

Beyond the Boundary

Sydenham Cricket Club September 2015 issue



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President's Report

May I take this opportunity to welcome you all to the 2015/2016 season. A special welcome to all of the new players who have joined Sydenham in both morning and afternoon grades. I know you will enjoy your time at our club and I trust you get the rewards you strive for. To all our existing players, a warm welcome back to another season. Our spring preparation of the blocks has been hampered by recent heavy spring rain but our blocks weathered well through the winter so fingers crossed we have a kind October!

All of you will be aware by now that our club will operate a licensed bar this season. We will be offering beers, wines and non-alcoholic drinks plus lots of food options after matches on game days and Thursday nights after practice. I urge all of you to support this venture as your committee will review the attendances throughout the season to assess ongoing viability. I wanted to also take this opportunity to acknowledge the massive off season efforts by Ken Julian and Kevin Congdon who have redesigned our club website with a number of new and interactive features. The club is really appreciative of the hours and hours of work that has been put into this project, which will be of benefit to us all.

So without further ado, to all of our Players, Coaches, and Supporters, I wish you all a very successful 2015/16 season in our great game.

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. And a warm welcome to all new players at the club this season. This season will see the club continue to grow as the biggest in Christchurch. We are likely to have another women's team, bringing the number of teams in the club to 13, the largest senior club in the South Island by a good measure.

Last year we had a variety of social events and again this season we will be looking to do the same thing. Watch the website and Facebook for upcoming events. This season the club has got a bar license for the pavilion which will hopefully be in place for the 10 October. We encourage all teams to come back to the clubrooms after their games and to invite the visiting teams back as well for a drink and a bite of food. This season we have a new website due for launch soon where each side will have their own page to add photos, team reports and stats. We encourage all teams to make full use of their page.

Good luck to everyone for the season. Have a great time and enjoy your cricket.

Andrew Chisnall,
Club Captain



Premier Squad Report



Outside of the Club's two Premier mens and women's sides, the reserve side carries great importance in that a high performing reserve side not only is more enjoyable for the players to be involved with, but also builds competitive pressure for places in the Premier side, and as such tends to get the best out of the Premier players themselves. However in recent years 2A has struggled to field a full side let alone be competitive, and morale has suffered accordingly.

To rectify this there are two major initiatives this season:

- Glenn Hooper's old management role has been split into separate Premier and 2A team roles, myself with the Pregs, and Geordie Dann taking over responsibility for managing the latter side. Geordie, who will be bringing a group of players from his old side into morning grade cricket to ensure that it will have a strong core of players available each week, will also captain the 2Bs and will oversee player identification and recruitment. Both Geordie and Mike will work closely with the two team captains in that regard
- We are fortunate that Kelvin Scott has come across to Sydenham and will captain the 2As. We have no doubt that Kelvin's vast cricketing experience, and potential to be a major contributor with the bat, will greatly assist in providing leadership and performance improvement for the team.

Practices have been well attended in general at the NZ Cricket High Performance centre at Lincoln and we now move outdoors with practices at 5.30pm Tuesday and Thursdays, initially on astroturf and then onto grass. We have retained most of last year's squad and have been fortunate to have a number of new players about to join us; Lane Tutty is confirmed from OBC, Harshal Vyas from Marist Harewood, Sam Journee from Riccarton, Matt Brown from Albion Dunedin, and one or two others who are in the process of transferring, and so

cannot yet named, with one being an exciting young overseas player – I ask that you welcome and support the new players into the squad.



The new additions will ensure that selection is well contested this season, something that will be based on Commitment, Attitude and Performance both on and off the field. A big focus will be upon creating some batting consistency and a significant improvement in fielding which I'm told has been short of Prem standards in recent times, something that will get much more attention at practice this season. With our playing strength and talent looking good, in my specific role with the Pregs I will be working closely with Kelvin and Geordie, and watching as much 2nd grade cricket as possible to ensure we have the right players in the right sides.

I would like to thank Graham, Kevin, Chis and Geordie for their help and support in my short time back at the club. This is an exciting time for the club and we expect that with the new players coming into the squad, and new leadership, we have created an environment that should see greatly improved results this season from both sides. Sydenham has a proud cricketing history and we look forward to many more significant cricketing moments at the SCG

Mike Dolden,
Premier Mens Manager

Premier Men's New Team Manager

With last year's manager Glenn Hooper taking on greater roles with Canterbury at Hagley Oval and with Hawke Cup players, the club is pleased to



announce that Mike Dolden has been appointed as the Premier team manager for the 2015-16 season. This is a return to the fold for Mike who is a long-time Sydenham player and former senior coach. Doldy began playing senior cricket for Sydenham in the 1980's as a left arm slow and was part of Bob Carter's championship winning side in 1985-86. He played 102 senior matches and took 263 wickets for Sydenham, and in the off season played in the Middlesex League for Hornsey in 1981-82 and the Devon League for Exmouth in 1983-84. He later moved on to become player coach for Woolston Cricket for two years in their first season and then came back to Sydenham as senior coach in 1996-97 and won the senior one-day competition.

