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Beyond the Boundary

Sydenham Cricket Club Septembers 2016 issue

President's Report

Welcome back to the 2016/17 season, I trust you have all weathered the winter well and are ready to put bat on ball or ball on bat for another season. As usual your committee have been busy over the winter ensuring we are in good financial shape for the season and all of our facilities are up to scratch.



I am pleased to report that we are a yes on both fronts! Our AGM on the 30th August was well attended and I am also pleased to report that our committee has been boosted by four new members. Kelvin Scott, our 2A captain, has joined us as has Tony Danenburg (welcome back Tony) and also Warren Guy from our Presidents Cardinals team. Also joining the committee is Mike Dolden who is also standing down from his role this season as Prem team manager and taking on the new role as Convenor of Selectors. As President it is always gratifying to see our numbers on the committee grow as it shows a real willingness to get stuck in and be the club of choice in Christchurch. Welcome to the team guys!

At this year's AGM three outstanding members of our club were voted into Life Membership of our club.

Ken Julian has been with our club for 45 years-and counting! Ken has scored over 5000 runs for the club and taken over 500 wickets including over 3,000 runs for Premier cricket and 300 wickets at that level. He was also in the Canterbury 2nd xl for 3 seasons and was also in the Canterbury 1st xl squad for one season. Ken has served on committees and been a Convenor of Selectors for many years and also coached our Prem women. Most recently Ken has been working tirelessly on our website and Social media initiatives making our club technology wise one of the most advanced in Canterbury.

Keith Thomson is from the legendary Thomson family-arguable the backbone of our club over many many years. Keith's involvement in our club goes all

the way back to 1953 and his First grade career spanned the years 1958 to 1978. A rare double New Zealand Representative –playing in both the New Zealand Hockey and New Zealand Cricket teams. Keith's contribution to Sydenham's success as a club is legendary. 299 innings -45 not outs -8,811 runs at an average of 34.68 with 13 centuries and 41 fifties. His Captaincy and his coaching within the club has been outstanding throughout both men's and women's grades- despite the pressures of international representation in both Cricket and Hockey.

Kevin Congdon joined the club in 1974 and played until 1992 until a Bank transfer took him away from us until he returned in 2004 and is still with us and counting! As a class batsman he has completed 478 innings scoring 10,757 runs of which 240 innings were completed at Senior level for a total of 5,215 runs. Kevin was also selected to play for the Canterbury A side. Kevin spent time on the committee in his 20's but in the last 5 years his committee work has been outstanding. Kevin has fulfilled the Treasurer role during the stressful years post-earthquake but as importantly his work on funding initiatives, website development and club history records has been outstanding. At a time when a lot of clubs are struggling financially Kevin's business acumen has been hugely helpful in ensuring our club is in strong financial shape.

Three outstanding Club Members who now join an illustrious list of Life Members already recognised by our club Membership. Congratulations to all three of them.

We have some visitors to our club this season. Chad Bowes is returning on a more permanent basis, but because of his commitments to Canterbury Cricket, we will see less of him - so in true committed fashion Chad has brought with him a replacement out to cover for him. Ryan Wallace is also South African and an opening bat and useful medium pacer with a great cricketing scorecard, so we will certainly see some action from him during his stay here. Stuart Naden is also joining us from the UK. Stuart is a fine all round cricketer- opening bat and attacking off spinner, and after a couple of off-

seasons in Australia wants to try his hand in the tough Metro Premier Comp. Stuart has extensive coaching experience also, and will assist Chris Harris in running the Prem squad trainings as well as other coaching assignments around Christchurch. A warm welcome to the new lads.

I must take this opportunity to advise you all that Council have finally informed us that our grounds renovation will commence in January 2017 and we will get the ground back a year later in January 2018. The details are covered elsewhere in the newsletter but at this stage we don't know where we will play our games, or where we will train, but I do know that at the end of this, we will have one of the finest grounds in Christchurch. So there will be inconveniences but a very good outcome at the end of all of this. I will advise all of our membership of updates as they come to hand.

This year in conjunction with our Junior club we are running a raffle to raise funds for the ongoing maintenance of our facilities. Every team will be issued with books and all we want back is the cash and the butts. The raffle has great prizes and great odds and for a very worthwhile cause so please do your bit and sell your share of tickets! We proudly have the lowest subs of any club in Christchurch and we want to keep it that way and this raffle and its proceeds should greatly assist us in being able to maintain this.

