

BEYOND THE BOUNDARY

Sydenham Cricket Club April 2020 issue



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Graham Harris, President



With the early conclusion of this season, there is a strong sense of déjà vu. For some of us the memories of February 2011 come flooding back, and for most of us the very bad memories of March 15 are still raw.

In all three instances our season was cut short, and on this occasion, as I write this, the coronavirus pandemic has most of us locked away for a period of time to hopefully curb the spread of the virus throughout communities in New Zealand. Like a lot of you I am left wondering what the new "normal" will look like, and indeed when that will actually be. A lot will change, that is for sure. For some of us that may also mean job uncertainty as our country attempts to recover economically.

Your committee has also been left pondering what sport will look like going forward at a professional, community and club level.

- Can we resume cricket training in the winter?
- Will our season start in October?
- How will we fund our club operating requirements?

What we do know is that sport is (or should be) a huge part of our community activities and contributes to our own well-being. For this reason your committee is continuing to communicate on all of club administration matters, positive in the belief that, although funding will be a major issue, life will return to normal and sport and our beloved game of cricket will be once again be part of our life in our community.

As you will all know, our prize giving evening was cancelled, and so your committee have decided to use our newsletter forum here to announce the

various prize winners for the 19-20 Season. I will leave that pleasurable task to Andrew Chisnall, but I did want to make a special mention of the Boys in our Division 1 side, very ably led by Kelvin Scott. They won promotion to the Championship grade next season and in doing so also took out the T20 Competition and the 1-Day Competition along the way. This is a huge achievement, but not only that; by getting us back into the Championship league, it provides a real and meaningful pathway to young players within our club (and outside the club) who want to progress to Premier cricket. My heartfelt congratulations go to all of that squad for a huge season!

I would also like to make mention of four recipients of Christchurch Metro awards. Jenna Waghorn won the Felton Trophy for the top wicket taker in all formats in the Women's Premier league and along with Casey Liddington and Isla McKenzie was selected in the Metro Premier woman team of the year. Likewise Ryan Wallace also won a place in the mens Designer Homes Premiership team of the year. My congratulations also to all of the other trophy winners who will be announced later in this newsletter.

To all of you in our cricket club community and your families, I do hope that you continue to be safe and well whilst we try and halt the spread of this virus. Your committee continue to work together (albeit online) to get some sense to what our club will look like for the upcoming season. As I alluded to earlier, there are so many unknowns currently, but as the situation becomes clearer we will be communicating with you all to update you. Currently I can tell you that we have suspended planning for our 125 year celebrations, but as with so much other stuff, that could change if we come out of this pandemic quickly. In the meantime please let's all do our bit and self-isolate in our own bubbles, and deny this virus any opportunity to spread.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Andrew Chisnall, Club Captain



Well unfortunately the season came to an abrupt end with the Coronavirus outbreak and as a result we lost the last two weeks of the season and had to cancel the prize giving. On a positive note our Div 1 men's team had a successful season winning both the 1 day and T20 competitions, and finishing 3rd in the 2 day competition. The combined points were enough for them to gain promotion to the Championship grade next season.

The Premier women made it to the final of their T20 competition only to lose the final to St Albans. The Div 8 Tamils also had a convincing season winning their grade after leading all season. And the Div 7 Allstars and President Cardinals finished third in their grades. The Youth Women finished third in there T20 competition.



The social scene certainly picked up as the season progressed. The quiz had slightly better numbers in February. The bar continued to do well with good turnouts on most Saturday nights, even to the extent where we had a regular group staying until closing time at 10pm when they had to be kicked out!! And I would like to commend everyone on the way they conducted themselves in the clubrooms especially when the bar was open which made my job running the bar a whole lot easier. And thanks to those that helped out on the bar when I wasn't there.

As a result of the cancellation of the prize giving, many will be wondering who won what. Well all will be revealed with a full list of winners in this

newsletter - congratulations to all the winners as there were a lot of outstanding achievements throughout the season. And congratulations to Jenna Waghorn who won the Felton Trophy for most Premier women wickets this season with the Metro Cricket Awards. She has now won this trophy four times in the last five years. Also well done to those players that made the Metro Cricket teams of the year - Ryan Wallace, Casey Liddington, Isla Mckenzie and Jenna Waghorn.

