

Beyond the Boundary

Sydenham Cricket Club April 2015 issue

President's Report

To all the members and supporters of our club, I trust you have had an enjoyable season. This season was highlighted by the Cricket World Club held in Australia and New Zealand, an event which we now know, took our Black Caps all the way to the final. The cricket experience was huge and I am sure will result in a major lift in all levels of participation in our wonderful game in the seasons to come. Whilst the tournament was a huge success, it did create huge headaches for club administrators who battled weekly to find players to fill teams at all levels of the competition during the playing tournament. In fact player numbers for teams on a weekly basis is of major concern to this club and is an issue that will be discussed deeply in the off season by your committee.



Also, already some of you will notice that work has started on preparing our playing and practice blocks for next season. This autumn period is perfect for weeding and scarifying and resowing our blocks so that we get the best possible start in the spring. As a committee we have much to do in the off season. We will prepare financial budgets, organise winter training / coaching programmes and plan how we will continue to manage the club in the 2015/ 2016 season. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the growth and development of our Women's cricketers and the successes of our Premier women's team, and also the Presidents Cardinals for winning the Div 2 of their Competition. Commiserations also to Jamies Cardinals who were beaten in the last game by Prebbleton and denied the "double" by winning the competition two years in a row.

To all of our players my congratulations on your individual and team successes, and I wish you a successful winter in your personal and sporting

endeavours and look forward to the 2015/2016 season.

Graham Harris
President

Club Captains Report

Another season has come to an end with great turnout at prize giving on the last night of the season. Good to see most of the teams there. It was a close fought battle for many of the trophies with many only being decided on the last day of the season. Well done to all the winners.



Team results were mixed with the 3C Cardinals coming close to winning the grade but losing the final on the last day of the season.

This year saw two new sides and a large numbers of new players throughout the grades helping to build up the strength and stability to sides. They certainly enjoyed their time with the club this season and look forward to having them back next season. Again this season we had very loyal teams to the club, a large majority having been with the club for years. And we as a committee thank them for all their efforts and support over the season in helping to keep the club in fine shape.

Over the season many of the women and youth players had the opportunity to play in the senior

section of the club when they didn't have games in the competition. This certainly gave these players more experience to play in other teams in the club. Good to see everyone keen and enjoying their cricket. The continued development of our women's section leaves the club in good shape for next season. The Premier Women made a huge impression this year winning a few games and coming close in others. The Scottish girls Ollie and Sam having a big impact on the side, both on and off the field, and providing top level coaching for the women. A big thanks must also go to Andrew McKenzie and Emma Scarf for their efforts with the women's section.

On the social scene, as already mentioned, the prize giving had a great turnout with over 100 people there on the night. Unfortunately the quiz nite late in the season didn't have as many teams as in the past but was still a good nite and ended in a close result - thanks Bert for your efforts. Remember Golf day is on Sunday 19 April. As a club we need to look at ways to create a more active social scene within the club. Thanks again to the bowling club for their support and use of the clubrooms. Certainly a great place to go back to after a game for a drink, TV (sky) and bowls.

Remember to stay up to date with the club scene on the club website and on Facebook.

Andrew Chisnall
Club Captain

Premier Squad Report

First team

After a solid season the year before, there were high expectations for this season. Unfortunately losing Arnie Yugaraja as the teams top run scorer and the inability to continue with the great start to the Two Day competition after Christmas, saw the team languishing towards the bottom of the table. With only two hundreds scored and ten half centuries, across 23 batting innings, the team struggled to put enough pressure on the opposition teams through the scoreboard. A big congrats to Dylan for his 151*, unfortunately he only managed



another fifty (in the second innings of the century), Talor Scott managed three fifties and looks promising for next season with a more settled position in the order.

Of note is the performance of Mitchel Gardner, who managed to top the wicket taking for this side in all three versions of the game this season, and was the leading wicket taker for the Premier Metro Christchurch competition. Also of note is the performance of Tom Agnew, who was second in all formats to Mitch, having a very good return for the season with the ball.