Mike business background is in marketing and runs his own marketing company, but was also NZ Cricket's marketing manager in the early 1990's, the time when he first got to know well our now Premier coach and captain Chris Harris. He has been a board member or chairman of a number of Christchurch sporting organisations over the years notably the CCA, Sport Canterbury, Valley of the Peace, the Lancaster Club, Sportnet and NZ Gymnastics

We thank Glenn for his excellent contribution to the Premier team over the past two seasons and feel fortunate to have someone with Mike's personal attributes and experience to further the good work with the team in conjunction with Harry.

Premier Women Hold Two-Day Winter Workshop

In July the woman's Premier team held a winter camp at the Club rooms. The camp was run by the team coach Maria Fahey with contributions from

Neil Tindal from the CCA, and Club President Graham Harris. It was designed to plan and prepare the girls for the upcoming season by setting team and player goals, and putting reality into the fitness and preparation that cricket requires.

Neil Tindal ran a very entertaining Pilates core strength session to get the girls thinking about how best to prepare for four hours on your feet fielding. Long hill walks with Pilates have been the team focus in preparing for the new season. Good fun was had with a lot of valuable information exchanged. A highlight was Saturday night's dinner at Freemans Restaurant in Lyttleton – the team strongly recommends Freemans as a good night out with great food and atmosphere.



Sunday was spent completing team goal setting followed by a visit from Graham Harris who described the club's vision to the girls, and the committee's future plans for the club. This was followed by sessions on mental skills, the power of positive thinking, and nutrition. The new warm-up drills and team standards were then designed and agreed, and the weekend was completed with a skills training session at NZC's Lincoln nets. The girls are now equipped with personal goals, a fitness plan, and skills to work on in preseason training that starts in August.

The team would like to thank Maria, Neil and Graham for the help and support in running the camp, and a personal thanks to the squad members for the commitment, energy and enthusiasm that they put into the weekend which I'm sure will reflect positively in the upcoming season.

Andrew McKenzie, Manager

Obituary – Mike Shrimpton

It is with great sadness the club and our wider cricket community acknowledge the passing away of Mike Shrimpton on 13 June 2015.

Michael John Froud Shrimpton was born in Fielding on 23 June 1940 and was raised in rural Manawatu.



As a bright student and talented sportsman, the rural lifestyle agreed with Mike and no doubt had much to do with shaping him into a person of good character with sound values. As a young man Mike loved his cricket and rugby and after moving to Hawke's Bay struck up a great friendship with another Bay sporting icon, Blair Furlong, for whom Mike would fondly recant stories of their shenanigans on and off the sports field.

Mike was selected to play for Central districts in the 1961/62 season and must have immediately caught the eye of the national selectors as he was picked to play for New Zealand the following season against England in the second test at the Basin. Mike's first class career spanned thirteen years and over 120 matches during which time he played a further seven tests for New Zealand and captained Central Districts.

At the conclusion of his playing days Mike took up coaching which complemented his career in teaching and enabled him to actively participate in the sport he most loved. His coaching career included stints in Holland, England, a tour of Pakistan with the NZ under 19 side and as a Black Caps selector and development coach. However Mike's finest hour was undoubtedly his success with the White Ferns who won the Women's Cricket world cup in 2000.

Coach or Shrimpo as he was affectionately known joined Sydenham as head coach in 2005 at a time when, under the CCA's new promotion relegation scheme, our senior men's side had been relegated to suburban cricket. Mike took over a team low in confidence and quickly installed a new culture and discipline within the side. Mike's coaching style and

professionalism was infectious and rubbed off threw the whole club. 2005 saw the seniors win the combined two day competition and make it throw to the one day semi-finals and in 2006 return to the premier two day competition finishing third but winning the one day final against the combined HSOBOC side in emphatic style. The club also for the first time in forty years went on to win the Peterson Shield. In 2007 he received the Bert Sutcliffe Medal for outstanding service to New Zealand cricket.

The efforts that Mike put into the club as a coach, committee man, groundsman and friend to all cannot be understated. In two years the club had rebuilt its player base to be one of the largest in Christchurch and success on and off the field continued to flow as the club attracted a number of new players and previous members returned to the club.



