

**Hamilton Old Boys Cricket Club Incorporated.**

**Presidents Report – 2005/2006 Season.**

It is with pleasure that I submit my first report on the events of the last season, a season in which the club can be well proud of.

Both senior and senior A sides achieved back to back championship results, something the club has not recorded for many years.

However, our senior B side suffered at times when players were required in a higher grade. We must look to develop a further team in senior B as I believe by doing so we will provide consistency with selections.

The club must also focus on quality in training and our senior A side in particular must make a greater commitment.

We are currently upgrading our strategic plan and will look at ways in which we can appoint a club coach, which will also help with the way in which we structure our practices.

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, Te Ahu Davis and Bradley John Watling and Ryan Shutte.

Northern Districts Women's: Janice Fraser.

Northern Districts B Side: Ryan Shutte, Te Ahu Davis, BJ Watling and Nick Horsley.

Hamilton teams: Nick Horsley; Bradley John Watling; Ryan Shutte; Greg Steele; Te Ahu Davis; Johno McNeill; Ainsley Robson; Jason Perrett; Ben Wilcock; Sandeep Puna and Shane Raupita.

Hamilton Women's: Janice Fraser.

Hamilton under 19's: Ben Wilcock and Tom Corkill.

Waikato Valley: Jake Bennett and Sam Mcleod.

The relationship with HBHS continues to grow and our latest venture will require a great deal of commitment from the club. But with the development of the indoor training centre the club will have the ability to train regardless of conditions, this will prove to be of real benefit to us.

I would like to thank both Andre Tourelle, who stepped down from office during the season and the excellent work done by Bev Dawson, who has made real inroads in

improving the lot for our junior teams. Bev is also organising with her son the setting up of an Old Boys website. We are all looking forward to seeing the completed project.

I would like to congratulate the following recipients of awards at our prize giving.

Scott Cunningham most valuable Division 2 player, Russell Foster most valuable Division 1 player, Johno McNeill most valuable Premier player, Guy Hodgson most outstanding club contribution, Jason Perrett best clubman, Sam McLeod most outstanding club fielder, Russell Foster most valuable club player, Johno McNeill most club wickets and Shane Raupita 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; Johno McNeill most club wickets and Greg Steele fastest Century.

I would like to thank the nine person committee for their excellent work this season; thirteen meetings were held during the course of the year which in itself testifies to their commitment to you. I would also like to than both Jason Perrett and Russell Foster for their contribution as they are not available for office this coming season.

Special mention must be made of Guy Hodgson's contribution to the club which resulted in his being awarded life membership this season. His contribution has been enormous and should be noted that it is people who give such commitment and service that make clubs the great institutions that they are.

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

Hamilton Cricket Association.  
Southern Trust  
Century Foundation  
Lion Foundation  
New Zealand Community Trust  
Pub Charity  
Oxford Sports Trust  
Fountain City Sports Trust.  
Perry Foundation.

Finally, I wish you all the success this year with your game both on and off the field. We have set a very high standard and our challenge now is to maintain that.

All the best,

President 

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