

Hamilton Old Boys Cricket Club

Presidents Report – 2013/14 Season.

I am pleased to submit my report for the 2013-14 season, coinciding with the Centenary year for the club.

Our Premier side with a new philosophy and new Coach boasted a number of new layers along with some seasoned current Old Boys members. Our Premier playing numbers at the commencement of the season were very good and a squad of 18 were identified with the idea that when Representative duty depleted the Premier side, the squad would cope and compete without some of the more senior players. The hard work done to induce new membership to the club has meant a new wave of young players representing our Premier side in our centenary year. The premier side all three finals and won the Hec Holland Plate for the Limited Overs Competition. The Premier side also won the Ian Mills Trophy for winning the annual challenge against HBHS. A good all round season with improvement and further squad development, this side is seen as one to challenge for all three titles again in 2014/15.

As the club had hoped, this depth in the Premier squad flowed onto the Senior A side. Although the Senior A team did not win a trophy, this season was a marked improvement on previous seasons and shows that the efforts to attract younger players to the club has vastly improved the standard of the Senior A side and the players consistently playing in this team. It is a firm belief that this team will continue to improve and will be genuine contenders in all three formats next season. As always, this is reliant on increased membership and Premier squad development.

Hamilton Old Boys Red team had a fine season winning the George Hampton Cup and David Nielsen Cup. This team is only two seasons old now and has certainly made an impact in the Hamilton B club competition, both as a team and individuals. The spirit and enthusiasm in which this team has played, along with the fine results is very much an example for the rest of the club. The Hamilton Old Boys Black team had a tough season however. This is a reflection on work that still needs to be done in the area of player recruitment. This side went from runners-up last season to struggling throughout. The club must again put large efforts into attracting young players who are looking to play this level of cricket.

The C side, after a slow start to their season finished strongly and won the Claude Hamilton Cup. This team once again littered with exceptional players dominated the club awards and are another flagship team for the club. The senior C team very much emulate what Old Boys cricket is about, playing hard, winning, collecting the trophy at the end of the season and having a good time.

I would like to thank our Club Coach Kerry Calnon and Club Captain Janice Fraser for taking time to organise practices, warm-ups and provide coaching to our teams. It is very important that our members are provided with structured trainings, warm ups and given every opportunity to improve.

Congratulations to all members who achieved higher honours.

New Zealand: BJ Watling, Daryl Mitchell

New Zealand U-19s: Tim Seifert

Northern Districts: BJ Watling, Mitchell Santner, Daryl Mitchell, Anurag Verma.

Hamilton: Ross Fitz-John; Jake Bezzant; Mitchell Santner; Steve Martin; Anish Desai, Ben Wilcock, Elliott Santner, Cole Hayman, Tyler Johansson.

Waikato Valley: Tim Seifert

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.

The prize giving was again a success and I would like to thank the HBHS Caterers for their fine work in providing the meal.

The following were recipients of awards at our prize giving:

DH Gillies trophy	Senior C	Greg New
HD Tait trophy	Senior B	Virmal Singh
RLC Hodgson trophy	Senior A	Mike Rowlands
GSC Hodgson trophy	Premier	Anish Desai
WJ Burton trophy	Contribution	Virmal Singh
Icke trophy	Six hitters	Greg New
Carter trophy	Club man	Janice Fraser
AF Hope trophy	Fielder	Anish Desai
AV Giles trophy	MVP	Virmal Singh
GW Pattenden	Wickets	Virmal Singh
Harding trophy	Runs	Greg New
I Mills trophy	Derby matches	Old Boys

The Centenary was a great success and I would like to thank all that were involved, but in particular those on the Century committee. The organising of the weekend with formal and social gatherings along with the memorabilia is a huge effort and one that cannot be underestimated. I would once again like to thank all those involved.

Sadly, a great member and supporter of the club could not attend this great event as he was gravely ill at the time and sadly passed away not long afterwards.

Gary Victor Giles: 12 January 1940 – 5 February 2014

Debut season with Old Boys was 1956-57 season and final season 1983-84.
27 seasons playing Premier cricket and as captain seven Howden Cup titles.

