

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

### **Presidents Report – 2006/2007 Season.**

It is with pleasure that I submit my report on the events of the last season.

By the standards set from recent seasons it must be recorded that we had a disappointing year.

Our senior side performed very well in the limited Overs game winning the Hamilton Hec Holland plate and then the District Association Eric Petrie competition; however faltered in the latter stages of the Howden Cup and could not make up the lost ground to compete in the final. Whilst the season was a congested one for our representative teams it should have been seen as an opportunity for the players in the club to step up to the occasion. Unfortunately this did not happen.

The senior A side competed well to achieve top qualification for the final, but were outplayed by a more committed Hamilton Boys High School team.

Once again our senior B side suffered at times from player commitment and availability, but trained hard and played as a good unit. With further recruitment their prospects look good.

It is with disappointment that I must record that our senior side was unable to compete in the National Cornwall Cup. The team performed exceptionally well to qualify as the Northern Districts representative but due to funding issues could not attend.

Charities were not prepared to support our applications for travel and accommodation as the hosts had already obtained these funds and were in essence charging the teams again in order to profit from the tournament. This issue was taken up with New Zealand Cricket and we are now led to believe that they are taking measures to rectify this anomaly.

The club must focus on quality in training. There needs to be more commitment from some members in the senior side and once again the attendance from senior A players was appalling. We are fortunate to have such dedication from our B squad who are setting the example for the club.

The Board supports my view that many of our senior members need to recognise the role they play in the club. Standards must be set by the senior members for younger members and new recruits to emulate.

Our expectation of player conduct extends from the field of play to any occasion in which a member is representing his club. The Board has adopted a code of conduct which our members are expected to adhere to. The code will be posted on our website with the selection policy.

Many thanks to our selectors who worked tirelessly during the season to ensure that we had teams on the field.

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

Northern Districts: Nick Horsley; Te Ahu Davis and Bradley John Watling.

Northern Districts Women's: Janice Fraser.

Northern Districts B Side: Ryan Shutte, Te Ahu Davis, Ainslie Robson; Sam McLeod and Nick Horsley.

Hamilton teams: Nick Horsley; Bradley John Watling; Ryan Shutte; Greg Steele; Te Ahu Davis; John McNeill; Ainsley Robson; Brad Perrett; Sam McLeod; Ben Wilcock; Dan Wilson; Shane Raupita and Cameron Weight.

Hamilton Women's: Janice Fraser.

Hamilton under 19's: Andrew Mathieson and Brad Perrett.

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.

The club owes much gratitude to Bev Dawson, who will be stepping down from office during the season, we are very fortunate once again to be having Caitlin Ottaway taking over from Bev. Caitlin has great cricket pedigree and will bring her brand of leadership to junior cricket. Bev is to continue with the help of her son in setting up the Old Boys website. We are all looking forward to seeing the completed project.

The following were recipients of awards at our prize giving.

Duane Irwin most valuable senior B player, Nolan Hagoort most valuable senior A player, Cameron Weight most valuable senior player, Andrew Mathieson most outstanding club contribution, Bev Dawson best clubman, John Pearce most outstanding club fielder, Shannon Mackey most valuable club player, Guy Hodgson most club wickets and Sam McLeod 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 and Ryan Shutte most runs; most wickets and best bowling performance for Men's Representative.

I would like to thank the seven person committee for their tireless work this season; nine meetings in all were held and the members set about achieving the goals formulated in our strategic plan which had also been reviewed recently.

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

Hamilton Cricket Association.  
Lion Foundation  
Oxford Sports Trust  
Fountain City Sports Trust.  
Caversham Foundation

It is with regret that I record the following Old Boys and cricket supporters who passed away during this last season.

James William Marr (Jim) 29<sup>th</sup> March 1980 – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

Played for the club in the 2005-2006 season and was the groundsman at Galloway Park from 2000 to 2006.

Otho Richmond Harding 17<sup>th</sup> May 1918 – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

Was a playing member of the club immediately prior to the Second World War.

Represented the District in the Country side and Waikato B side. Was an aggressive left hand bat and left arm medium pace bowler. After retiring from cricket Otho continued to support the club and was always in attendance at club matches. His son Malcolm Harding also played for the club and grandson William Harding is currently playing for the club.

Graham Cecil Quick (Andy) 19<sup>th</sup> December 1923 – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2006.

Initially played some cricket for the Old Technicals Cricket Club. Was the Waikato Times sports reporter for many years; organiser of the Andy's Angels Tours to Australia; a great supporter of club cricket and Life Member of the Hamilton Cricket Association.

Rodger Thomas Shannon (Rodg) 26<sup>th</sup> January 1941 – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

Played socially for the club in the late 70's. Was predominately an Old Boys Rugby player and supporter during the period that cricket was based at the Rugby club.

Finally, I wish you all the success this year with your game both on and off the field. We must focus on re establishing ourselves as the premier club in Hamilton.

All the best,

President 

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