

# Beyond the Boundary

Sydenham Cricket Club December 2014 issue

## President's Report

Season's greetings to you all. Half our season is nearly over already. I trust all of you are enjoying your cricket at whatever level you play. I guess with the unpredictable spring and early summer weather we have been having we are fortunate not to have been rained off more! However the conditions have meant that playing days have been often spent in very cool and frequently very windy conditions. I want to take the opportunity in this newsletter to give thanks but also to express some real concerns. It has been pleasing to see greater numbers coming back after matches to enjoy the hospitality provided by our Bowls club neighbours.



In particular I want to mention the Presidents night where all Presidents teams in the grade played on Sydenham Park and on other grounds nearby and then returned to the Bowls club for a very convivial evening of food and drinks and camaraderie. It was a great night and enjoyed by all who attended.

Please continue to make an effort to come back after games it really does keep our club together, and we like to track all of our team performances and list them on our new scoreboard.

Your committee is however concerned about two things:

1. We are really struggling to put teams on the park some weeks, and have already defaulted some games. I urge you all to make an effort to support your team mates and be available for the team you signed on with at the start of the season. Some absences are totally understandable, but being unavailable because you are attending another mates BBQ is not, and puts real pressure on Captains and our club Management to be ringing around at all hours of the day and night to get teams on the park.

2. Second, non payment of subs. I cannot understand how any club member believes they can continue playing without paying a sub. It is increasingly difficult for the committee to keep our financial head above water, but also by not paying a sub you are being unfair to the large number of members who do pay.



Let me make this clear. If you don't pay now you will be dropped from a team list, and your sub is still owed and we will chase you for it. You are also unable to secure a release to play for any other club, so effectively ending your cricket career. So please do the right thing-and pay up.

On a happier note – international cricket returns to Christchurch over the summer break, and I trust you will all get down to the new Hagley Oval and support the Black Caps in their battle with Sri Lanka, starting Boxing Day. And then –bring on the World Cup!!

Enjoy the festive season, stay safe, and we will see you all in 2015!

**Graham Harris**  
President

## Club Captains Report



With Christmas almost here we are half way through the season.

Having been out and about around the teams, everyone is certainly enjoying their cricket. I know it's been frustrating at time putting teams on the field but I would like to thank everyone for their help and support. It's also been good to see some South West Youth players coming through into the club ranks.



Our Premier Women's team are a very enthusiastic group of girls who have developed well this season and were rewarded with their first win back in the Premier league against East Shirley chasing down 212 at Burwood Park with Scottish import Ollie scoring 104. Both the Scottish girls, Ollie and Samantha have both had a huge impact on the side both on and off the field. And both have been rewarded with being named in the Canterbury Magicians side. And the Premier men started the season with two outright wins in the two day competition. The 3C Cardinals continue to show their strength by leading the grade they won last season.

Individual highlights this season include Brendon Laughtons 229 not out in a Presidents Grade 40 over match and Alex Braileys 7 for 35 in the opening match of the season in 2a. These two certainly leading the way on the honours board and will take some beating.

This season saw the first of hopefully many President days where all the Presidents teams play at the same ground or nearby. We were lucky to be the first club to host this and it was certainly a great day for all. Combined with a club day there was a good turnout in the clubrooms afterwards.

And just a reminder, you can follow what is happening in the club on the website or on Facebook. The website has annual reports back to 1909. Well worth a read. Photos from games and events this season are also being put on both the website and Facebook.

On a final note I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and see you all back in the New Year.

**Andrew Chisnall**  
**Club Captain**

## Premier Squad Report

As I write this, wind is blowing strongly, and there is rain hitting the window, which sums up the summer weather we



have had to date heading into the Christmas break. On the field it has been great to finally have a selection discussion between Harry and myself in relation to the selections for the top team. The most unusual aspect to that is that is the first time in two seasons I have been able to discuss who plays prems based on performance.

Premis started strongly winning the first two, two-day games outright beating last seasons' two-day champions Saints, and then beating Riccarton outright. Unfortunately we came down to earth quickly, losing to Easts outright. Of note is the first up innings of Dylan Goldstone, 151 not out, followed up with a 50 not out in the second innings, not a bad return.

The T20 weekend was a disappointment, with again the batting letting us down, as we were not able to defend our T20 title from last season.