On another positive note, it was great to see the performances of Talor Scott and Finn Loader who have made impressive starts to their Premier careers. As mentioned Talor managed three half centuries, and Finn scored a century on debut, and managed another half century before the end of the season. Robbie Selbie and Ryan Jones have made positive starts as well, and just need to increase the twenties and thirties into fifties or higher.

With the average age of the premier side being closer to twenty, there is lots of potential for this side to increase its performance, however, it cannot just be relied on to happen on Saturdays, there needs to be a greater work ethic in trainings and a greater desire to play premier cricket. This starts with consistent pressure from seconds and their individual performances and desire to play at the premier level. This season I have had a number of conversations with the 'Canterbury A' selectors who are interested in players who perform at this club level.

Our Achilles' remains the inability to score runs, putting pressure on the opposition sides, as we have one of the best bowling attacks in the grade, albeit in need of a quality spinning option - if only we could score around the 250 mark, we would bowl teams out. Fielding has been disappointing, with too many dropped catches, and not enough pressure through ground fielding and hitting the stumps when required.

2nd's

On some aspects a season to forget, full of frustrations, performances not in line with our potential, and results that did not go our way.

I am going to focus on a couple of highlights. Notably the outright win in the two day round against OBC – with between 9 to 10 actual players in attendance we managed to take first innings and then claim an outright win. The round before saw the start of a fight back against Easts, when we were in the preverbal dongers ditch, when Dan 'Circuband' Thompson 157 stepped up and was assisted by Ryan Jones 70 to actually set a target for Easts to have to chase down.

Anyway to the OBC game. With a rain affected first day, we were set to chase down 216, overnight being 50 odd for 2, and with only 6 players there at the start, we batted on, and on, taking 74 overs to reach their total with Mayuresh 107 Daniel 'Circuband' Thompson 35 and then go past it by a few before being all out at Lunch. They needed a result out of the game and batted the middle session, setting us 157 to win outright – Dan scoring 63 not out, Mayuresh 50 and George Moore a handy 30 not out secured an outright win for the lads. There lies the potential that some of these lads have. With more consistent performance they will challenge for a place in Prems next season.

The one day highlights were playing Marist twice, beating them in the round robin by 10 wickets, Matt Day 32* and Matt McCall 50* wrapping the game up within 10 overs – Then in the playoff game, beaten them by 8 wickets, Braden Gardner (the other Gardner) scoring a nice 66*. The other One-day comp highlight was the irrepressible Samantha Haggo – 'yes I am wearing either Scottish or Magicians rep gear!' taking a wicket in the one

day game against Riccarton and then having numerous Friend request from Tim Yeadon – he wants it!

T20 Highlights – Robbie Selbie 83 versus Marist, Braden Gardner (the other Gardner) 79 versus Burnside and Matt (Scottie) McCall 72* versus Saints, but the highlight was again our wee Scottish lasses 4-0-12-3 versus Easts, second best figures for T20 comp for this team.

So for the train spotters out there, we had two hundreds scored, Daniel 'Circuband' Thompson 157 and Mayuresh Khanolkar 107 and 8 half centuries. We had 5 - 5 wicket bags for the season, Alex Brailey 7-38 versus Saints, Finn McEwen 6-31 versus Marist, Hayden Day 5-57 versus Easts, Blue Hamel 5-64 versus Marist and Finally Mayuresh Khanolkar 5-77 versus Burnside.



Throughout the season we used 59 players (yes – have a look at the stats page) 25 of them played/batted in only one game, 42 bowlers were used throughout the three competitions. We have 41 players on a list for the top two sides and still play Second A short – We started the two day comp in October playing 8 a side against Easts and the last two day round in March, versus Burnside was over in a day, we started with 6 players, had seven then finished with 6 players – no wonder we were beaten outright in a day. Huge thanks to Andrew Moults, played the last game with a broken hand, manned up and deserves a DB.

To everyone who has been pestered or bothered by my constant requests to play, a huge thanks, to Andrew Chisnall, who had to deal with my constant texts, emails and phone calls from Tuesday through to Friday, a massive thanks.

