

Hamilton Old Boys Cricket Club

Presidents Report — 2016-17 Season.

I am pleased to submit my report for the 2016-17 season.

Senior Club

This season was the first time that the club had fielded 7 senior teams – one Premier, two Senior A, three Senior B and one Senior C. This is one more than the previous season and two more than the season before. We continue to be the largest senior cricket club in terms of numbers in Hamilton.

This season our Premier side lost a number of players from the successful previous season. This mainly impacted the teams batting and was felt throughout the season. While the team was competitive in a closely contested two-day competition they didn't quite find their rhythm, narrowly missing out on a place in the Howden Cup final on the last day of the regular season. In the newly combined Hamilton Cricket Association – Waikato Valley Cricket Association one-day competition the Premier team couldn't defend their Hec Holland Plate title. In the T20 competition, which after being rained out earlier in the season was moved into the new year and played during mid-week evenings, the Premier side made the final but unfortunately lost to Star Varsity.

We entered two teams into the reserve grade competition again this season – Senior A Red and Eastside Senior A. In only their second season of Senior A cricket the Red team went one better this season, winning the Sigley Cup two-day competition. They played Star Varsity in the final, who hadn't lost a game since round 1, and won convincingly. In the one-day competition the Senior A Red team made the final but lost to Melville. The Senior A T20 competition was rained out.

The club welcomed a new team this year named Friends XI. Friends XI joined our Direct Group Senior B & Brothers XI teams in the Senior B competition. In the two-day competition the Direct Group Senior B made the final but unfortunately lost. In the one-day competition the Brother's XI won the Bruce Pairaudeau Cup. The Senior B T20 competition was also rained out.

The C side, with a number of new faces, had a strong season. Led by Greg New & Josh Wright as the top two run scorers in the club this season, the team breezed into the final where they met Hamilton Lions CC. Playing a team of passionate Sri Lankans this was a hotly contested match with HOBCC Senior C winning by 30 runs and taking the Claude Cup for the third time in the clubs short history of competing in this grade.

I would like to thank our Club Captain Janice Fraser and Club Coach Brook Hatwell for taking time to organise practices and provide coaching to our teams. Janice and Brook were supported well at senior practices by Mike Wallace and Jono McNeill.

Congratulations to all members who achieved higher honours.

New Zealand: BJ Watling and Mitchell Santner.

New Zealand Indoor U-22s: Cooper Rowell

Scotland Women: Kari Carswell

Northern Districts: BJ Watling, Mitchell Santner, Daryl Mitchell

Northern Districts U-19s: Cooper Rowell, Matt Whitley and Ravi Pathirana

Northern Premier League – Kari Carswell and Janice Fraser

Northern Spirit – Kari Carswell

Hamilton: Brook Hatwell (captain), Jono McNeill, Cooper Rowell and Daryl Mitchell

Hamilton B: Matt Whitley (captain), Cooper Rowell, Jono McNeill and Jake Harvey

Our contributions to HBHS cricket facility upgrade continues. At the completion of the season we provided majority funding for the relaying of the bowler run-ups at the front field practice nets.

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) – Josh Wright

HD Tait Trophy (most valuable B player) – Daniel Schultz

RLC Hodgson Trophy (most valuable A player) – Virmal Singh

GSC Hodgson Trophy (most valuable Premier Player) – Jono McNeill

WJ Burton Trophy (most outstanding club contribution) – Josh Wright

Carter Cup (best clubman) – David Gifford

AF Hope Cup (most outstanding club fielder) - Matt Whitley

AV Giles Trophy (most valuable club player) – Josh Wright

GW Pattenden Trophy (most club wickets) – Virmal Singh

MG Harding Plate (most club runs) – Greg New

David Icke Trophy (most 6's hit) – Josh Wright

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

Junior Club

At the end of Term 1 2016 the Junior Club had fielded 7 teams. We were able to announce a new team at the beginning of Term 4, 2016 making 8 teams. All ages from 5 to 12 were represented in all teams. During Term 4, 2016 we were able to establish more teams and by the end of the year we were fielding 12 junior teams with coaches and managers.

Parents from all teams volunteered to take up a coaching or manager position which was very positive and supportive. Coaching sessions for new coaches were provided to support the new teams. The club is grateful for the support of all parents who have stepped up to support the club.

This season the club fielded 2 teams to participate in the "Kids on the Park" initiative at Seddon Park. It was successful and a fun outing for both players and parents.

An inventory of all junior equipment was carried out in January 2017. Some gear bags and wickets were required to be replaced as some team gear was worn and needed to be replaced.

Junior subscriptions are up to date with only 1 payment outstanding. The beginning stages were very slow but we were able to get things moving along near the end of Term 1 of this year.

All teams that represented our club had a relatively good year. The majority of players learned new skills, becoming team players, building on confidence and most importantly giving it a go. Both our 1st and 2nd XI teams had a successful Term 1, winning the majority of their games. The coaches for both of our flagship teams were dedicated and committed to providing an exceptional level of coaching and expertise.

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.

In January 2017 Old Boys had one team attend the Riverbend camps in Hawkes Bay. 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.

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 Rowlands, M Wallace, J McNeill

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, Grassroots Trust, Hamilton Boys High School.

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

The Helm
Captain Compost
City Edge Consultants
Direct Group
Eastside Tavern
JP Livestock

Spec Savers
Tourelle Life Brokers

President

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Date
14 July 2017