

Hamilton Old Boys Cricket Club

Presidents Report – 2014/15 Season.

I am pleased to submit my report for the 2014-15 season.

Our Premier side realised a new captain and many members from our senior reserve team from the previous season stepping up on merit. The club had lost the services of Tim Seifert and Elliot Santner, both wishing to play for other clubs.

It was also unfortunate that Jake Bezzant and Ben Wilcock were unavailable for a good part of the season with work commitments; Ross Fitz-John injuries and Owen Ivins simply not committed.

On paper our side looked to be competitive again but failed to press on when needed, however was unlucky not to make the final with Star University losing to Melville in the final round of the Eddy Marr Bowl.

On the upside both Steve Martin and Jono McNeill stepped up as senior members; both being rewarded with selection to the Hamilton side.

Great also to see Satvir Singh; Nitin Dhiman; Imran Noori and Kendall Nolan take their opportunities to cement positions in the Premier grade.

This did have an effect on the performance of our reserve team who started the season so well only to be depleted and fall away in the latter part of the season. However some very useful players stepped up from the B grade and performed admirably. Well done to Josh Wright; Andrew Vercoe; Deesh Soobramoney; Manny Kumar and Carl Gallagher.

The upside was that they made the Ian Bailey Cup 20/20 final only to lose to Marist, but bounced back with a comprehensive win over Melville in the Jim Bailey Cup One day final.

Hamilton Old Boys Red and Black teams both had very successful seasons. The 20/20 combined grades competition was only competed for by the Black team and with the first day rained out competition points became imperative with the Black team winning the last 3 rounds, however they did lose the final to West Ham later in the season.

The Limited Over's competition followed with both teams winning every game played (one round rained out).

So there was much interest in the derby final which was played on the 1st March at Galloway.

OB Black batted first and scored 197 for 8 in their 45 overs. M Kumar 45; J Gerbich 35; D Irwin 33 and G Hodgson 26 with wickets being shared amongst the OB Red bowlers.

OB Red was subsequently bowled out for 155 in the 32nd over. Rajvir 35; Virmal 23 and Ajit 22 the best performers with Guy Hodgson taking 4 for 23 off 5 overs.

The OB Black team at this point was regularly losing players to the A side and their game fell away, however considering the players lost on a regular basis they should be very proud to have competed for the finals berth so long into the season.

The OB Red team was unstoppable accruing 102 points by the end of the season with Marist second on 79 and OB Black third on 65.

The final turned into a one sided affair although with OB Red batting first and only scoring 202 Marist must have felt that they were in with a chance. Sandeep 39; Ajitpal 35; Josh Reid 34 and Joban 31 all got good starts. T Pudney being the best of the Marist bowlers taking 4 for 47 off 15 overs.

At 130 for 5 Marist was in with a chance but crumbled to be all out for 155. Joban with 6 for 41 was the main destroyer.

OB Red batted again and scored 270 leaving Marist 317 runs to win outright. Sandeep scored a magnificent 94; Kunal 45 Rajvir 29 and Gurvinder 21.

The score was simply too big and Marist was easily dismissed for 71 with only their opening batsman scoring 30. Virmal took 5 for 12 and Satpal 3 for 8.

Congratulations to both teams for winning their respective trophies.

The C side lost two matches in the round robin to Marist and Suburbs. In the top section they uncharacteristically lost to West Ham after winning the other matches.

This left Old Boys in third place and having to play second placed Good Guys in the semi-finals.

Good Guys won this match and then carried on to beat Marist in the final.

Bad luck to our C side; they have been extraordinary performers in this competition over the seasons and are sure that they will bounce back strongly next season.

I would like to thank our Club Captain Janice Fraser for taking time to organise practices and provide coaching to our teams. Janice was left for most part selecting many of the teams on a weekly basis and also ensured that our junior teams were all catered for on Monday training sessions at HBHS.

Congratulations to all members who achieved higher honours.

New Zealand: BJ Watling and Mitchell Santner.

New Zealand U-19s:

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

Hamilton: Mitchell Santner; Steve Martin; Owen Ivins, Jono McNeill

Waikato Valley: Anish Desai.

Hamilton Senior Secondary Schools: Jagwinder Singh and Satvir Singh.

