

## Hamilton Old Boys Cricket Club Incorporated.

### Presidents Report – 2012/13 Season.

I am pleased to submit my report for the 2012-13 season.

Our Premier side that on paper were expected to perform well again this season in fact performed poorly and finished fifth just ahead of a very young HBHS side. Our Premier playing numbers at the commencement of the season were good but very quickly fell away when commitment was required. As a consequence there has been much work done to induce new membership to the club and we hopefully can expect a new wave of young players representing our Premier side in our centenary year.

As expected this once again has had a flow on effect with our Senior A side who also did not perform. Too often our better players were called on to help out our Premier numbers. Attracting quality Senior A players to the club must also be seen as a priority.

However we can be encouraged by the performances of our B and C sides. The B black team made the final against Eastlink only to lose in the first innings by three runs. A great effort by them, I am sure that they are even more determined to win the Hampton cup next season.

Our B red team after a poor start to the season came home with a late rush and in the last round had the ability to make a place in the final; this of course depended on other results and in the end they fell short. This team is a new acquisition to the club and they have proved to be very enthusiastic and committed members.

The C side after losing in the finals for the last two seasons came to the party this year and beat a strong Good Guys team comprehensively in the final.

I would like to thank our club captain Janice Fraser for taking it on herself to organise practices and provide coaching to our teams. It is very important that our members are provided with structured trainings.

I would also like to congratulate our club captain on the sterling work carried out regarding team selections. This again was not an easy task, again caused through a few thoughtless members who chose to ignore their duty to signify their availability.

Congratulations to all members who achieved higher honours.

New Zealand: BJ Watling.

Northern Districts: BJ Watling and Anurag Verma.

Hamilton: BJ Watling; Ross Fitz-John; Jake Bezzant; Cameron Weight; Mitchell Santner; Steve Martin; Anish Desai and Owen Ivins.

Our contributions to HBHS facility upgrade continues with both sets of three lane nets completed to a high standard. We also made significant repairs to the third artificial wicket but weeks after the work was completed the pitch was vandalised.

The club coaching resource continues and we are fortunate to have a high standard of coaches available.

This season the centenary takes precedent over all other commitments, although I would recommend to our incoming committee that focus needs to be placed on upgrading the grass wickets and purchasing a useful heavy roller for the school.

Our prize giving appears to grow in popularity each season with 61 members attending this year. Great to see wives and girlfriends in attendance as well.

Many thanks to In Stone café for their superb catering and to Caitlin Ottaway and Kerry Calnon for running the bar so proficiently.

The following were recipients of awards at our prize giving:

DH Gillies trophy	Senior C	Jason Perrett
HD Tait trophy	Senior B	Carl Gallagher
RLC Hodgson trophy	Senior A	Mike Rowlands
GSC Hodgson trophy	Premier	Mitchell Santner
WJ Burton trophy	Contribution	Mitchell Santner
Icke trophy	Six hitters	Greg New
Carter trophy	Club man	Janice Fraser
AF Hope trophy	Fielder	Owen Ivins
AV Giles trophy	MVP	Mitchell Santner
GW Pattenden	Wickets	Fitz-John-Santner
Harding trophy	Runs	Mitchell Santner
I Mills trophy	Derby matches	Old Boys

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

Term 4 2012 we had 14 teams ranging from 3-8 year players and in term 1 2013 we had 12 teams from year4-8. Retention rates are high and there is still a current waitlist. Parents and children alike appreciate the high level of organisation. At the end of term 1 we had 110 members.

The website has proved an excellent communication tool. Draws are loaded on a weekly basis as are results and match reports when received.

The club has developed a unique relationship with Peachgrove Intermediate whereby the club now looks after the school numbers.

Last year our first XI came 6<sup>th</sup> in the competition. This year's team finished term 1 at the top of the table going into the winter break.



Ten out of twelve coaches returned from term 4 2012. Two new coaches have been organised for the term 1 2013. Feedback from parents suggests that we have a good level of coaching from within the club. The same applies to coaches regarding the support and administration from the club.

Prize giving was held this year at the Rovers Football club rooms at Galloway park. This was a good venue with an excellent attendance. Medals and certificates were awarded to players and all coaches received gifts. Thank you to Donovan's chocolates for assisting with sponsoring the event.

Two teams have entered in the winter indoor Cricket league at Action Sports for terms 2 and 3 2013.

January 2013 saw two teams attend the Riverbend Hawkes Bay Cricket Camp. Thank you once again to Gallagher Group and Narellan Pools NZ for their kind donation of \$1,000.00 each towards these teams. 29 junior members have registered their interest for 2014 camps.

Junior members participated in the NDCA march past at Seddon park in November. They also participated in the "ODI kids on the ground" in January. On both occasions the members had the opportunity to stay and watch the game free of charge.

Thanks to Caitlin Ottaway for her continued support with training in the last year. Thank you also to all the coaches and managers of the teams who have been most supportive to me in my new role.

It is with regret that I report the passing of two past members of the club

Michael Graeme Pocock (18 December 1945 - 26 November 2012)

An opening bowler for our senior team and product of HBHS, Mike also played for NDCA and served for some time on the Hamilton Cricket Association.

Graeme Alexander Nodder (7 November - 19 March 2013)

Played cricket for various Old Boys teams.

I would like to thank the nine people Board for their contributions this season; five meetings in all were held. I would also like to thank Jenny Reed who has performed an excellent service for our junior members in her first year in the role as junior coordinator.

The Board members are as follows:

President	K Johansson
Club Captain	J Fraser
Secretary	C Ottaway
Treasurer	R Hodgson
Patron	S Hassall

Members

"	J Ottaway
"	K Calnon
"	J Bezzant

“ J Gregan  
“ M Stevens

Many thanks to you all 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  
Nautilus Foundation

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

BFJ Consultants  
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JP Livestock  
Global Velocity  
Matley Finance  
Narellan Pools  
Medi Train Waikato  
G Reid Builder  
Captain Compost  
City Edge Consultants  
Thirsty Liquor Hillcrest

A sponsor that must be thanked by the club is the Santner's who this season cared for our overseas player. Sam Denton was a welcome addition to the club and whilst here resided at the Santner family home, without this sort of support it would be very difficult for the club to host an overseas player.

The club realises the need to have an overseas player, regardless of the benefits of a player it provides some notoriety for the club and fosters good relations with overseas English clubs. We must continue to source overseas players seasonally.

Finally, our centenary committee is in preparation for the coming season. Our club historian is on track to produce our centenary book, clothing to recognise the occasion is being purchased, venues have been organised for the various functions, and John Ottaway is currently upgrading our data base so that we can send invitations far and wide. We need your assistance with this and ask that all members provide help with this data base. The event is to be held late January 2014 and would expect our current members to provide 100% support to this occasion.

Wishing you all the best for the coming season.

President 

Date 15.7.13