

# BEYOND THE BOUNDARY

Sydenham Cricket Club April 2018 issue



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Graham Harris, President**



Our season has ended albeit on a wet and game affected Saturday. We gathered together on Saturday 24th to hand out the awards to our deserving winners across batting, bowling and fielding, and team player awards. It was a fantastic night and well attended, and we lamented being off the park for the whole season and missing out on those social occasions when we can all be together to discuss our wonderful game called cricket. The club remains in good heart and there were many fine team and individual performances which will be mentioned later in this newsletter.

As the winter approaches your committee starts the work of preparing for the new season. We plan to review the four key playing groups of our Senior club – Youth, Afternoon cricket, Premier women's and Morning grade men's. We want to fully understand what we are doing well, but also what we can do better, and out of those reviews prepare action plans for the season to come.

Clearly our home facilities will be fully in play next season. We still have some work to do around net designs for the new grass blocks but our practice and playing facilities will be the best in Christchurch.



*The new No. 1 block*

Coaching across all areas of our game will be a priority as we want ensure all of our players can be the best they can be. Having the facilities, both astro and grass, to do this is a huge benefit to us.

As always the strength of our club relies on the capabilities of its committee, and I want to give thanks again to all of them who work tirelessly to ensure our club functions effectively and continues to grow.

It is probably wrong to single out individuals but I do want to give special thanks to **Kevin Congdon** our treasurer who goes above and beyond in his treasurer work and also provides in depth weekly game reports across the club to keep us all informed on the weeks play ... and then there is our newsletters! I also want to mention **Mike Dolden** who has immersed himself again in all matters concerning our Morning grade cricket. A thankless and often complex task when trying to put best teams out on the park.

**Andrew Chisnall** who still plays but does so much behind the scenes to keep our club going. We have run another very successful raffle and this is in large part thanks to **Linda Pettigrew** who threw herself into the task of prizes and raffle books and distribution and collection of tickets. A huge effort on her part. **Ferg Smith** who picked up the challenge of re-integrating the youth teams back into our club and got 5 teams together, all well managed and coached and all winning games consistently. To all of my committee I give thanks on behalf of the club for your sterling work, and also to **Bert Walker** who continues to deliver quiz nites, and golf tournaments and when not doing that, selling 100's of tickets in our raffle.

To all of our members I wish you a safe winter and see you again in September when we get together and do it all again!

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

**Andrew Chisnall,  
Club Captain**



Well sadly the season ended the way it started. WET!! Seems to be becoming a habit.

Although no team won their grade this season, we had several teams finished near the top of their respective grades. 2C (2 day) and 3D Cardinals finished second in their grades while several teams finished 3rd in theirs including the Prem Men (2 day), Prem Women (1 day) and Div 1 girls (1 day). Well done to all the other teams for their efforts over the season.

As many of you will agree it was a frustrating season with the standard of pitches. At certain grounds around town there was a lack of pitch preparation leading to what can only be described as very sub-standard pitches. We even had on two occasions teams having to take lawn mower to the ground to mow their pitches before they could play on them. And on another occasion the whole game had to be bowled from one end due to the wet pitch. This shouldn't be happening and we can only but hope that next season we see a vast improvement on the pitches from hopefully a different contractor.

But on the upside Sydenham Park should be back in full swing next season. Unfortunately the contractors wouldn't let us use the pitches towards the end of the season but they were used in the first week of April for the Golden Oldies tournament and everyone was more than happy with how they played.

The prize giving had a great turnout from most of the teams and was well supported for the whole night, ending up with everyone mixing for the usual charades/games. And like past seasons there was a tight race for many of the trophies and it was great to see the trophies spread around many of the teams.

A big thanks to all the captains for their hard work over the season supporting the club, from getting teams on the field, supporting social events, and to ensuring club stats were kept up to date. Also thanks to the committee and helpers for all their hard work over the season. There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes to keep the club up and running especially with the size of our club.

Remember to stay up to date with the club scene on the club website and Facebook. Have a great winter and look forward to seeing you all back next season.

## PREMIER MEN'S SQUAD REPORT

**Mike Dolden, Manager**



After two strong years of improvement starting with the 2-day competition victory in 2015/16, and the T20 victory last season, it would be fair to say from the lack of silverware this season that the Prens had a sideways year but earned a tentative pass mark. We finished a creditable 3rd in the 2-day competition which wasn't assisted by the rained out match against the bottom placed team, and the 3rd placing in the T20 competition where we won four out of five matches to show that we remain very competitive in that form of the game. However, strangely we again performed poorly in the 1-dayers finishing 6th out of eight teams.