Unfortunately the 2010 earthquake caused considerable disruption to the Shrimpton's family business consequently Davina were forced to relocate back to Napier. Mike will be remembered for not only his coaching prowess but also his kindness and humility. He loved his cricket and loved being part of Sydenham.

His dry sense of humour coupled with a piercing cold stare could unsettle any foe on the field but was soon washed away with a glass of Claret and his wide beaming smile in the club rooms after the game.

We will all miss him very much.

Michael Percy
Club President (2003-08)

Registration and Subscriptions



This season the club introduced online registration which is accessed through the home page on the Club's website. **Registrations are only accepted by the Club for those players whose subs are fully paid up from last season, and only registered player will be permitted to be selected to play for their respective teams from the first match on 3rd Oct.**

Subscriptions for the new season have been held at their previous levels as follows:

Premiers and morning grade players (per player):

Adults Men:	\$300 (discounted to \$230)
Student males playing half season	\$150 (discounted to \$115)
Women:	\$200 (discounted to \$150)

All afternoon grade players (per team):

Full team payment: \$2,530

It is the team and its captain's responsibility to decide how they will allocate an individual player's share of the team payment over the season. Team subs are to be paid by 30 November 2015, or through pre-arrangement with the club on at least a quarterly basis to remain current. A team should only be entered on the basis of having sufficient players available to pay the subs, and players should acknowledge their shared responsibility with their team mates to fund this amount as a collective. Payment to be made by either of two methods:

- **Lump sum** – the discounted amount above if **strictly paid by 30 November 2015** otherwise reverts immediately to the higher amount.

- **Automatic payment** – by completing a signed automatic debit authority to their bank account for strictly 10 payments of \$25 per fortnight, Students 10 payments of \$13, Woman 10 payments of \$21. Players wishing to pay by automatic payment must have the **first payment strictly start on 30 October 2015 and finish on 4 March 2016. The automatic payment option is no longer available** if the first payment has not gone to the Club's account on 30-Oct-15 and accordingly after that date the lump sum payment is the only option left available – occasional payments will not be permitted. Any cancellation of the automatic payment before completion is an act of default and cancels availability.

Players that have not made their lump sum payment by 30 November 2015, or started their automatic payment by 30 October 2015 will be made automatically unavailable for selection in their teams and will not be released by the Club to play cricket elsewhere in NZ until the higher lump sum amount is paid.

Subscription payments are to be paid by either of the following methods:

- **Internet banking:** Account Sydenham Cricket Club (Westpac) 030802-0095195-00 (Please ensure your name and team is recorded in reference fields); *or*
- **Post:** Sydenham Cricket Club, PO Box 7073, Sydenham, Christchurch

For afternoon grade sides with teams subs, our expectation is that captains will collect in bulk and credit to the club's account under their team name reference.

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Sydenham Cricket Supporters Club Rejuvenated



The Supporters Club is a group of mostly Sydenham ex-players and other supporters who wish to remain in touch with the Club, and provide some limited financial support through subscription or donation to assist it to grow and thrive. The Supporters Club is being revived and already has six paid up members before the season starts. The timing is not coincidental in that the club is reinstating a bar facility in the pavilion this season which opens at 4.30pm on match days starting from the second week of the first match on the 10th Oct – food is also to be sold. Although acknowledgement of the Club through financial support is always welcome, we also strongly encourage members to come down for Premier team home matches from at least that time of the day to enjoy a beer, food, and some fellowship while watching the match.

Upcoming Premier fixtures at Sydenham Park:

- 3rd & 10th Oct:** 2-day first round v St Albans
17th & 24th Oct: 2-day second round v Old Boys Collegians
26th Oct: ODI first round v St Albans

Supporters Club registrations can be made online via the Club website (Under "Our Club" then "registrations") and by selecting "Supporters Club" from the "Team" drop down. The annual subscription of \$50 can be paid either by:

- Crediting bank account 03-0802-0095195-00 or
- Posting your cheque to PO Box 7073, Sydenham, Christchurch

In my capacity as Prems Manager this season I look forward to catching up with you all. Please let me know your polo size which comes with the registration, and feel free to call or email me for any further information, or if you are not able to register online and need some assistance.



Mike Dolden, Supporters Club Co-ordinator

The Bar is Back!

A survey last season identified that a majority of members would welcome the club reinstating a bar within the club pavilion. The committee have investigated the viability of this initiative and we are pleased to advise that we have decided this season to trial the running the bar again which we expect should be available by the second Saturday after opening day (10 October).

