

Hamilton Old Boys Cricket Club Incorporated.

Presidents Report – 2011/12 Season.

I submit this report with great pleasure as I am pleased to report another successful season for the club.

Our season seemed to correspond closely with the previous season, our Premier side made all three finals but were beaten by HBHS in the 20/20 final played mid week at Steele Park, and by Suburbs in the Hec Holland plate final. However, the main attraction was still up for grabs and our team played very professionally to beat HBHS. It must have been very disappointing for HBHS to have all their senior players unavailable for this big match and their very youthful side although beaten convincingly played some good cricket.

Congratulations to Captain Cameron Weight who has now successfully completed the double. Our Premiers have history in completing doubles, hopefully they can extend this next year to a treble and become the most successful club in Hamilton Crickets 113 year history.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Mike Martin, who carried off his duties as coach very well under trying circumstances. Attendance at practices and an inclement summer has made practice sessions hard to get enthusiastic about.

Once again there was much pressure on the club with loss of players at crucial periods of the season to representative duties. However the members stepped up again and we saw some very good performances from our Senior A players when required for Premier duties.

We are very proud of the players who have been selected for Hamilton; NDCA and NZC honours.

Hamilton is unquestionably the best District Association side in New Zealand and Old Boys are the best side in Hamilton.

There was some very encouraging performances from our Senior A side. With the inclusion of some young blood and being able to field consistent sides throughout the season was helpful. This resulted in team cohesion off the field. Our goal this coming season is to take our game a step further and fix our sights firmly on the Sigley Trophy.

Our Senior B side was well skippered by Janice Fraser and for most of the season were in contention for the title, however there were inconsistencies in performance which realised wins against the top qualifying teams and losses to teams that should have been beaten.

This season we entered two Senior C sides. Joe Donald led the side well; whilst they did not have the same success as our Red side they maintained great team spirit and are an excellent addition to the club. Hope to see them enjoying the social elements of the club a lot more next season. Our C Red side have not lost a game all season until the final. It was so disappointing for them and the club. This side has a record second to none; they just don't seem to be able to complete the job. Congratulations to Greg New who batted so well this year.

We continue our close relationship with HBHS by providing coaching at the school; however our emphasis recently has been directed at bringing the schools cricket facilities up to a high standard.

We have upgraded both artificial pitches on their main field; rebuilt the three lane nets on the back field and currently completing the 3 lane front practice nets.

Once this is all done the artificial at the back pitch needs repairs as does the school require a large roller.

Special thanks to the Ottaway's for their exceptional contributions to the club. Caitlin looking after 13 junior teams in her usual professional manner and John and Caitlin's tireless efforts with our club website. There needs to be greater contributions from our senior teams.

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

New Zealand: Bradley John Watling.

Northern Districts: Bradley John Watling, Mitchell Santner and Anurag Verma.

Northern Districts B Side: Anurag Verma and Ross Fitz-John.

Hamilton teams: Steve Martin; Mike Martin; Cameron Weight, Anurag Verma, Jake Bezzant, Ross Fitz-John, Mitchell Santner and Owen Ivins

Our prize giving was a resounding success with 57 in attendance. Thanks to everyone who contributed in making this occasion a memorable one.

The following were recipients of awards at our prize giving:

DH Gillies trophy	(Senior C)	G New
HD Tait trophy	(Senior B)	N Singh
RLC Hodgson trophy	(Senior A)	J Singh
GSC Hodgson trophy	(Premier)	M Martin
WJ Burton trophy	(contribution)	G New
Icke trophy	(6 hitters)	G New
Carter trophy	(clubman)	J Fraser
AF Hope trophy	(fielder)	O Ivins
AV Giles trophy	(MVP)	G New
GW Pattenden	(wickets)	H Barrow
Harding trophy	(runs)	G New

The club continues to provide coaching, organisation and equipment to a large number of Waikato children.

The season ends with 132 children making up 13 teams, catering for every age group from year 1 through year 8 – an increase of 2 teams and 20 players. Retention rates are good and there is a waitlist in place.

There is still a huge untapped market in Hamilton City with many schools not providing cricket, we need to look ahead and decide whether we look to plan to grow our numbers and how we achieve this.

Our incoming Board needs to consider a small increase in annual fees which will be recommended at \$80.00 Friday night and \$90.00 Saturday for the year. A registration fee of \$100.00 for Friday and \$110.00 for Saturday needs to be introduced as does an initial registration fee of \$25.00. Senior fees should be increased to \$160.00 full fee; \$120.00 for student/unemployed and \$60.00 for school students.

As at the time of writing this report I am pleased to say that there was only one part subscription outstanding in our whole club.

The club needs to consider additional clothing for our coaches and sponsorship for the growing numbers attending the Hawkes Bay River bend tournament.

Old Boys continues to attract players purely because of the excellent services provided to our junior players; feedback from parents is excellent and many have asked for the club to run winter/holiday programmes.

We have also entered a team at indoor cricket at Action Sports and if successful could double up to cover winter programmes.

Special thanks to Gallagher Group and Narellan Pools NZ for their generous sponsorship of \$1,000.00 each for the River bend tournament.

Our website is working well but its long term success will be due to widespread participation. Caitlin has secured the benefits of a University student to upgrade the site as a project, hopefully this will provide an even better service to our members.

Our first X1 team finished in 1st place in the 2011 competition, unfortunately not without controversy and the HCA needs to listen to the its members regarding competition structures and rules to avoid controversies like this happening again.

There are no returning players and as a result the new team will be young and inexperienced. Holding the trials at the same time as the prize giving has worked well and allowed us to bring the team together early.

The following players were selected for the Hamilton Primary representative team, Liam Calnon; Liam McNally; Jamie Moore; Braydon Gaylor; LeRoy Neels and Connor O'Neill. Three of these players were then selected for the NDCA squad. They were Liam Calnon; Liam McNally and Jamie Moore.

We are lucky to have a good team of coaches with all teams being looked after, special thanks to Shane Wilcock who has been voluntarily coaching a junior team.

The prize giving was held at the University nets and we had a 70% turnout, medals and certificates being awarded to players and coaches and managers were also recognised. The club is producing our own team photos this year, in order to save costs and keep our fees low.

I would like to thank the nine person Board for their contributions this season, six meetings in all were held. The club has grown to the point that it now needs to consider employing a seasonal administrator. Volunteer help is still required but if we continue to grow we can no longer rely on the help of a select few.

The Board members are as follows:

President	K Johansson
Club Captain	R Hodgson
Secretary	J Fraser
Treasurer	M Stevens
Patron	S Hassall

Members

"	C Ottaway
"	A Shorey
"	K Calnon
"	J Bezzant
"	D Irwin

Many thanks for your contributions.

I would also like to thank the organisations that have provided funding to our club this season.

Hamilton Cricket Association.
Lion Foundation
Southern Trust
Gallagher's
Ricoh
New Zealand Community Trust
New Zealand Cricket Foundation
Narellan Pools

I would also like to thank the many sponsors of our club:

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CMYK
Just Water
King Street Advertising
Matley Finance

Marellan Pools
Medi Train Waikato

Finally, we have appointed a re union committee which will have a lot of work to do for next seasons big event.

Wishing you all the best for the coming season.

President 

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