There were some very good performers within the squad, and inevitably some that will be

disappointed and determined to do better next season. Our young Englishman Tom Hewison fitted very well into the Sydenham set up and had a very good season in his first season overseas scoring 640 runs at 29 and adding some solidity to the No. 3 & 4 positions. We are delighted to see Ryan Wallace now looking to set his roots down in NZ and he also had an excellent season – Ryan’s 534 runs at 28 were more than backed up by his 30 wickets to make him arguably the best all-rounder in the city and thoroughly deserving his call up in the Canterbury A side.

Finn Loader was another who really had a comeback season averaging 34 and playing some intelligent innings that dragged his team out of trouble on more than one occasion, and principally lead to some victories. Where the batting really struggled was in the opening combinations where the opening partnerships in 2-day competition lasted less than three overs on average and consequently exposed the next batsmen too early to the new ball. This an area that we now have options to correct, along with the middle order and tail that were also lacking in runs.



***Mitch Gardner, Ryan Wallace & Tom Hewison were key contributors to the Premier Mens season***

The bowling was dominated by the four faster bowlers in two Gardner brothers, Ryan Wallace and Tom Agnew. Mitch led with 39 wickets, with Braden only 7 behind that on 32. Where the bowling struggled was with the slow bowling options and Chris Harris’ absence in that regard was sorely missed. The other encouraging aspect was the performance of young Carl Hooper in his first full season who made excellent use of his

opportunities at the crease – indeed, although suffering an injury that restricted his overs in the season, his stats were proportionately very similar to the top performer in the side in Mitch Gardner. With young Will Graham also promising in the wings with his short exposure to Prem cricket in his first season, the young bowling stocks in the club look talented.



***Will Graham***



***Carl Hooper***

There seems little doubt the loss of Sydenham Park did not assist consistently of performance – with its lack of dressing sheds and shelter, Hagley Park each week isn’t a venue that can ever feel like home. So next season’s return to what will be some of the best facilities and wickets in Christchurch, coupled with Harry hopefully on a comeback, should bring some real excitement and expectations for next season.

## PREMIER WOMEN’S REPORT

### **Maria Lankeshwar, Premier Women’s Coach**

The Premier Women had a pretty strong second half to the season narrowly missing a spot in the T20 final. Overall the team finished third across the 3 formats of One Day/T20/Kirsty Bond Series.

Posting nine wins through the season across all formats, our team will look to keep building on this, and continue to be even more consistent in performances.

There were some standout individual and team performances, with our overseas player Evelyn Jones notching up a fine unbeaten century vs OBC of 123 not out. Bernadine Bezuidenhout was second highest run scorer in the One Day competition with 322 runs, and our Captain

Carolyn Esterhuizen was the leading wicket taker in the One Day competition with 21 wickets.



There were a couple of outstanding games from the girls, comprehensively beating a full strength Saints Albans team, with their three White Ferns back. Then followed that effort up in the last match of season defending 100 runs to beat LPW, which was a great way to finish the season. The girls are really looking forward to making the most of the new training and playing facilities at Sydenham this upcoming season.



Lastly we would like to thank you so much for the unbelievable support and encouragement within the club for the Women. With many committee members and supporters regularly coming to our games to support us. Really appreciated by the team, and fantastic to see. Thank you!

## THE NEXT GENERATION

### SYDENHAM YOUTH

Unlike the Senior club, the Youth playing calendar aligns with the school year, so the Youth teams are only half way through their season. We entered 5 teams this year across various youth grades in term 1.

#### Team Performances

The First XI were promoted to section 2 of the Metro First XI Bowl grade this year and finished a highly credible 3rd in the two-day competition finishing only 1.5 points behind the grade winners, who they had beaten in the first game of the season. The washout of the last day in March potentially cost them the grade win which was very unfortunate. In Term 4 they will move to coloured clothing and play a one day 50 over format.

The Year 10 team, when able to field a full team, were very competitive in their grade and came across varying calibres of opposition in their Saturday afternoon games. The season highlight to date was a 199 run partnership in their last game which saw them chase down 232 in only 26 overs.

We were fortunate to have a large influx of Year 9 players into the club this year. They commenced their season with a well-run 3 day camp in mid-January and as registrations continued to grow we were able to enter 3 teams in the Year 9 grades, one in each division. The 9A team topped their highly competitive one day competition only losing one match. The 9A's will play a two day format in term 4. The 9b Red team sit 2nd equal having won 4 out of 6 games and the 9B Blue team sit 1st equal having won 6 out of 6 matches. There have been some standout performances across all 3 Year 9 teams and we look forward to the players reconvening their season in October.

With Sydenham Park being unavailable due to its upgrade being undertaken, the Youth teams practiced predominantly at Cashmere High School in term 1. The Club has developed a very good working relationship with the school and appreciate the support they provide in allowing us to use their facilities.