Finally to all of you, I warmly welcome you back to a summer of cricket and trust that you have a successful season and an enjoyable one.

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 again see the senior club have 12 teams and remains the largest club in the south Island.

Unfortunately as the season progresses we will lose the use of Sydenham Park as it is repaired as a result of the earthquakes. Probably from early January



next year. The whole park is to be ripped up and replaced with a new sand based outfield providing better drainage especially over winter. It is likely to take up to 12 months before we will be able to play on the park again.

The bar and social events had excellent support last season in the clubrooms and would be great to see this continue this season. So please even though we won't be having any home cricket after Christmas due to renovations please get back to the club and support the bar. It provides much needed income each season. Watch the website and Facebook to stay updated with club events.

First event is Bert's quiz night in late October.

The senior club in conjunction with the junior club is running a raffle before Christmas to raise funds for the club's. Tickets will be handed out in the next week. Great prizes up for grabs including the first prize of a corporate box at next year's lions test.

A reminder to all teams to put your game stats on the website. 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



This season should be an exciting one for the club with early indications

being that the Senior and 2nd grade squad will be stronger than ever, with both teams now more than capable of achieving Championship wins. We are delighted to welcome back Chad Bowes who is returning from another very successful season in the UK and this time coming back with another very promising South African player in Ryan Wallace. In addition we also welcome from the Chorley Cricket Club in the UK Stuart Naden. Stuart is a qualified coach and will be assisting Chris Harris in that role.

Practices at the NZ Cricket High Performance Centre at Lincoln have been well underway and attendance improving as our players return from their UK clubs. We now move outdoors with practices at 5.30pm Tuesday and Thursdays for Prems and second grades sides, initially on astro then onto grass. Selection will again be based on commitment, attitude and performance and this will be monitored throughout the season. My new role as Convenor of Selectors will have a greater focus on the larger squad and I will be spending more time with that group and Kelvin and Geordie. Focus will again be on a significant improvement in fielding and batting consistency. Registrations are slowly trickling in and these are vital if you intend to play as we will not select unregistered players into any team.

I would also like to thank the Sydenham Supporters Club, and the Prems of 1985, for their backing and we look forward to seeing many of them again this season. Last season was a milestone in re-establishing Sydenham as an elite Premier club and I ask all of you to aim to do just that bit better this season to ensure the momentum continues. Let the history continue and become part of it.

Mike Dolden, Convenor of selectors

Premier Womens Report

Some changes this season for the Sydenham Premier Women's team with Ashley Cloak taking on the position as the new captain. We are welcoming Rachel Davidson from East Shirley, and Kieran Maynard from her season off, plus Jodie Dean will be moving up from the Division One team into the Premier grade.



Our two South African players will continue on in their roles and look forward to an even better season for the club. Carolyn Esterhuizen has the tough job of coaching and playing until Maria Fahey returns later in the season to take up the role of the permanent coach for Premier Women's team. Many of the girls have worked hard over the winter at the Lincoln nets focusing on individual skills so as to improve the overall performance of the team. This season should be an enjoyable and challenging one for the squad to face, and they deserve the best of luck in this great endeavour.

Isla & Andrew McKenzie

Honour for Lesley Murdoch!

During the off season Lesley Murdoch became an Officer of the order of New Merit to go with her MBE that she was awarded back in 1987 in recognition of her contribution to NZ sport. Lesley was a dual international in both Hockey and cricket, and as Lesley Shankland as she was back then, a Sydenham club player in the 1970's in the very successful Sydenham ladies team that, with numerous Canterbury and NZ players, was undoubtedly the best in the country at that time. Lesley was a captain of the NZ woman's team and played hockey for NZ including during the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.



She is today a director of Netball New Zealand and may be better known to younger members as the host of the Saturday morning's Newstalk ZB sport program, and a commentator for Sky TV covering hockey and netball. Lesley is married to Tim Murdoch who was a NZ Cricket administrator for many years, and even more notably, currently a member of the Sydenham Presidents side - certainly a couple who are Canterbury sporting royalty.

Ralphy lends Nepal a helping hand

In April 2015 Nepal was hit by a massive earthquake and aftershock series that left two million people homeless, 9000 dead and one million houses needing to be demolished. Later that year the International Organisation for Migration, working alongside the United Nations and the Government of Nepal reached out to the international community for assistance in developing their demolition capacity and capability.