To the core players who did turn up week after week, irrespective of the game scenarios, Ben, constantly leading the team, Mayuresh, Daniel, Andrew, Matt, Josh, George and Angus – my personal thanks – It has been embarrassing from my perspective and it was not how I wanted this team to run, but we are now one step closer to where we need to be. Our attendance at trainings is very good, attitude is great, and we are able to laugh at ourselves, and others easily.

To the thirty odd players that 'Filled' in, a huge thanks, without your effort we would have been unable to field a team. Some of you experienced solid personal performances at a higher grade; some could make the transition to this grade if it fits in with your desire to play semi-serious cricket. Hopefully you enjoyed your experience, and if I missed the opportunity to express my thanks, I am truly thankful for your contribution.

Lastly, we did have some laughs, some good individual performances, some good results, and a few laughs. But for us to continue this way, we cannot have the same or similar issues next season! The premier team needs competition, from a performance and training perspective, and an attitude that reflects the level of cricket being played, next season has no excuses.

#sydsontour2015

On 7th March 2015 a group of Sydenham Cricket Club members past and present set out on a Cricket World cup tour of the North Island. Most of the group had seen the three Christchurch games in mid-February before departing. The touring party was organised by Geordie Dann, captain of Suddenly Sydenham 2Bs. It included myself (Tom Broughton), Shaun Winter, Andrew Reynolds, Sam Wilkinson, Brendon Kircher, Benny Magon, Tim Jeffries and Dan Versteeg. Noticeable absentees included John Carter (having a baby) and Jack Auty (science project). Thanks to Air New Zealand's relaxed attitude towards accurate passenger details we all made our flights to Wellington without a glitch and picked up our 2 Jucy Condo vans ready to start the tour. Sleeping arrangements were agreed upon to ensure Andy 'Camp Dad' Reynolds had easy access for his hourly night time toilet trips.

During our 9 day trip we watched five world cup games and saw most teams at the tournament. The iconic Sydenham red and blue baggies were worn everyday with 1992 World Cup New Zealand shirts.



Social media played a part of our Tour. Benny, Sam and Tim ran our 'media centre' with daily Instagram and Facebook updates using #sydsontour2015. Famous faces to put on the Sydenham baggy and get in a picture included Ed Joyce, Shaun Pollock, Faf Du Plessis, Sanjay, Nathan McCullum and Mark Greatbatch. We started in the 'art deco, coffee capital' of Napier watching the Blackcaps cruise past Afghanistan, before driving up to Hamilton to watch India brush past Ireland. As an Englishman, I was initially disappointed to hear we wouldn't be seeing any England games. However, by the time we'd made it to our 3rd game, UAE vs South Africa in Wellington, England were heading home and my '92 England shirt was a source of amusement for most people we met. This did prompt a message of our whiteboard of 'Sorry Dad, I now support New Zealand #exenglandfan which the Sky sports cameras spotted and Russell Arnold agreed with, in the commentary box.

Driving between Hamilton and Wellington gave us a great chance to stop off at some of New Zealand's natural wonders, including Kerosene Creek, The Tongariro National Park and the Blue Lake at Rotorua. Fortunately we also had time to see other famous Kiwi icons such as Ohakune's world famous carrot statue. Probably the best carrot I've ever seen. Ever. The halftime entertainment at the Wellington match included Geordie dressed as a shoe and Benny dressed as a widescreen TV in the sponsors' race. Just as Shaun Pollock predicted, Geordie and his shoe won the race and received a mixed selection of prizes including a TV, vouchers and Blackcaps shirt.



