with Chris Harris this past month so she will be one to watch! Also look out for the occasional return of past club greats Greer Hill and Liz Tapa (Peoples) on the field for us.

Our best piece of news however, is that ex-White Fern Maria Fahey will be joining us in February to help coach our girls and juniors. We have met with her over the winter on one of her holidays home from her coaching job in India and she is very keen to be involved with our club over the next few years.

With all this going on we are very excited about the new season!

Emma Scarf
Women's Club Captain

quiz night

VENUE: SYDENHAM BOWLS CLUB

TIME: 7.30PM

DATE: WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2014



Player Profile

Tom Agnew
(Premiers)



How long have you been with Sydenham?	Entering my 7th season, started after leaving high school in 2008
What do you bring to your team?	Big attitude (mostly always positive)
Other sports played?	Indoor cricket, golf
Who is your Doppelgänger?	The boys at school used to think I looked like James Horwill from the Reds, despite the obvious height difference
What 3 people would you most like to invite to a dinner party?	Dave Grohl, Ricky Gervais and Glenn Hooper, Hoops is paying

Best personal performance?	Hitting Ben Rapson for 6 over long off in his first game back at Sydenham park
Favourite game played?	Beating Easts in a 2-day at Burwood park during the horror season of 2012/2013
Most memorable sporting occasion attended	Crusaders drubbing the Waratahs 96-19 in 2002 at Jade Stadium
Cricketer you most admire and why?	Bert Walker, club legend and true Ranger!
Best opposition player?	Kieran Ambler from Park
Team you enjoy beating the most?	East's, bunch of clowns
Team mate you most admire?	Les Humphries, nicest guy out and the best dancer in the club
Best umpire?	Eugene Sanders, loves his Johnny Walker Black, loves the Rangers!
Funniest moment on a cricket field?	Grant Fortune's 31 run over, with a single coming off the last ball!
If I didn't play so much cricket I'd be?	Finished my Master's Degree at Lincoln and properly employed
Interesting fact ...	Never taken a 5 wicket bag in either school or senior cricket, been stuck on 4 so many times!

Subscriptions



The continuing pressure on our funding from the various pub charities has dictated that we have been unable this season to maintain subs at the same levels as we have previously been able to achieve, and accordingly an increase is unfortunately required this year to fund our activities.

A. Premis and 2nds – players to pay \$230 by 31 October 2014. Students playing half a season pay \$115. The sub increases to \$300 and \$150 respectively for any player not fully paid up by 30 Nov and that player will be not be permitted

to be selected into any team, or released to any other NZ club team until done so. Any player wishing to spread the payment over a term can discuss this possibility with Glenn Hooper, but such an arrangement will be on a bank authorised preset automatic payment only, and at a slightly higher level than the preferred lump sum payment

- B. 3rds and afternoon grades teams – \$2,530 team sub due by 31 October 2013.** The responsibility for the team sub collection lies solely with the team captains, and we would expect that in entering a side into the competition that he has confirmed that he has enough committed players to meet that 31 Oct deadline. That said we would not expect players to be placing undue pressure on their captains by being a laggard in meeting their personal commitment to their respective teams.
- C. Premier women and reserves – Players to pay \$150 by 31 October 2014.** The sub increases to \$200 if not paid by 30 November 2014.

How to pay:

Our preference is for the team payments to be bulk credited by the captain through to the bank account as they are received, and individual payments for the top two sides be direct credited as below, or funnelled through Glenn Hooper who will monitor that collection. However there are two main ways to pay individually in need:

- Credit bank account number 03-0802-00095195-00 (with full name of player and team concerned)
- Cheque to the Club at PO Box 7073, Christchurch

Sydenham's First Win in Seniors

This In 1995 we celebrated the birth of our club 100 years before in 1895. A Sydenham Cricket Club had been formed and was setting up on the new Sydenham Park ground during the winter of 1895, but by the start of the 1895-96 cricket season Sydenham had merged with the fifteen seasons old Addington club to form the Sydenham & Addington United Cricket Club (S&AU). The new club adopted the Addington colours, scarlet and old gold.

In those days matches were played to completion. Four clubs contested the Senior Cup competition of 1895-96 – S&AU, Midland, Lancaster Park and United – with S&AU being allowed a handicap of fifteen players. Addington had played eleven seasons in seniors from 1882-83 to 1892-93, suffering regular pastings over the years, and things weren't about to change for the new combination. S&AU played the other teams twice each losing the first five games outright. However, the fortunes of the scarlet and gold were about to change.



After five rounds with one to go, Midland, the incumbent champion, and Lancaster Park were neck and neck at four wins each and had beaten each other once. Lancaster Park had by far the easier task in the last round with a weak S&AU batting line up standing in their way whereas Midland had the solid United side to deal with. Lancaster Park had strong batsman and good bowlers plus the redoubtable Johnny Fowke as keeper (the future S&AU and Sydenham stalwart), and it was thought that at least a share of the Senior Cup was a lay down misere. S&AU's only big name batsman was their opener, the Hon. E. C. J. Stevens, often called the father of Canterbury cricket, whose halcyon days in club and rep cricket for Canterbury were long past at the age of 58. On the other hand S&AU had a more than useful bowling attack including Tom Malone, a slow bowler who could break the ball each way and was soon to make his mark for Canterbury, and the opening bowlers Sam McMurray, a recent Canterbury rep, and Russell Halley who had played for Canterbury about ten years before.