In his previous role with the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority, and current role at Land Information New Zealand, Brenden Winder (Ralphy), the Sydenham President's captain, had managed hundreds of demolitions and thousands of demolition contractors. After a brief discussion with the IOM team, he and his colleagues created a company and hired some of New Zealand's leading

demolition engineers and project managers in order to meet the training need.

In May 2016 they spent two weeks in Kathmandu delivering safe demolition training to 101 personnel from the Nepali Police, Armed Police, Army and several smaller non-government agencies. The training was divided into 2 x week long classroom and field-based programmes and introduced them to international best practice in demolition. Due to the lack of insurance money, the limited number of heavy machines, the significant access issues and the scale of the problem, the training was highly customised to meet the local conditions.

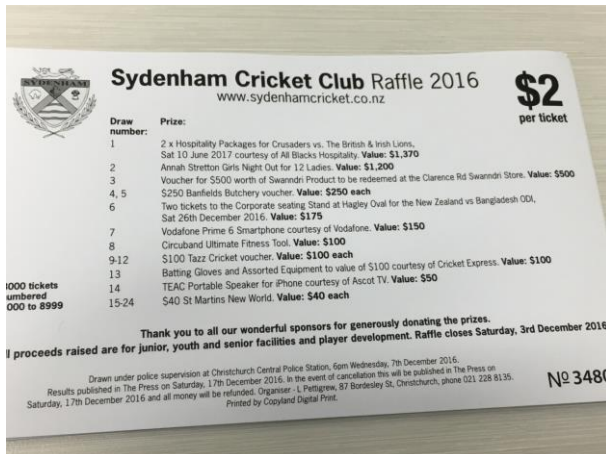


Demolition health and safety is a relatively new concept in Nepal and they needed extra time to explain and demonstrate the minimum expected standards and 'what good looks like'.

The NZ team returned from Nepal in June and have since developed a demolition manual and other tools to assist the Nepali government and other demolition stakeholders with the task ahead.

Sydenham Club Raffle

As a key part of our fund raising this season, and a major reason why we've been able to hold our subs again at the lowest level of all of the senior clubs, in conjunction with the Sydenham Junior Club we are running a Club raffle this season. Each team has been allocated 20 books each to sell and to be allocated out across their players as they so wish.



The raffle pool offers a list of great prizes worth \$5000 in total, but remember it is up to each and every one of you to sell or buy your share. We don't want tickets back, just butts and the money! The raffle will be drawn on 7 December.

The Club would like to acknowledge and thank the many sponsors who have so kindly donated such an excellent range of prizes.

Registration and Subscriptions



This season existing players will need to re-register online 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 1 Oct.**

Subscriptions for the new season have again been held at their previous levels (mostly thanks to the new raffle which will assist funding), 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 2016, 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 for morning grade player subs are to be made by either of two methods:

- **Lump sum** – the discounted amount above if **strictly paid by 30 November 2016** 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 31 October 2016 and finish on 6 March 2017. The automatic payment option is no longer available** if the first payment has not gone to the Club's account on 31-Oct-16 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 2016, or started their automatic payment by 31 October 2016 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.

CAREER STATISTICS – ALL PLAYERS

Last season the Club collated all its player career stats dating back to the end of WWII and published on our website the details of top 30 or so achievers across a range of performance statistics. We have subsequently also now created a new search function where members can select a player name and pull up the full statistics of any player who has played for the Club since that time

To check it out please go to "Our Club", then "Career Statistics" and click on the "Search Individual Player" button on the top right, type the name and hit the search button - once selected, click on the various bands to view the stats across a range of categories, both in Premiers and all grades.

Sydenham Cricket Club - Career Statistics - 1945 to 2015

Search Individual Player

Career Batting Career Bowling Season Batting Season Bowling One Off Batting One Off Bowling

Individual Performances

Matthew Loose

Playing Career

First Club Season	Last Club Season	First Premier Season	Last Premier Season
1991-92	2015/16	1991-92	1997-98

Overall Career Statistics

Overall Premier Statistics

Overall Season Statistics

Premier Season Statistics

Overall Season Highlights

Premier Season Highlights

Overall Best Performances

Premier Best Performances

Sydenham Online Shop Coming

Next week the Club launches its new online shop on the website which can be found on the main menu. We have been conscious for some time of the need to standardise the club's range of clothing and gear across the teams, and most importantly, to provide easy access to it for all our players and/or teams. The site links to our supplier and sponsor Cricket Express and uses their online payment and delivery functionality. The range of clothing will eventually cover both short and long sleeve jerseys, shirts, caps, trousers and of- the-field gear such as training gear and hoodies etc.



