

Hamilton Old Boys Cricket Club

Presidents Report — 2015/16 Season.

I am pleased to submit my report for the 2015-16 season.

Senior Club

This season was the first time that the club had fielded 6 senior teams – one Premier, two Senior A, two Senior B and one Senior C. This is a huge success in itself and makes us the largest senior cricket club in terms of numbers in Hamilton.

Our Premier side benefited from good recruitment during the off-season. Brook Hatwell, an experienced Hamilton cricketer, joined the club and took up a senior/mentor role. He assisted Jono McNeil in a successful first year of captaining the Premier side. Matt Whitley & Paddy Carson's, both ex. HBHS 1st XI players, also made a successful transition into the club and Premier side.

These fairly significant team changes meant the team took a few games to find their rhythm, placing 5th in the first competition of the season, the Richard Dodunski T20. However, from that stage on the team clicked, winning all remaining Hamilton Premier competition silverware – Howden Cup vs HBHS, Eddy Marr Bowl and Hec Holland also vs HBHS. This now puts Old Boys one win away from equalling Star Varsity with the most Howden Cup victories.

Our Premier team also competed in the Northern Districts one day Club Champs this year, but were knocked out in the second round against Greeton from Bay of Plenty.

We entered two teams into the reserve grade competition this season. The HOBCC Black Senior B team from the 2014-15 season (named Senior A Red team in 2015-16) made the step up and performed admirably for their first season in the grade, making the Sigley Cup final but unfortunately losing to Melville in the final. Earlier in the season the Red team competed in the Senior B T20 competition, again making the final but unfortunately losing. Also, in the reserve grade the Black team began the season well in the T20 competition making the final but unfortunately losing.

The club welcomed a new team this year named Brothers XI and captained by Paramveer Sharma. Brothers XI joined our HOBCC Senior B team in the Senior B competition and enjoyed a successful season. They finished third in both the George Hampton & David Nielsen Cups with the best result coming in the one-day competition, beating Melville in the final to win the Bruce Pairedeau Cup. The HOBCC Senior B team didn't share the same successes as their HOBCC counterparts in this grade. It didn't help losing their captain Ben Anderson to injury during the season.

The C side, led by new captain Greg New, struggled to get going all season losing the most games ever in the regular season. However, with this being the trend of the grade this

season they managed to make the final by a whisker. Facing their new nemesis Good Guys in the final they lost to them for the sixth straight time, placing second for the Claude Cup.

I would like to thank our Club Captain Janice Fraser for taking time to organise practices, provide coaching to our teams and her fantastic support for the Junior Coordinator and the clubs junior teams. Janice was supported well at senior practices by Mike Wallace, Jono McNeill and Brook Hatwell with attendance at practices being the best they have been in a few years.

Congratulations to all members who achieved higher honours.

New Zealand: BJ Watling and Mitchell Santner.

New Zealand U-19s:

Northern Districts: BJ Walling, Mitchell Santner, Daryl Mitchell

Hamilton: Jono McNeill, Paddy Carson, Brook Hatwell & Darryl Mitchell

Hamilton B: Paddy Carsons, Brook Hatwell, Jono McNeill, Stavir Singh and Kendall Nolan

Hamilton Women: Janice Fraser

Our contributions to HBHS facility upgrade continues. During the season we provided majority funding for the relaying of the HBHS grass block, including pop up sprinklers. Next season the club will focus on the upgrade of the practice facility bowler run-ups. Our visibility within the school to students was a goal this year with HBHS allowing the club to run an editorial in one of their term newsletters.

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 (most valuable C player) – Greg New

HD Tait trophy (most valuable B player) – Paramveer Sharma

RLC Hodgson trophy (most valuable A player) – Raj Singh

GSC Hodgson trophy (most valuable Premier Player) – Matt Whitley

WJ Burton trophy Icke trophy (most outstanding club contribution) – Mike Wallace

Carter trophy (best clubman) – Jason Perrett

AF Hope trophy – (most outstanding club fielder) Matt Whitley

AV Giles trophy (most valuable club player) – Raj Singh

GW Pattenden (most club wickets) – Virmal Singh

Harding trophy (most club runs) – Paramveer Singh

Icke Trophy (most 6's hit) – Greg New

I Mills trophy (HBHS vs. HOBCC derby) - HOBCC

Junior Club

In the junior section club, numbers became stronger in term 4 2015 and remained about the same in Term 1 of 2016 with the graduation of a lot of children to intermediate/high school.

In term 4 2015 we had 9 teams and in term 1 this year we had 9 teams, ranging from year 3 to year 8, however we had a lot of younger teams as opposed to older teams.

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.

An inventory off all junior equipment was carried out in January 2016. Some gear bags and wickets were required to be replaced and some gear such as gloves were worn and required to be replaced during the season.

Junior subscriptions remained the same as last year however payments have been slow and we still have 10 subscriptions outstanding.

Unfortunately no reports were received from the 1st XI team this season so progress was not able to be tracked however they appeared to have a relatively good first term.

The club is extremely grateful for the contributions that the quality coaches make. However, finding coaches and managers have become increasingly difficult as parents who have coached for years are now wanting to stand back and new parents would prefer not to coach. Our annual prize giving was again held at Claudelands Rovers Football Club, Galloway Park. Coach's contributions were recognized here with a small gift, while all players received certificates and nominated children received medals.

Team photos were not taken in term 1 due to a shorter term disrupted by weather and other disruptions.

In January Old Boys had one team 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.

This season the children who volunteered thoroughly enjoyed the "Kids on the Park" initiative at Seddon Park.

Remembrance

Kerry John Robert Calnon, 1st August 1971 – 2nd March 2016

Kerry's involvement with Hamilton Old Boys began in 2009, when son Liam joined the junior Old Boys club. Kerry took on the coaching role for Liam's side, and the following season became coach of the Intermediate 1st XI side.

In 2011, at the same time as joining the Hamilton Cricket Association's Junior Advisory Council, Kerry led Old Boys to their first Intermediate 1st XI title. He stayed on the Junior

Advisory Council until 2013, when he was elected to the Hamilton Cricket Association board.

Kerry kept involvement with Hamilton Old Boys, even as Liam attended and played for Hamilton Boys' High School, and became a highly regarded Old Boys talisman. Kerry's involvement with Old Boys extended to a 4 year stint on the board, but his real passion was with player development, coaching at the club and providing the premier team with a structured training regime.

In one of the two years that Kerry was the premier teams coach he led them to all three finals – T20, one day and 2 day – with the team winning the one day final. According to a fellow club talisman, this quite possibly could have been one the most successful seasons of all time for the clubs premier team, in terms of win percentages. Kerry was a huge part of this success.

Appreciations

Many thanks to the Board members for all of your contributions this season. The Board members are as follows:

President	Jason Perrett
Club Captain	Janice Fraser
Secretary	Rupert Hodgson
Treasurer	Rupert Hodgson
Patron	Susan Hassall
Members	D Gifford, M Stevens, M Rowlands, M Wallace, B Anderson, A Vercoe

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

Lion Foundation, Southern Trust, New Zealand Community Trust, Wel Energy Trust, Grassroots Trust, NZ Cricket Foundation, Trust Waikato, Hamilton Boys High School.

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

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