We see this relationship as a win-win for all parties as we are able to provide the school with coaching support for their school team as well as being able to organise a renovation of their grass wicket at the end of March. The club has also arranged for the installation of a new artificial matting to be installed in one of their outdoor nets. Overtime we hope to be able to replicate this type of arrangement with other schools in our catchment.

**Fergus Smith**  
Convenor

### **SYDENHAM JUNIORS**

The Junior club which currently has 37 teams had an outstanding season with many outstanding team and individual performances. We credit the success to our professionally run hardball clinics and our volunteer coaches.

This season we employed Maria Lankeswar as our Head of Coaching, ex New Zealand White Fern and internationally accredited coach. Maria has been a wonderful asset to our team, running our Superstar academy, hardball clinics and providing that necessary resource for our volunteer coaches. Maria has also been instrumental in assisting Canterbury Cricket with helping to model a successful pathway journey for our female cricketers. Maria was successful at being given the Head Coaching role for Canterbury Magicians and the Head Coach for New Zealand Women's A

team, both highly acclaimed roles and we are so fortunate that our club, is benefitting from Maria's expertise and professional skills.

This season we employed Stuart Naden and Eden Pettigrew to assist Maria with her coaching duties. Stuart provided assistance at our hardball clinics, whilst Eden assisted at our Superstar Academy. It has been wonderful having both Eden and Stuart join the team, as they are both continuing their journey to becoming fully qualified professional cricket coaches, which will be of great benefit to our Sydenham Cricket Club community.



One of our main focuses as a club was to continue to grow girls this season. We again entered 3 teams in the competitions, but we had a number of new girls join the club, which increased numbers in each team. A huge thank you to Kay Male, Maria Lankeswar, Andrew McKenzie, Carl Phiskie and David Potter for the enormous amount of work they put in to achieving our objective.

This season we celebrated our premier teams, with baggy caps and these were presented at a ceremony which was attended by Stephen Fleming, Jennifer Logan (Turner) and Chris Harris. We also have had Nicky Turner and Blair Hartland involved in the club. Just so wonderful to have these great cricketers a part of our Sydenham community and so wonderful to see our players looking so professional in their new baggy caps. Thank you to Kerry Constable for playing an enormous role in organising this for the club and also for organising our brand new coaching uniforms.

Good luck to everyone in their winter codes.

**Libby Hickford & Kay Male, Co Convenors**

## WORLD GOLDEN OLDIES TOURNAMENT

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Along with Burnside Park, Hagley, The Willows, and Heathcote, Sydenham was honoured to host nine of the matches (plus one pre-event “friendly”) in the World Golden Oldies tournament that started at the end of Easter. The tournament had around 40 teams from New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, UK, US and Zimbabwe.

It provided the Club with its first opportunity to use the three new wicket blocks on Sydenham Park - with the blocks now having a shingle base just below 6 inches of top soil it allowed groundsman Tom O’Carroll to start to assess how he will prepare them next season as water and rolling requirements will be quite different to what they have needed in the past. The initial response from players was very favourable, and whilst a touch slow and lower as the blocks settle in, the consistency of bounce was welcomed by the players with many commenting that they were some of the better ones that they’d played on in the tournament.

We were blessed with good weather that ensured the matches we hosted were a real success and receive excellent feedback from the players. Such tournaments are as much about the fellowship as the cricket, not to mention the opportunity to meet the festival ambassadors such as Mike Proctor and Barry Richards from South Africa who spent time at the clubrooms (see photos). The added bonus for the club were the fees earned for running the matches plus substantial bar takings over the three days that more than matched what we might have expected in a season of club activities. We thank the willing team of Sydenham club members (and notably Stephen’s mum Pauline Fleming) who worked throughout the four days to ensure the event was professionally hosted.

The tournament also provided us with some valuable contacts into one or two Australian clubs where we might look more seriously at their offers to send teams over at all levels for matches that their longer playing season permits.

The next tournament is in Harrogate UK in 2020.





## CLUB PRIZE GIVING

The Club annual prize giving saw another packed clubrooms as players and administrators celebrated another year of player achievement.

Major prize winners were Premier Mens player Ryan Wallace who won the Player of the Year award for the second season in a row plus the personality of the Year, Mitchell Gardner who won the Premier Mens team player of the Year and Outstanding Mens bowler in Prems, Eden Pettigrew who won the Premier Women's team award.