The bar will serve a limited range of beer and wine, plus a good stock of non-alcoholic drinks (regulars could indicate to staff any preferences that they might like to see sold in the future). It will be



operated by licenced bar managers and will be adhering to strict rules around drinking responsibly. Obviously no one under the age of 18 will be permitted to purchase alcohol and this will also be strictly enforced. We will also be selling food such as pies and chips etc.

Trading hours will be a flexible but initially expected to be as follows:

Thursday night practice	6.30 – 8.30pm
Saturday match day	4.30 – 8.30pm

The Saturday early start will accommodate early finishing teams but will also enable supporters coming down to watch a game to now be able to have a drink as well.

There are costs in setting up the bar again across bar licences, paid licenced staff, cash registers, and eftpos and merchant services fees etc and as such this trail will need to be well supported by club members to ensure its ongoing viability To support the bar and the club we would urge members to consider the following:

- Obviously stay for a drink or two if playing at Sydenham.
- If your team has a practice of bringing after match drinks on the field after the game, consider changing it to apply to away games only, and support the bar when playing at Sydenham
- Always strongly encourage your opposition team on Sydenham Park to stay for a beer afterwards. The fellowship is always important, as is the success of the bar in retaining it and assisting to fund the club with less pressure on player subs.
- Where possible when playing away please try to get a least a few of your players back to the club rooms after the match. We hope to be able to reinstate brief team match reports at say 6.30 – 6.45pm if well attended

We will no doubt still occasionally use the bowls club for larger events such as the end of season prize giving but for now the club rooms will be the focus

We would like to thank Tom Agnew for his drive and work involved in initiative – Tom will be the overall bar manager and any suggestions should be referred to him.

The Next Generation

South West Youth Cricket

Welcome back to the cricket season, we trust everyone had a happy winter and enjoyed the respective winter sports/activities they participated in.

Youth cricket starts the second part of the 2015 season on the sat.17th Oct, the first Saturday after the schools holidays. We will again be engaging the services of Chris Harris to help Gary Nightingale coach our top youth team this coming summer – we appreciate that Chris he is a busy man so we are very lucky to have his services to assist in the development of our youth. The other teams will be coached by qualified coaches from coaching solutions.



Brad Nightingale and Matthias Partridge get in some pre-season throw downs

I would also like to acknowledge the work the team managers/coaches and parents do during the week and especially Saturdays turning up every Saturday and looking after the boys, we are blessed with having parents that are keen to follow their son's cricket almost every Saturday. We have struck a few opposition teams that do not have managers/coaches and the discipline of those teams is sometimes not good. A number of our older players will be taking part in pre-season training during the month of September and we are hoping to organise a pre-season cricket match with Riccarton highs 1st X1 during the school holidays before season gets under way.

SWYC has a great little committee running the club, however we are always looking for new committee members to come on board and continue the good work through into the coming years. So if anyone is interested please contact myself or Lynne Reader.

South West youth Cricket would like to acknowledge the ongoing help and support we get from Halswell cricket club, Cashmere high, Catholic Cathedral School and Sydenham cricket club.

Richard McCracken

Start organising your team now for a fun evening with heaps of great prizes!

Sydenham Junior Cricket Club

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Sydenham Juniors

With our season fast approaching, we are busy putting our junior teams together and are looking forward to a fantastic season. The recent Cricket World Cup in New Zealand and Australia has played a large part in assisting with increase in player numbers this season and we are looking at around 3 extra teams, which is a fantastic result.

This season our dedicated and hardworking committee's focus will be on strengthening a community feel within our club. With our recent appointment of Kay Male as our Vice Convenor, a major part of her role will be introducing club nights for the Juniors every fortnight over the season. We hope that this will not only strengthen the connections within the juniors but also the link between the Junior's and Senior teams. The first of

Club Nights will take place on the opening day of the season, Saturday 17th October. Starting at 4pm we will get our junior players and their families together at the Pavilion. They will be able to enjoy the grounds, the bar, a picnic and watch the games that are on at the park.



Due to the decline in Christchurch with funding, we have put together a sub-committee to look at fund raising ideas. We kick off our fundraising efforts with a quiz night that is being held on Sunday 18th October at 7pm at the Speights Ale House, Ferrymead. We are being well supported by local businesses in providing prizes and we hope this will be a fun night for our supporters. Please support this great event, so that we can continue to provide the "best cricket club in Christchurch".

We wish all our Sydenham teams and players a successful and fun season ahead.

Libby Hickford,
Sydenham Junior Cricket Club Convenor

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