Then the one-day games started, a loss to Easts, beating Marist Harewood, and coming up short against a very strong OBCC, but a hard fought win over the Under 20's on the Sunday. We also came up short against Lancaster Park/Woolston, after restricting them to only 132; we could not chase it down. As with last season our Achilles heel is the lack of runs being scored consistently with all of our batters at the same time.



Four games left in the one-day comp, and there is still an opportunity to make semis, but we need to put some consistent performances with the bat together to assist our bowlers in having a target to defend or bowl at.

Second grade is having one of the worst starts to season numbers wise, with a lack of a regular 11

turning out and a number of weaker players 'filling in' has led to some disappointing results. An 8 a-side first innings versus Easts, shows that we are not the only club in this situation, but it is not a good motivator to strive to play serious all day cricket. A huge thanks to those lads who have been turning up, and preserving with the situation, it is not easy, but there is light at the end of tunnel. Great result in the one-day game against Marist Harewood, rolling them for 82, and we scored them without losing a wicket, thanks to Matt Day and Matt McCall.

The light at the end of the tunnel is the arrival of a number of young youth players who played for Sydenham as juniors and are returning to the club after completing their time at school. I look forward to introducing them to you all, and the competitiveness that they will bring to the top two sides.

Have a great break, and don't forget to get along to the Boxing Day test and ODI on the 11th. Prems and Seconds start back on the 10th January – if there are any lower graded players who want some cricket, keep an eye on the club Facebook page.

### Stephen Fleming talks about his playing days at Sydenham



Flem was interviewed this week in the Sydenham dressing sheds to discuss his formative years at Sydenham, the Christchurch earthquakes, and the upcoming World Cup. It will be part of an hour long documentary to be played more than once on both Sky TV and ESPN in the lead up to the World Cup

## The Premier Women Squad Report



Our Sydenham Premier Women's and Division 1 teams have been working very hard this season. The commitment from the girls has been fantastic. Our Scottish international imports Olivia Rae (Ollie) and Samantha Haggio (Sammy) have been a wonderful asset to our club. Both have brought their amazing enthusiasm for the game and have been talented enough to be selected in the Canterbury Magicians squad. They have already posted a 50 each for us and Ollie scored an amazing century against East Shirley to win us our first game of the season. Our first win in the premier competition after almost 20 years, having re-entered it last season.



Our Premier team has become a very competitive side with all the girls very much enjoying their cricket. The girls coming through from the Division 1 team offer a lot of talent for the future. As a result we have many of the girls make age group representative teams.

- **Samantha Haggio** – Canterbury Magicians.
- **Olivia Rae** – Canterbury Magicians.
- **Ashley Cloake** – Canterbury U21
- **Isla Mckenzie** – Christchurch Metro Secondary Schools Team

- **Gemma Hickson** – Christchurch Metro Secondary Schools Team
- **Emma Palmer** – Christchurch Metro Secondary Schools Team
- **Eden Pettigrew** – Christchurch Metro Secondary Schools Team
- **Kirran Maynard** – Christchurch Metro Secondary Schools Team and Christchurch Metro U15 Team
- **Jenna Waghorn** - Christchurch Metro U15

Overall we have had strong growth in numbers with just over 20 women in two teams now playing cricket for the Sydenham senior club in 2014/15 - an eleven aside Prem team and a nine aside Div 1 development team, the latter now part of the senior club operations. The SJCC also have girls yrs 7/8 and yrs 5/6 teams. Lots of new faces this season with seven new players joining, in addition to Ollie and Sam, Gemma Hickson & Kirran Maynard both returning after a spell with OBC, Vanessa Gollop & Caitlyn Robertson from Invercargill and Lucy Lyth, sister of Jaime Lyth, from Tai Tapu. It's good to see our girls taking on these challenges and given these development path ways a nudge.

**Emma Scarf**  
**Manager Women's Cricket**

**Andrew McKenzie**  
**Women's Club Captain**



**Player profile**  
**Samantha Haggio**

**At what age did you start playing the game and what year did you first play for Sydenham?**

Started playing cricket aged 7 and made my debut for the mighty Sydenham in October the day after I arrived in Christchurch from Scotland – needless to say I don't remember much with the jetlag.

**What do you bring to your Sydenham team?** I would say I bring a big personality and enthusiasm.

**Who is your doppelgänger?** I'm not sure if I have a doppelgänger...

**Name three people you would most like to invite to a dinner party** My three dinner party guests would be Ellen Degeneres, Chris Gayle and Dannii Minogue (she was my fav judge on X Factor UK in the glory days of 2010).