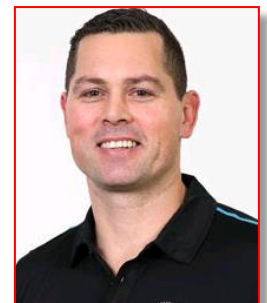
A big thanks to all the captains for their hard work over the season supporting the club, from getting teams on the field, supporting social events, and to ensuring club stats were kept up to date. Also thanks to the committee and helpers for all their hard work over the season. There is a lot that goes 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 hopefully we will be back in October for the start of the season. Stay safe and keep warm.

PREMIER MEN'S SQUAD REPORT

Matthew Bell, Coach



The back end of the club season for the Premier Team unfortunately became a slow burn as it became apparent in the final rounds that as a club we were not going to be in contention to win the Designer Homes 2-Day Competition. It was a case of what might have been for our top side as in rounds 2 and 3 of the competition the team had courageously fought back from slow starts to come within one wicket of gaining two outright wins in a row against East Shirley (away) and Riccarton (home).

If these results had gone our way I feel it would have injected a big dose of confidence into the squad and spurred the club towards contending for the title. As it was the focus switched to the Division one team winning the overall competition to gain promotion to the Metro Championship.

Our second team were having a memorable season already winning both the One Day and T/20 titles but the big mountain was still to be climbed and conquered. Due to the event of covid-19 the last round of the season was cancelled leaving the team on top of the standing as they had accumulated enough points across the season to be at the top their Everest. Massive congrats to the club as a whole to accomplish this feat as there were many working parts behind the scenes off the park as well as important cogs out in the middle to make this happen.



Adi Edekar impressed in his first season with Sydenham

I felt there was genuine support for each other in the top two teams as we trained together consistently during the season and had each others back when it came to selection and putting the club first. This enabled us to push each other to get better, do the right thing and put our best foot forward each weekend in both competitions. This can be best summed up with the fluid nature of players playing for both teams during the season, over 50 players had a taste of Premier & Division 1 Cricket. I hope everyone that played will bank the experience of their

opportunities in both teams and that it makes them hungry to train hard in the winter to continue to get better and be ready to contribute even more next season.

On a personal note I really enjoyed my first season at the club working along-side quality people. I can only look forward to growing more as a club next season and keep looking at ways to become the best we can while enjoying the journey along the way and celebrate moments like the club's 125th anniversary next season.

PREMIER WOMEN'S REPORT

**Linda Pettigrew,
Women's Convenor**



This season was a roller coaster for our premier women. We experienced our best placing (second) in the T20 competition and our lowest (fourth from four teams) in the one day competition. We showed glimpses of the potential in the team but didn't capitalise when it counted.



Premier Women after beating St Albans in the one day competition on Hagley Oval.

After a poor start to the season we were fortunate to have Felicity Leydon-Davis join us for the T20 series. Felicity, who captains Northern District, provided additional support for our developing captain. With her support each player played their best cricket on the first Saturday of the T20

competition to secure a spot in the T20 final. These two matches were the ones you want to bottle and take with you everywhere. We weren't so lucky in the T20 final where we started on the back foot with three players nursing injuries and a St Albans team who had called in representative players to bolster their ranks. While we put on a defendable total we were unable to take the early wickets to secure the win.



Caitlyn Robertson on Sydenham 2

Player numbers continued to be an issue for our team this season. A pre-season injury to Jodie Dean saw her out for the season. This gap was filled by Megan Meltzer who travelled up from Dunedin for eight games. Megan proved to be a handy addition to the team with some very consistent bowling and an awesome attitude. Rachel Davidson and Sarah Brostow were also handy players to have in reserve for the team.

Our previous season's captain, Carolyn Esterhuizen, was also unavailable for many matches. The captain's role is challenging as the women's competition is dominated by experienced captains who push the rules to the very limit and, being player umpires, many games end up with the nice guys finishing last. After some early season experimentation with different combinations Eden Pettigrew took captaincy on. Eden has worked hard to learn the ropes and did a great job of keeping the team focussed and ignoring the politics.