It took three Saturdays to complete the match. The weather was fine for the first day but wickets were softish. S&AU struggled to keep partnerships going but five batsmen got into double figures including Archie Malloch who top scored with 44 out of 131. Lancaster Park were expected to polish that off with ease but Tom Malone ripped through their powerful

batting line up with an excellent length and a nasty leg break to have them teetering at 7/80 at stumps. The weather was still good on the second day when Archibald Ridley with 78 led a fight back for Lancaster Park who finished on 148. Malone again bowled well finishing with 8/52. S&AU resumed batting, the course of their second innings being similar to the first, managing 126/12 by stumps with four batsmen achieving double figures.

The third day was again fine but heavy rain during the week had drowned the wickets and deadened the outfield making for a bowler's paradise. S&AU completed their innings at 128 leaving Lancaster Park with a paltry target of 115 for their strong batsmen to win the Cup. A fair start was made, and although Len Cuff was out at 11 the total was 30 before the next wicket fell. The bowling and fielding of the suburban team were first-class and after they had taken the first wicket or two they played with great determination. Then came a complete downfall. A regular procession to and from the pavilion now set in, the third and fourth wicket falling at 35, the fifth at 41, the sixth and seventh at 45, the eighth and ninth at 46. Sam McMurray, aided by the sodden wicket, bowled with a huge break and a good amount of pace and length to take 6/13, and was well seconded by Russell Halley who took 4/14, the end coming at 48, and the combined team had won its first senior match by 66 runs.

Editor's note: was it the poor bats, or magnificent fielder, that permitted that field?

Sydenham CC Golf Tournament

A good sized field of 61 teed off in the Annual Sydenham golf Tournament Classic, at Avondale Golf Club as usual, on Sunday 31 August – this being a rescheduled date, after the original one in April was washed out.

Thankfully the weather was fine on this occasion and we had the whole course to ourselves for a shot gun start, while it didn't take long for the first major event of the day to happen!

As a lady from one of the guest teams, which had drawn the par 3 12th hole for their starting point, put her first shot of the day straight in for a HOLE IN ONE, sensational!

And this was the first time anyone has ever got a hole in one at our club tournament, since we started having it at Avondale, back in 1982.



The friendly Ambrose format for the tournament (all play, then choose the best shot from the team to all play the next shot from) ensures a faster round, a collaborative team approach and naturally low scoring. And this was clearly shown with the winning team, from East Christchurch Cricket Club and headed by Howard Morel, having a score of 9 below par (a new record low for our tournament)! Best of the Sydenham teams were Geordie Dann's and Tom White's teams, both with commendable sub-par rounds, while the Cardinals 4 and Ivan Thomson's 3 man team also both performed particularly valiantly.

Back in the clubrooms everyone enjoyed the food and drinks from the Avondale Golf Club (plus drinks shouted by the lady who had got the hole in one!), tried to win prizes in the raffles and did win at least one prize each in the prize giving.

That was thanks to the generosity of the sponsors for the tournament, as follows:

- Lion Nathan Brewery
- The Cup Café and Restaurant (cnr Dyers Pass Road and Hackthorne Road)
- St Martins New World

- O'Shea's Public House (Marshlands Road)
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And special thanks are due to Graham Harris (Longbeach Holdings) and Jon Bennett (Watty! Paints) for organising sponsorship. Also big thanks to Dave Gallop, Brenden Winder and Tom White, for generously providing prizes – and to Tom again and Keith Thomson, for all their excellent work and help on the day.

So it was a very successful day all round – with all the players getting very good value for their \$20 entry fee (as this covered a round of golf, some sponsored ales and at least one prize to take home), Avondale getting good income (from green fees, kitchen and bar sales) on what would otherwise have been a quiet day for them, and the club ultimately banking a valuable profit.

So we will do it all again after the end of the next cricket season – and in the meantime here's to nice big drives while batting, rather than big bad hooks while golfing!

Bert Walker
(Organiser, and hopeless but happy golfer!)



MEET THE NEW
GROUNDSMAN –
TOM O'CARROLL

For some of us Tom needs no introduction as for 29 years he prepared the superb blocks on Hagley Oval. Now at Sydenham we are delighted to have Tom's services and vast experience in preparing premier cricket blocks. In addition to our blocks Tom is now also preparing the block at Beckenham Park which will be the temporary home of Lancaster Park Woolston.

A kind spring has seen him working on the blocks since late August, and they are coming along nicely providing us confidence that the tracks we will produce this year will go up another level.

The Next Generation

South West Youth Cricket

With the second half of the high school cricket season about to get under way, we at South west youth cricket (SWYC) are calling around our players preparing them for practices and to see who is coming back to play. SWYC started the year with 7 teams and now it looks like we will be down to 6 teams for the rest of the year. Unfortunately this is typical of high school teams at this time of the year as players find employment on Saturdays, or work load at school has increased, exams etc.



1st XI open the batting against Timaru Boys

This summer we are fortunate to be able to call on the services of Chris Harris (ex Black Cap) who has kindly offered to coach our 1st X1 team. For the rest of the Season, Chris will bring a wealth of cricket knowledge and experience to the club.

Another plus for SWYC is the invitation from the Willows cricket club to host us on the 11th Jan 2015 out at their wonderful cricket club. This will be a great opportunity for our players to experience the finer graces of the game of cricket and to meet and be hosted by the great Mike Dormer.



Year 9's training under the watchful eye of Prem's player Mitch Gardner

Although SWYC have professional coaches which coach our teams through the week only, we are always looking out for Saturday managers/ coaches to look after our teams come game day. Mostly parents put their hands up to help out where they can, but not all are available to assist, because of work or other siblings sports teams etc. So if there is an ex cricketer out there wishing to help us out on a Saturday's please contact one of the SWYC committee members through this newsletter.

All the best for the coming cricket season.

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