Nathan McCullum



Faf du Plessis

After Wellington, we drove back up to Hamilton for NZ vs Bangladesh to watch a tense finish, NZ completing their chase in the penultimate over. A Waikato Times photographer liked the look of our Sydenham baggies with the old NZ shirts and took a picture for the paper. World famous in Waikato. Our final game was in Auckland where we watched England's future wicket keeper batsman Brendan Taylor score a fantastic hundred in his last game for Zimbabwe before India showed their class in chasing the runs down. The award for the most enthusiastic group of fans probably goes to India, closely followed by Bangladesh (sales of fluffy tigers in Hamilton skyrocketed). The best camping spot was probably by the lake at Karapiro. Some of the group completed the journey by going to Melbourne for the final along with more Suddenly Sydenham Alumni like Sam Greenfield, James Marsh, Geoff Bunn, Cam Burgess, Jack Tame and Penny Prescott. They went to a very rowdy Tony Veitch organised NZ party at a bar in Melbourne the night before to get ready for the final. I actually missed the game myself and they've never said who won... I must ask.



Paddy Greatbatch



Shaun Pollock

Overall, it was a great week with the Suddenly Sydenham boys. When England host the world cup in four years time, (Yes! Automatic qualification!), we'll have to do it all over again. I'll bring the ham and coleslaw rolls.

Tom Broughton

Sydenham Women's Cricket

Our girls/women at Sydenham cricket club all have a lot to reflect on from a top summer of cricket.



21st March saw our Premier and Div 1 women teams playing alongside each other on Sydenham Park, the premier team notching up a win over OBC; a nice way to complete a season of firsts for our new teams with this teams 1st game and win on #1 pitch. Our div 1 team built in strength and player numbers with a successful T20 campaign ending in a top three placing. Watch this young

group of female athletes develop, we are witnessing some fantastic cricket talent growth.



Sydenham have exciting and developing female talent with new talent coming into the women's game, some from our morning grades and others moving in. This highlights the need for our investment in higher level coaches and ability of our performance coaches Maria/Ollie. As a club we are lifting the bar. Having this valuable resource of coaching knowledge, leadership and energy sets Sydenham women's cricket apart from the rest.



My thanks to all the players and families for their commitment to playing and training attendance this season, it has seen exceptional commitment in this regard. Winter training will start in June so enjoy your 8 weeks off! Big thanks also to the commitment and support from Graham Harris and the committee. We would also like to thank the Hickson and Thomson families for boarding our two Scots this summer. Let's keep moving forward Sydenham as next summer starts soon.

Emma Scarf
Manager Women's
Cricket

Andrew McKenzie
Women's Club Captain

The Next Generation

South West Youth Cricket

SWYC started 2015 cricket season with a few changers to what we had last year. Most of our 1st X1 had left school at end of 2014, so this was going to make it difficult to retain a team in the 1st X1 grade for 2015 and consequently we decided not to enter a team in the 1st X1 grade. Three of SW last year's first X1 players who are still at school joined up with the North West club to bolster the ranks of the NW 1st X1 as they were also struggling with numbers. This move by the three lads to NW was hard for the SW club but was totally supported by the club, in fact one of the players who went over to NW Alex Heenan has done really well in being top run scorer for the NW first's. Alex has been recognised for his great first half cricket season in 2015, as he has been selected to travel to Malaysia and Shri Lanka with the Willows cricket club in these school holidays, so Congratulations to Alex for this great opportunity.



So the way SWYC club stacked up at the start of the season was three and half teams: we entered a year 9, year 10 and a 2nd X1 team in the competition, unfortunately we only had six afternoon youth open grade players available so these players filled in for the 2nd's when required. Half way through the season North West Cricket approached us advising that they also are struggling to put a youth open team on the field so

we combined the two teams, calling it the North/South club youth open team.

South west year 9b and 10A team went really well with both at the top of their respective sections. Our 2nd X1 team captained by Brad (a last year 1st X1 player) is also top of the section having only lost one match at the start of the season. Special thanks goes out to Gary Nightingale who is coaching and running the team on Saturday's with John Hydes. Chris Harris has been helping with coaching when he can but his cricket world cup duties have prevented him from helping out more often.

Special thanks goes out to the Sydenham cricket club for use of the grass nets for our Wednesday and Thursday trainings. Thanks also to the Halswell Cricket club and Cashmere High School for providing cricket grounds for our Saturday matches. We are hoping the success of the cricket world cup will bring back more Youth grade cricket players to the sport and especially to SW cricket come start of cricket season again in Oct 2015.