With injuries throughout the season we needed to substitute players from our youth team for several games. Many thanks to Maddie Iro and Darcy Prasad for their support. It is difficult for these players to move from a participation grade with nine players and lots of opportunities through to a performance grade where the matches are longer and the opportunities to bowl and bat fewer. Both players did very well and are athletes to look out for in the future.

All of our regular players have given everything this season and should be proud of what they achieved. We had three players selected in the Metro Premier Women's team of the year. For others we saw improvements in other areas, fitness, batting, bowling or fielding.



Felicity Leydon-Davison the Nursery Ground

We are fortunate to have a solid coaching set up for our women's section. Thank you to these people for your continued work with the club. Andrew McKenzie has dedicated many hours in his role as advisor and selector to ensuring that we are putting our best team on the park each week and as substitute coach when required. Maria Lankesha rejoined the team in January as coach. She has provided steady guidance to the team to help move them to a higher level. Katrina Keenan worked with the team early in the season and continued to work with our bowlers for the entire season. We are so lucky to be able to learn from such experienced cricketers. Also thank you to Mike Harrow for his dedication to our youth team. Mike volunteered as coach and manager for our youth team and did a great job of motivating players.

Now that the season has ended we go into planning for next season. This involves consulting with players and team management about what went well and what we should look at changing for next season and putting in place the funding and personnel to achieve this.

Our team is thankful for sponsorship of The Birdwood Eatery and Pizzeria, 76 Malcolm Ave. Their support has made it possible to provide our team with the development opportunities they need to grow. Please show them your support when we come out of shutdown.

Metro Premier Male and Female Teams of the Year

Congratulations to Casey Liddington, Isla McKenzie, Jenna Waghorn and Ryan Wallace on being selected in Metro's teams of the year. This selection reflects the consistently outstanding performances from these players, placing them in the top 12 players in their competitions.

Jenna Waghorn also won again the Christchurch Metro's Felton Trophy for most wickets in the Premier Women's competition. This is the fourth time Jenna has won this trophy in the last five years, showing that she remains top of her craft.



Jenna Waghorn (top), Isla McKenzie (left) and Casey Liddington (right)



Ryan Wallace

OVER 50'S WORLD CUP

Kelvin Scott

The Over 50's World Cup was played in South Africa in March with two Sydenham and ex-Sydenham players in the New Zealand squad, Kelvin Scott and Richard Petrie. Here's Kelvin's review of the trip which Covid-19 ultimately brought to an abrupt end.

Well the 8th March rolled around and it was time to head off to Capetown for the Over 50's WC. Huge anticipation from all of the group that we could go there and win the cup. Well from my point of view I had a back twinge on the Saturday, the day before we left and saw me miss the first three games so not a great start for me. It was coming right though.

We arrived to glorious weather, not really knowing what was to come in the ensuing week. We started by heading off for a light training session the day after we arrived to shake out the cobwebs, with our first game coming up against the West Indies we were making sure we weren't going in too cold. Bearing in mind the Windies had 2 warm up games in Capetown. This went well but proved to me that I wasn't going to be ready, the 25 hour plane trip sorted that I think.



NZ Over 50's touring squad

We had the initial get together as well and this was hosted by the ambassadors for the tournament, some big names - Graeme Pollock, Barry Richards, Peter Kirsten, Mike Proctor, Dave Richardson and Omar Henry. A fairly prestigious lineup of past South African players. This was a time to meet some of the other teams and listen to some great stories from these legends of the game.



Mike Proctor one of the tournament's ambassadors

On to the games, we started against West Indies. NZ batted first and scored a satisfactory first innings score of 186 all out on a slowish pitch. Good starts for some of the batsmen - Adrian Dale 56, Richard Petrie 34 and John Garry 34. Our bowlers came out and bowled tidily and restricted the Windies to 150 with best of the bowlers Neil Ronaldson with 4/19 off his 9 overs and Glen White and Andrew Nuttall both with 2 wickets a piece.