**Other sports played?** Hockey, tennis and very occasionally golf.

**Favourite all time player** Brian Lara or AB De Villiers

**Favour venue played?** I recently got to play at the Basin Reserve in Wellington which was incredible.

**Most respected opposition player** Suzie Bates

**Funniest moment playing cricket?** Sliding for a ball on the boundary and my trousers (pants) ended up half way down my legs or T-Gate which is unrepeatable on such a public forum but if you are interested you can ask me in person.

**If I didn't play cricket I'd be?** I'd be in a boring 9-5pm job in Scotland, wishing I was playing cricket.

**Interesting fact** Sir Garfield Sobers told my dad 'his little boy sleeps funny' referring to me whilst they were having a pint on a cricket tour in Barbados with me in my pram beside them. Claim to fame albeit slightly offended.

# quiz night



**VENUE: SYDENHAM BOWLS CLUB**

**TIME: 7.30PM**

**DATE: TUESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2015**



## Club Member Profile

*Editor's note: we would like to occasionally profile club members who have interesting jobs or experiences both on and off the field whom other club member may not know or be aware of. Please contact the editor if you have any future nominations.*

### **Brenden Winder (Ralphy)**

Brenden moved to Chch to help during the State of National Emergency in 2010 and permanently in 2011 after the February quake. He managed the intelligence gathering, analysis and interpretation for the National Controller. He then joined CERA not long after it started and managed the CBD red zone until its final removal in July 2013. Brenden now manages the Port Hills clearance project and a few other smaller projects. He recently met and married a local girl Jenn earlier this year and now lives in South New Brighton as the only North Harbour rugby supporter south of the Auckland Harbour Bridge.

Brenden plays and captains the Presidents Cardinals as a bowling all-rounder after joining the team three years ago. He was living in Queenstown

before the earthquakes, playing cricket in a couple of local teams and joined up with a couple of times each year when they tour Christchurch. In 2010 he was playing in a tournament just outside Wanaka and ended up sharing the new ball with a mad left arm quick called Jason Millar. We had some success at the tournament, and even more off the field, so when he moved to Chch he sought Jason out and soon thereafter was turning out for the Sydenham Presidents.



**Ralphy cover drives during his match winning 60 on Hagley Oval in Feb**

Since joining the team Brenden commented about being introduced to the most famous club cricketer in the South Island, Bert Walker and had the pleasure of watching him take the best catch he'd ever seen. Last season the Presidents managed to get a game on Hagley Oval, an opportunity the whole team treasured, especially when we knocked off the top team at home. We finished the season in 2nd place, something we hope to improve on this season.

## The Next Generation

### **South West Youth Cricket**

Our junior club is continuing to grow and we now have two new teams, so our numbers are on the increase, which is fantastic to see so many children enjoying their cricket in our community. We continue to operate a very successful "Have A Go" programme on a Friday night for our youngest members of the club, and the children and families are really enjoying the programme. We have received wonderful feedback from the families involved, so this has been fantastic, so a big thank

you to Emma Scarf and her team. This programme continues in the New Year.

Our year 8 and year 7 premier teams have been doing well in the competition, and I am sure our year 7's will continue doing well in the New Year. Sadly our year 8's leave the club and move in the youth sector of cricket, so I wish each and everyone well for their new venture. I have been very proud of watching these young men develop and become wonderful cricketers. Congratulations to Duncan Kennett and Joseph Wells on being selected in the South Island Primary School squads to play in Blenheim in January, all the very best.

The young ladies in our years 7/8 and 5/6 continue to make the club proud, they are all developing into fine young cricketers and will very soon be knocking on the door of our Division 1 team and premier team. Well done to Emma and her fellow coaches for the development of these ladies. Also well done to those year 5/6 girls, 7/8 girls and years 6, 7 and 8 boys for making rep teams

Hillview Christian School and Somerfield School continue to have their association with our club, and have provided many teams for our club this season, thanks to Alan Harrison and Dave Harrison for all the hard work the put in to fostering our relationship. We have introduced specialist clinics this year open to all girls and boys participating in the hardball grades, these clinics have been well received and will continue in the New Year.

We are having a great season with many of our teams dominating the grades, but most importantly they are enjoying their cricket. I wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and a very safe New Year.



**Libby Hickford**  
Sydenham Junior Cricket Club Convenor



**Merry Christmas  
and a safe and  
Happy New Year**

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