**Ryan Wallace Beckham Footwear & Engravers Player of the Year and Personality of the Year**



**Eden Pettigrew - Premier Woman's Player of the Year**



**Mitchell Gardner - Outstanding male bowler for Premier Mens, and Premier Mens Player of the Year**

Trophy Winners 2017/18	
<b>Committee Trophy</b> (Best Contribution by a Non-Committee Member)	Bert Walker
<b>Norman Lee Memorial Trophy</b> (Outstanding Services to the Club)	Ivan Thomson
<b>Ian Hartland Trophy</b> (Personality of the Year)	Ryan Wallace
<b>EA Gasson Trophy</b> (Most Promising Male Cricketer)	Carl Hooper
<b>TD Kerr Trophy</b> (Most Promising Female Cricketer)	Alana Topping
<b>Wally Chisnall Memorial Trophy</b> (Best Individual Bowling Performance in an Innings)	Abraham Atherton 7/20
<b>EA Johns Trophy</b> (Seasons Highest Score)	Evelyn Jones 123* Richard McKinlay 123*
<b>Telford Ball Memorial Trophy</b> (Outstanding Male Bowler of the Season below Seniors)	Scott Grose 41

<b>Peter Lublow Memorial Trophy</b> (Outstanding Male Bowler of Season for Seniors)	Mitch Gardner 39
<b>PF Carrick Trophy</b> (Outstanding Female Bowler of Season for Seniors)	Carolyn Esterhuizen 24
<b>W Patrick Memorial Cup</b> (Outstanding Batsman Below Seniors)	Bruce Day 501
<b>Ray Armstrong Trophy</b> (Outstanding Batsman of the Season for Seniors)	Tom Hewison 639
<b>FJ Rice Trophy</b> (Outstanding Batswoman of the Season for Seniors)	Bernadine Bezuidenhout 420
<b>Jim Hartigan Trophy</b> (Best All-round performance in men's lower grades)	Ollie Philpott 290/20/10
<b>All Rounders Trophy</b> (Lower grade girls)	Rosie Pentecost
<b>The Coaches Trophy</b> (Outstanding Player Women's Lower Grades)	Jaimee Cartwright
<b>Zena Hocking Trophy</b> (Most Improved Women's Player)	Jodie Dean

<b>Lee Germon Wicketkeeping Trophy</b> ( <i>Keeper Taking the Most Dismissals</i> )	Lane Tutty 35 33c/2stp
<b>Darrin Murray Fielding Trophy</b> ( <i>Fielder Taking the Most Catches</i> )	Geordie Dann 15
<b>Beckenham Footwear &amp; Engravers Player of the Year</b>	Ryan Wallace 1057

#### Team Players of the Year

<b>Premier Men</b>	Mitchell Gardner
<b>Premier Women</b>	Eden Pettigrew
<b>2A</b>	Hayden Day
<b>2C Suddenly Syds</b>	Patrick Wickes
<b>3B Goats</b>	Olliver Philpott
<b>3D Cardinals</b>	Camm Rennell
<b>3C Allstars</b>	Abraham Atherton
<b>Presidents Cardinals</b>	Matt Loose
<b>Presidents Hospital</b>	Richard McKinlay
<b>T20 Tamils</b>	David Jayapaul
<b>Div 1 Girls</b>	Hannah Morrissey

#### BATTING

Evelyn Jones	Prem Women	123*
Richard McKinlay	Pres Hospital	123*
Ryan Wallace	Prem Men	108
Chad Bowes	Prem Men	106*
Hayden Day	2A	106*
Kieran Williams	3D Cardinals	102
Eugene Hawyn	Pres Hospital	97
Bruce Day	Pres Hospital	94*
Richard McKinlay	Pres Hospital	93
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Bruce Day	Pres Hospital	92

Ryan Wallace	Premier Mens	91*
Pankaj Bhagat	2A	86
Bernadine Bezuidenhout	Premier Womens	79*
Dylan Goldstone	Premier Mens	79
Rob Graves	3B Goats	78*
Tom Hewison	Premier Mens	77*
Dylan Goldstone	Premier Mens	77
Ben Potter	3D Allstars	77
Matt Day	2A	76

#### BOWLING

Abraham Atherton	3D Allstars	7/20
Michael Nicolson	3B Goats	6/22
Kieran Williams	3D Cardinals	6/24
Jon Bennett	3B Goats	5/9
Jamie Livingstone	3D Cardinals	5/17
Warren Guy	Pres Cardinals	5/18
Mitchell Gardner	Prem Men	5/22
Eugene Hawyn	3D Cardinals	5/27
Adhish Prakash	2C Sudd Syds	5/31
Ryan Wallace	Prem Men	5/32
Jamie Livingstone	3D Cardinals	5/33
James Gallagher	3D Cardinals	5/39
Eugene Hawyn	Pres Hospital	5/42
Scott Grose	2A	5/46
Scott Grose	2A	5/61

#### HAT TRICKS

Abraham Atherton	3D Allstars	7/20
Jamie Livingstone	3D Cardinals	4/17
Satvik Saini	3D Allstars	3/19

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