The second game we came up against Canada. This was not going to be that easy as they had a few ex pats in the team. We played on another slow pitch and we worked our way to a credible score of 157/7 with Richard Petrie with 36 and John Garry 24 being the mainstays of the NZ innings. Canada bowled well on the pitch with the slower bowlers being the hardest to get away. Bowlers once again came

out and performed well with the ball. Andrew Nuttall the best with 4/10 off 8.4 overs. Great win for us as they looked like they could have given us a scare at times. But bowled them out for 56 which was a bit of a surprise to us.

Then came that fateful day, it was to be the last playing day it turned out. The game against Zimbabwe. We lost the toss and Zimbabwe decided to have a bat, Bowlers once again bowled well and once again on a slowish track, but still the best of the wickets so far. We restricted them to 144/8 after their 45 overs and the boys came off at the break only to hear that the tournament had been called off and no one was to play the 2nd innings. Wickets this time were shared around.

The Covid-19 had finally got us and the dream of taking home the World Cup was gone. We did however see the day out well with the Zim boys and had a few refreshments after the game, only left to dream about what could have been. The next 2 days were a bit surreal as we had to decide what the best course of action was re getting home. It was getting harder by the day, but ended up getting a flight home with Etihad Airlines, in the end 55 hours all up to get back.

All in all a very interesting experience, albeit a bit gutting with no game time initially. The team as a whole gelled very well and I have no doubt that we would have done very well in the overall tournament. I feel for the people in the background who did a huge amount of work to get us there in the first place, a huge effort.



South African great Barry Richards

A highlight for me was getting to meet some of the true legends in the game of cricket. Getting my NZ cap from Barry Richards was huge for me. Another highlight was getting to spend some time with some top people in the NZ greater squad. It still a time I will never forget and it also brings it home to me that there is always something to strive for in this great game.

THE NEXT GENERATION

YOUTH – TERM 1 REPORT

The 2020 Youth season started in mid-January with camps for our Year 10 and 9 players that were facilitated by senior players Ryan Wallace, Adi Edekar and Tom McDonald. These camps allowed the players to refocus their skills after the summer break and allow teams to be confirmed. We were able to again enter six teams across the Youth grades ranging from The First XI through to boys in the Year 9 competitions.

Sydenham Youth is now in its third year of operation and the development of our then younger players is really starting to bear fruit as they move into the higher level teams and preform at a very high level. This bodes well for both the Youth section and the Adult Club moving forward.

The First XI, having been prompted to a higher grade this term, initially aimed to not get relegated but this aim quickly turned into trying to win the grade after two comprehensive wins in the first two rounds. The “banana skin slip up” that seems to strike most teams at some stage of a season came

on the opening morning of game three when the First XI were out cheaply to eventual Grade winners Christs College Second XI and fought hard to only just lose the game late on Day two. The team finished second in the grade. Sydenham players topped both the grade batting and bowling aggregates with Rhys Thyne amassing 292 runs at average of 41.71 and Daniel Watt snaring 14 wickets at an average of 15.07.



First XI

The Year 10 Colts were an amalgamation of two Year 9 teams from the 2019 season. For some of these players it was the first time they had had the opportunity to play all day cricket, which brings with it the need to learn to “bat time”, a skill that takes time to learn and a change in mindset. Like a lot of our Youth teams the first few rounds were needed to find the right balance of players abilities and where they most likely could contribute to the team. The team recorded wins in rounds two and three which buoyed their confidence. The Colts were also given the chance to play two games on Sydenham Park, which was appreciated given the pressure the Club faces when trying to accommodate all its teams across the three home pitches the Club has available.

Across all Youth cricket, the T20 grades saw a huge surge in team numbers which was pleasing. From NZC down, all cricket administrators are aware of the alarming rate that participation rates in the game fall of once players reach their teenage years so it has been pleasing to see a reversal of this across the T20 Grades. Played on a Saturday morning, in a slightly more social environment, this format allows boys to continue to play the game as well as pursue other hobbies and interests. Our Year 11/10 team had a squad of 14 players initially which involved some juggling, as teams play with 9, but regardless of who turned out on the day the team won week in week out. Andre Tomkinson and Sam Prasad produced regular contributions with the bat while Ben Mason produced the teams top score of 82 across the season.



