

## **Hamilton Old Boys Cricket Club Incorporated.**

### **Presidents Report – 2004/2005 Season.**

It is with pleasure that I submit the following report on the events of the last season, a season in which so many of our members can reflect with pride of the many outstanding performances and achievements on an individual and team basis. It is however important that these milestones are seen from a club perspective as without the contributions and commitment from all of our members we would most surely have struggled to complete the season on such a high note.

That aside we won both the Premier and Division 1 titles, at times performed well in Division 2 but fell off the running in the latter part of the season. The new comers in Division 3 looked likely to win the competition for most part of the season but sadly lost their impetus in the last 4 rounds.

As stated the club was able to enter 4 senior sides, which fittingly coincided with the direction of the clubs strategic plan and allowed us to compete in every grade available. We must ensure that we have the resources in place to retain these playing numbers and our objectives should also be to grow from there.

I believe that in order to progress our lot we need to provide for our members in all aspects of the game on and off the field.

We now provide on seasonal basis good quality equipment and clothing as well as excellent environments for training and socialising. Our challenge is to ensure that our training sessions are organised and run on a professional basis.

Many thanks to our selectors who performed their duties with distinction.

The club is proud of our players who were selected for higher honours.

Northern Districts: Nick Horsley and Bradley John Watling.

Northern Districts Women's: Janice Fraser.

Northern Districts B Side: Ainslee Robson; Ryan Shutte and Nick Horsley.

Hamilton teams: Nick Horsley; Bradley John Watling; Guy Hodgson; Ainslee Robson; Ryan Shutte; Greg Steele and Cameron Weight.

Hamilton Women's: Janice Fraser.

Hamilton under 19's: Jonathan Clare.

Waikato Valley: Jake Bennett.

The relationship with HBHS grows with each season with minor works required to complete the pavilion, which will now be used on a weekly basis, the purchase of a bowling machine, grass wicket cover and our commitment to provide clothing for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and the continuation of our coaching programme.

I would like to congratulate the following recipients of trophies awarded at our very successful prize giving.

Duane Irwin most valuable Division 2 player, Shane Raupita most valuable Division 1 player, Jonathan Clare most valuable Premier player, Paul Johnson most outstanding club contribution, Kevin Morgan best clubman, David Icke most outstanding club fielder, Jonathan Clare most valuable club player, Guy Hodgson most club wickets and Jonathan Clare most club runs.

The following players were recipients of awards at the Hamilton Cricket Association prize giving: Janice Fraser, Women's Representative Most valuable player; Jonathan Clare most club runs and fastest century; Guy Hodgson, most wickets in an innings and Jonathan Clare club cricketer of the year.

I would like to thank the ten person committee for their excellent work this season; nine meetings were held during the course of the year which in itself testifies to their commitment to you. Our new members were Nolan Hargoort and Jason Perrett.

Special praise must be made of the efforts of Andre Touelle who has worked tirelessly in developing our junior ranks. This season Andre has formed a junior sub committee to ensure that his good work continues.

I would like to thank the many organisations that have supported our club this year.

Hamilton Cricket Association.

Ricoh.

Southern Trust

Century Foundation

Lion Foundation

New Zealand Community Trust

Pub Charity

Oxford Sports Trust

Fountain City Sports Trust.



I would also like to congratulate the members who assisted Russell Foster in the preparation and distribution of our Ricoh news letters; they have provided the club with valuable match and club reports. I would recommend to the incoming board members that we widen our distribution to past members and supporters.

The Committee will be purchasing a stock of fabric which is to be held for the production of club blazers. The committee is also setting criteria for their presentation.

The administration has identified the reliance we have on charity funding and believes that we should widen our horizons; in order to do this effectively we need our members to make use of their contacts with various businesses so as the club can source sponsorships. We need you all to play your part.

Because of increasing family and work commitments I am unable to stand for the Presidents role this coming season, but am proud to have played a part in the clubs development over the last three seasons. I will certainly keep a keen interest in the continuing affairs of Old Boys Cricket and wish you all every success for the coming season.

Finally, we must not dwell on our successes from the previous season, we must look to do better, to emulate the performances of our predecessors, to train and play hard so as all players enjoy the pleasures of team and club successes.

Good fortune be with you all.

President  \_\_\_\_\_

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