Our contributions to HBHS facility upgrade continues with the club now focussing on having the grass block re-laid. This is a very costly project which ideally we would like to have in place just before the season starts and includes pop up sprinklers which will be of great relief to the ground staff.

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 HBHS for making their pavilion available at such a generous cost.

The following were recipients of awards at our prize giving:

DH Gillies trophy	Senior C	Greg New
HD Tait trophy	Senior B	R Singh
RLC Hodgson trophy	Senior A	Andrew Vercoe
GSC Hodgson trophy	Premier	Jatinder Singh
WJ Burton trophy	Contribution	Jatinder Singh
Icke trophy	Six hitters	Greg New
Carter trophy	Club man	Janice Fraser
AF Hope trophy	Fielder	Andrew Vercoe
AV Giles trophy	MVP	R. Singh
GW Pattenden	Wickets	Virimal Singh
Harding trophy	Runs	Greg New
I Mills trophy	Derby match	HBHS

In the junior section club, numbers were very strong in term 4, 2014 but fell away slightly in Term 1 of 2015. In term 4 2014 we had 11 teams and in term 1 this year we had 7 teams, ranging from year 3 to year 8.

As previously, our member's parents have indicated they have enjoyed and appreciated an exceptional level of organisation from the junior club.

Yet again significant efforts have been made to run effective systems for communications to members. We continue to attract new players through opportunities to advertise via Sport Waikato and other media sources. As noted last year, attracting new players is still an area that the club need to continual work on. Our website is currently being reviewed; we see this as an important tool to attracting new players.

An inventory off all junior equipment was carried out in January 2015. Some gear bags and wickets were required to be replaced. New shirts were purchased during the year; we currently have a good amount of these in stock.

Junior subscriptions reminded the same as last year.

The 2014 1st X1 team won the Hamilton Cricket Association competition for the second consecutive year. Congratulations to coach John Ottaway and his team for this outstanding achievement. This year there is a new coach for the 1st X1 team. We wish Jason McKay with his new and young team. Coaches for all other teams have done an outstanding job with their respective teams. The club is in extremely grateful for the contributions these quality coaches make. Our annual prize giving was held again at Claudelands Rovers Football Club, Galloway Park. Coach's contributions were recognized here with a small gift, while all players received medals and certificates.

Team photos were taken in term 1 2015, and will be distributed in later in the year. Thank you to Kerry Calnon for arranging the photographer.

In January Old Boys had two teams attend the Riverbend camps. These camps continue to be an exciting addition to the playing calendar for those involved. Again thank you to all coaches and parents that contributed to this year's camps.

Unfortunately this season our children missed out on the "Kids on the Park" initiative at Seddon Park, due to the World Cup and the rained out ODI, Black Caps vs. South Africa in October 2014.

I would like to thank to the Board for their contributions to the junior section this season. And also thank you Mel Calnon who at short notice took on the Junior Co-ordinators role after newly appointed Darryl Fernandes had to relinquish the role for personal reasons.

Michael John Froud Shrimpton 23-06-1940 – 13-06-2015.

Played club cricket for Old Boys from 1974-76. Was part of the Old Boys and University merger which saw Old Boys fielding two sides in the Premier competition.

Mike played in the side that also boasted Bruce Pairaudeau and the late Gary Giles and all three competed on a weekly basis with the highest run scorer being shouted the after match drinks.

During this short stay in Hamilton Mike also represented Waikato and Northern Districts which included an unsuccessful Hawke Cup challenge against Southland.

He played 5 first class games for NDCA and 10 tests for NZ.

On retirement from active cricket and having returned to his native Fielding Mike took up coaching which included the White Ferns winning their World Cup title in 2000.

He was awarded the Bert Sutcliffe Medal for services to cricket in May 2007.

James Crofts Benzoni 26-10-1943 – 25-11-2014

A member of the University team that amalgamated with Old Boys in the late 1970's. Known as Jim to members of the club, was a quiet unassuming character who loved being involved in cricket. Jim worked for the University of Waikato in the library and had been retired for some years before his passing.

Was great for many members of the club to catch up with Jim again during the re union.

The Board members are as follows:

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"	B Anderson

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.

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