T20

Our Year 10, 9A and 9B teams, like the Year 10 Colts, saw a lot of boys playing together for the first time. This meant that the first few games of the season saw Managers and Captains learning who they had in their teams, what they were good at and how they liked to contribute to the team.

The Year 10 team had a couple of very close games that didn't quite go their way which was unfortunate as they continually got better and better with each game they played, batting deeper and deeper and producing higher scores which proved competitive.

The 9A team were unlucky from the season outset to see a couple of junior Sydenham cricketers decide to travel across town to play their Youth cricket despite living locally and attending a local high school. They most likely would have been useful additions to the team. The 9A grade is a tough grade to play in, it sees boys start to play "all day cricket" against some very competitive teams. Like the Year 10 team, the more cricket the 9A's played, the better they got as a collective unit.

The 9B team seemed to be forever playing a CBHS team every Saturday given the pool of players that CBHS has available (four out of five games). This saw our players coming up against some very good opposition cricketers at times.

The Youth season now takes a break over the winter months and will resume in mid-October with the same teams playing across the same grades. A special thank you goes out to all those who have volunteered their time to help get our Boys on the park and playing the game that we all love.

Fergus Smith,
Youth Convenor

JUNIOR SECTION

I hope you are all doing well in our very unprecedented times and are enjoying spending quality time with your family. The juniors had an outstanding season with our year 8 premier team finishing 2nd equal, year 7 premier team finishing 2 and our year 7/8 girls team finishing 4th and our year 6 sect 1 team finishing 2nd. Huge congratulations to all premier teams and our sect 1 team for their outstanding results and well done to our team of coaches Andy Winsor & Yateen Lallu, Paul Durdin & Mark Stewart, Allan & Libby Hickford and Allen Hill & Daniel Herd. Thank you to Maria Lankeshwar our Director of Coaching & Player Development for her enormous contribution to the teams successes.

Throughout all grades we have had amazing results from teams winning grades to outstanding and amazing personal results from 5 wicket bags, to a number of centuries scored. The achievements of teams and individuals have been a reflection of the outstanding coaching teams have received and also the amazing work from Maria.

I want to thank all our volunteers; coaches, managers, scorers, umpires, supporters for the enormous contribution you have made to the club, your work has been appreciated by our community and without you, we couldn't operate as a club.

Thank you to our wonderful committee Maria Lankeshwar, Allan Hickford, Tracy Hurrell, Kerry Constable, Paul Durdin, Tim Hull, Kevin McGowan and Kay Male for the huge amount of hours that you have all put in to make our club a success and for providing outstanding service to our community. Thank you to our wonderful senior club for their continued support of the junior clubs objectives and initiatives. Take care of your families and we look forward to seeing you in the new season.

Libby Hickford

TROPHY WINNERS

Committee Trophy

(Contribution by a non committee member)

Kelvin Scott

The Div1 side's promotion to The Championship next season was a top priority for the club and no one contributed more to that success than Kelvin. It was Kelvin leadership, and his singular devotion to that goal, often at some personal and financial cost, that ensured that the club can now offer a higher quality level of cricket to aspiring Prem players from next season.

Norman Lee (Services to the club over many years)

Bill Thomson

Bill made an outstanding contribution to the Club over six decades, both on and off the field. His tally of over 9000 runs in Premier cricket is unlikely to be surpassed while his loyalty and service to Sydenham was recognised through being made a Life Member in 1992. He sadly passed away during the season but his name will live on in both cricket and hockey circles

Ian Hartland Trophy (Personality of the year)

Paddy Wickes

Paddy is a popular choice for this award. From being a very popular team member on the field to his antics in the clubrooms usually with the love of his life "couch". At times over the last season he has been the butt of many jokes and has always seen the funny sides of things. Sometimes it's hard to know whether he is just joking or being serious, especially when he falls of a chair with what he says is hamstring cramps and needs help and everyone sits around laughing!! Ever club needs someone like this.