Gary also represented both Waikato and Hamilton, his debut season being 1958-59 and last game for Hamilton being in the 1976-77.

His Northern Districts career commenced in 1961-62 season and last played 1975-76 season having played 25 matches

Gary was recognised for his first class ability and was included in the NZ squad for the England series in 1965-66 and was 12th man for the third test.

Gary was also a huge contributor to the club as a player and committee member; his contributions were rewarded in 1981 when he was awarded life membership of the club alongside his father who had been the previous person to be awarded this honour in 1967.

A huge loss to the club; a player who embellished the very best qualities of a "true club man".

In the junior section club, numbers were very strong. In term 4 2013 we had 13 Teams ranging from year 3 to Year 8 players. In term 1 2014 we had 11 Teams from Year 4 to Year 8.

Members Parents indicate that they enjoy and appreciate the high level of organisation from the Junior Club. As at the end of Term 1 we have 110 members.

Through considerable efforts, efficient systems and communication have continued throughout the past year bringing the data base into the modern era. In conjunction, the Website has generated most of the enquiries for new players to the club. We also advertised through the Sport Waikato Notice Board in the Hamilton Press. New initiatives to attract younger players to the club could be considered.

With regard to funding, all gear was checked in January 2014. Noticeably some of the gloves; gear bags and bats could soon need replacing. New shirts were last received in Term 1 2013. Possibly there may be a requirement for more shirts for the following year.

Subscription costs were increased by \$5.00. Friday players \$85.00 and Saturday players \$95.00 for the year. A \$20.00 discount is in place for all coaches children. All first time registrations incur a \$25.00 joining fee. The Team photograph is included in the subs. Total revenue from 2013/2014 junior playing subs was \$9,290.00 with \$945.00 outstanding at the time of writing this report. 2013 Camp Fees Paid \$8,200.00. The HOBCC Website continues to be a great means of communication between the club and its junior members and Coaches. Draws are loaded on a weekly basis as are results and match reports when received.

Last year's First XI won the competition. This year's sees a new First XI who appear to be performing well. Coaching - 10 out of 11 Coaches returned from Term 4 2013 and a new coach has stepped up in Term 1 2014 for the new year 3 team. Feedback from parents suggests that we have a good level of coaching from within the club. Feedback from Coaches suggests they are happy with the support and administration from the Club. Thank you to all the coaches for their time and commitment to their teams. Prize giving was once again held this year at the Rovers Football Clubrooms at Galloway Park. This was a good venue and had a good attendance. Medals & Certificates were awarded to players. Coaches were thanked and received chocolates as a thank you gift.

Once again the Team photos have been produced by the Club and will be distributed Term 4 2014. This year a parent David Priest who is a sports photographer took the photos. January 2014 saw 3 Teams attend the Riverbend Hawkes Bay Cricket Camp. Thank you once again to Narellan Pools NZ for their kind donation of \$265. A number of junior members have registered their interest for 2015 Camps. Junior members participated in the Northern Districts "ODI Kids on the Ground" in January 2014 at Seddon Park. On both occasions, the members had the opportunity to stay and watch the following game free of charge. This was well received by all those who attended.

I would like to thank the ten 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 role as junior coordinator.

The Board members are as follows:

President	J Bezzant
Club Captain	J Fraser
Secretary	R Hodgson
Treasurer	R Hodgson
Patron	S Hassall

Members

"	D Gifford
"	K Calnon
"	J Bezzant
"	J Gregan
"	M Stevens
"	C Holyoake
"	J Perrett
"	S Martin

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:

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A sponsor that must be thanked by the club is the Hodgson/Fraser household who this season cared for our overseas player. Cole Hayman was a welcome addition to the club and whilst here resided at the Hodgson/Fraser home, without this sort of support it would be very difficult for the club to host an overseas player.

All and all, a fine season and one befitting our 100th year. There is much to be done with regard to player numbers and as always the club continues to look at improvements for the season and seasons ahead. I hope that you all winter well and I wish you all the best for the coming season.

President



Date

24/6/14