Richard McCracken
SWYC Management Team Member

Sydenham Trophy Winners

Committee Trophy (*Best Contribution by a non-committee member*) Andrew Mckenzie

Norman Lee Memorial Trophy (*Outstanding Services to the Club*) Dave Gallop

Ian Hartland Trophy (*Personality of the Year*) Richard 'Goldie' Goldstone

EA Gasson Trophy (*Most Promising Male Cricketer*) Finn Loader

TD Kerr Trophy (*Most Promising Female Cricketer*) Jodie Dean 378runs/14wkts

Wally Chisnall Memorial Trophy (*Best Individual Bowling Performance in an Innings*)
Tom Broughton 7/21
Michael Nicolson 7/21

EA Johns Trophy (*Seasons Highest Score*) Brendon Laughton 229*

Telford Ball Memorial Trophy (*Outstanding Male Bowler of the Season below Seniors*) Jon Bennett 37

Peter Lublow Memorial Trophy (*Outstanding Male Bowler of Season for Seniors*) Mitch Gardner 43

PF Carrick Trophy (*Outstanding Female Bowler of Season for Seniors*) Eden Pettigrew

W Patrick Memorial Cup (*Outstanding Batsman Below Seniors*) Brendon Laughton 651

Ray Armstrong Trophy (*Outstanding Batsman of the Season for Seniors*) Dylan Goldstone 600

FJ Rice Trophy (*Outstanding Batswoman of the Season for Seniors*) Ollie Rae

Jim Hartigan Trophy (*Best All-round performance in men's lower grades*) Michael Nicolson
462runs/27wkts/11c

All Rounders Trophy (*Lower Grade Girls*) Jenna Waghorn

Coaches Trophy (*Sportsman and Attitude for Women*) Ellie Lovett

Zena Hocking Trophy (*Most Improved Womens Player*) Caitlyn Robertson

Lee Germon Wicketkeeping Trophy (*Keeper Taking the Most Dismissals*) Brendon Laughton 17c/4stp

Darrin Murray Fielding Trophy (*Fielder Taking the Most Catches*) Kieren Williams 19

Beckenham Footwear & Engravers Player of the Year Kieren Williams

Team Players of the Year

Premier Men	Tom Agnew
Premier Women	Ollie Rae
2A.	Mayuresh Khanolkar
2B Suddenly Syds	Michael Nicolson
3B Allstars	Marc Hobson
3B Goats	Jon Bennett
3C Cardinals	Kieren Williams
Presidents Cardinals	Brendon Laughton
Presidents Hospital	Rex Venning

Honours Board

Batting	Brendon Laughton 229*
	Anthony Wild 154^
	Dylon Goldstone 151^
	Kevin Moore 118
	Kevin Moore 116
	Mayuresh Khanoklar 107
	Finn Loader 104*
	Ollie Rae 104
	Michael Nicolson 96
	Craig Borcoski 92

Bowling	Tom Broughton 7/21
	Michael Nicolson 7/21
	Alex Brailey 7/35
	Nathen Kraft 6/9
	Michael Nicolson 6/27
	Mitch Gardner 6/39
	Tom Broughton 6/68
	Jon Bennett 5/12
	Craig Borcoski 5/15
	James Stokes 5/30
	Dave Fleming 5/39
Daniel Loughton 5/63	

Sydenham recognised

The CCA and CMC end of season awards recognised the achievements of both some of our players and administrators for their efforts over the season.

Our President Graham Harris was awarded Canterbury Cricket's Administrator of the Year, and was a finalist in the 2015 Marriotts Hadlee Sports awards. A hugely deserved award for someone recognised now both within and outside of the Club for his dedication



and contribution in turning the club around and setting it on a path towards being the club of choice in Canterbury.

We were also proud to see Mitch Gardner and Dylan Goldstone were both selected into the Premier Team of the Year at this week CMC awards night in reflection of their playing performance over the season across all forms of the game.



Congratulations to Harry, Mitch and Dylan.

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