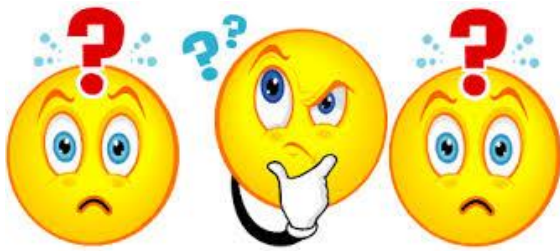
Whilst the clothing will be monogrammed with the Sydenham logo, teams will also be able to liaise with Cricket Express to add team identity, or team sponsors logos/advertising etc as they wish - such additions will require Club approval which should be no issue. The desire to have standardised clothing is to make the Club's teams more easily and uniformly identifiable on the field, and hopefully off it, but at the same time still enabling them to display the team identity and personality.

quiz night



WHERE: Sydenham Pavilion
TIME: 7.30pm
WHEN: Tuesday 25th October 2016
COST: \$15 per player
HOST: Bert Walker

**GET YOUR TEAMS TOGETHER FOR ANOTHER
GREAT NIGHT**



Sydenham Park set for major upgrade

Following consultation with Sydenham Cricket, hockey and rugby, the City Council has recently announced plans to renovate Sydenham Park in a year long process starting in January next year. The redevelopment will cost the council close to \$1.5m. The implications for Club are very positive outside of losing the ground for the second half of this season and the first half of next. We retain our current three blocks and relocate our grass training to an elongated strip in front of the Astro. We have had ambitions for some time to relocate and expand the practice strips to a 40 meter length to provide better rotation of strips for Tom, and therefore better quality practice surfaces. However we had been unable to obtain the funding over the past 2-3 years to action this but now the council's new plans provide this for us as part of the planned ground redevelopment. The grounds are to be fully

reconstructed with sand based drainage and we will get newly constructed properly layered soil, and clay based blocks on all four areas. We will also see new drains installed and new state of the art irrigation on the outfields and our playing and practice blocks.



Sydenham Park in aftermath of the earthquakes

Other than the practice block, the only change for us is to shift both block two and three sideways to sit between the two rugby fields. Whilst this will shorten boundaries somewhat, it does mean that we will not have rugby players stomping over those playing blocks in the winter. Hockey will retain their grass field, although with limited use it will have little or no effect on the number one block. This is all subject to the designer redrawing our requirements to validate that it all fits, but it does now, so should not be a problem. In the meantime we are investigating where we will play and practice over the two half seasons and will advise further on that in due course.

So a fantastic outcome for the Club and we congratulate the Council for their absolute willingness to go hard on providing the best rather than just the cheapest outcome for all users of the park.

The Next Generation

It is exciting times ahead for the Junior Club with the 2016/17 season fast approaching. It's been an incredibly busy month for our committee with our new online registrations going live, our two registration days, trials for our Year 7 and Year 8 Premier teams, Pre-season training sessions and the organising of 350+ players into teams!

We have been successful in employing again our wonderful professional coach Emma Scarf as Head of Coaching, who has been with us for nearly 10 years. Emma will be supported in her role by Ashley Cloake and Maria Fahey as well as a number of other professionally qualified coaches. Emma will also be running our free hardball clinics which teach and perfect bowling, batting and fielding techniques.



This season we are excited to have such a wealth of talented players in our Year 7 grade which has enabled us to select 2 Year 7 Premier teams. There have also been many changes to Girls cricket which will take some time and patience to work out. These changes will create the necessary pathways that are needed and that will support our girls into youth cricket and then onto women's teams at a more appropriate age. It's exciting to say we are therefore growing our girls teams from 2 teams last season to 3 teams this season. The Superstar Academy which runs on a Friday evening for our pre-schoolers, year 0 and year 1 players will be running again this

season. Emma will be acting in the capacity of Co-coordinator for this fun program.



The Junior and Senior committees have been working together to organise a great fundraising opportunity in the form of the raffle and we hope that this is well supported by all our players and families. The prizes sound amazing and so the tickets should be easy to sell!

Lastly, a big thank you to Ken Julian who has provided support and development for the juniors with getting our online registrations up and running. It really wasn't an easy task and we asked a lot with the amount of information that we need to capture for our players. We really do appreciate all Ken's ongoing help with this and the junior website too. We wish all our Sydenham teams and players a successful and fun season ahead.

Kay Male & Libby Hickford
Sydenham Junior Cricket Club Co-Convenors

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