EA Gasson Trophy (Most promising Male)

Jackson Hemingway

An excellent attitude and work ethic saw Jackson impressed at pre-season practices that resulted a rare move straight into Premier cricket after he left school in December. His subsequent performances over the season displayed a patience and maturity that suggests a very promising cricketing future for both himself and the club.

TD Kerr Trophy (Most promising Female)

Boadicea Lynch

We saw a positive change in Bow's batting and self-belief this season as a direct result of passionately embracing opportunities. She is an

athlete that gives 100% honest effort often with energy levels being completely spent after her bowling spells.

Wally Chisnall Memorial Trophy (Best Individual Bowling Performance in an Innings)

Gourav Saini 7/6

EA Johns Trophy (Seasons Highest Score)

James Barkhuizen 148

Telford Ball Memorial Trophy (Outstanding Male Bowler of the Season below Seniors)

Dave Fleming 42

Peter Lublow Memorial Trophy (Outstanding Male Bowler of Season for Seniors)

Tim Johnston 40, Mitchell Gardner 40

Carrick Trophy (Outstanding Female Bowler of Season for Seniors) Jenna Waghorn 22

W Patrick Memorial Cup (Outstanding Batsman Below Seniors) Anthony Wild 705

Ray Armstrong Trophy (Outstanding Batsman of the Season for Seniors) Ryan Wallace 780

FJ Rice Trophy (Outstanding Batswoman of the Season for Seniors) Isla Mckenzie 402

Jim Hartigan Trophy (Best All-round performance in men's lower grades)

Balkaran Singh 605 runs/25 wickets/3 catches

All Rounders Trophy (Lower grade girls)

Darcy Rose Prasad

The Coaches Trophy (Outstanding Player Women's Lower Grades) Kate Cameron

Zena Hocking Trophy (Most Improved Women's Player) Dakoda Potter

Lee Germon Wicketkeeping Trophy (Keeper Taking the Most Dismissals) Lane Tutty 21c/3stp

Darrin Murray Fielding Trophy (Fielder Taking the Most Catches) Anthony Wild 18

Beckenham Footwear & Engravers Player of the Year Ryan Wallace

TEAM PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Premier Men	Mitchell Gardner
Premier Women	Isla McKenzie
Division 1	Kelvin Scott
Division 2	Patrick Wickes
Division 3 Goats	Chris Douglas
Division 7 All Stars	Dan Linden
Division 8 Tamils	Anand Bandaru
Cardinals Cavaliers	Geordie Dann/Kieran Williams
Presidents Cardinals	Anthony Wild
Presidents Hospital	James Barkhuizen
Women Youth Stars	Maddison Iro

HAT TRICKS

Quentin McIntyre	Div 1	5/20
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BATTING

James Barkhuizen	Pres Hospital	148
Phillip Walker	Pres Cardinals	147*
Anthony Wild	Pres Cardinals	115*
Balkaran Singh	Div 8 Tamils	114
Jaeden Hooper	Div 2 Sudd Syds	108*
Dan Linden	Div 7 Allstars	104
Ryan Wallace	Prem Men	104
Chad Bowes	Prem Men	103
Anthony Wild	Pres Cardinals	100

BOWLING

Gourav Saini	Div 7 Allstars	7/6
Christopher Reeve	Div 7 Allstars	7/21
Carl Hooper	Div 1	7/25
Tyler Jerram	Div 2 Sudd Syds	6/19
Dave Fleming	Pres Cardinals	6/28
Carl Hooper	Div 1	6/32
Balkaran Singh	Div 8 Tamils	5/6
Dan Linden	Div 7 Allstars	5/7
Connor Williams	Div 1	5/11
Dave Simpson	Div 1	5/13
Quentin McIntyre	Div 1	5/20
Dave Simpson	Div 1	5/27
Sahan Perera	Div 1	5/34
Mitchell Gardner	Prem Men	5/47
Tim Johnston	Prem Men	5/65

YOUTH WOMAN BATTING (retire at 50)

Darcy Rose Prasad	51
Dakota Potter	51
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YOUTH WOMAN BOWLING (retire at 4 wickets)

Rosie Pentecost	4/3
Jaimee Cartwright	4/7

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