



Hamilton Old Boys Cricket Club

Presidents Report — 2017-18 Season.

I am pleased to submit my report for the season.

Senior Club

This season our membership was reduced from 7 to 6 senior teams – one Premier, two Senior A, two Senior B and one Senior C. The reduction was due to issues with our Senior B Brothers team which resulted in a mutual agreement to part ways. Also, at the latter part of our season the Senior B Friends team disbanded due to discontent within the ranks, thankfully this happened nearer the conclusion of the season and was not as disruptive as it potentially could have been. Regardless our numbers remain strong and the club is attracting some very good members.

This season our Premier side again lost a number of players from the previous season. While the team was competitive in the two-day competition, they couldn't put the points on the board to sustain momentum or contend for the coveted Howden Cup. In the T20 competition we performed well enough missing out on a finals berth by run rate, however again did not perform so well in the Combined Hamilton/Thames Valley Limited Overs competition coming 5th in their pool.

We again entered two teams into the reserve grade competition – Senior A Red and Eastside Senior A. In their third season in the A competition the Red team could not emulate their previous seasons performance in winning the Sigley, they were severally handicapped by HBHS closing their ground for a 2-day match when all other games in that grade were played. However, the Eastside team performed superbly this season and were the top qualifiers for the final against Marist but could not continue their form and lost, regardless there is the nucleus of a very strong side and the future looks good for the club with such strength in numbers at this level. The Eastside team also won the T20 competition over Melville.

This season the club entered the Friends X1 and the Direct Group Senior B sides in the competition with the Brothers X1 electing to move as a team to Melville. The Friends X1 made the Pairaudeau cup final but unfortunately were beaten by Melville HKS. In the two-day competition the Direct Group Senior B were in contention for a finals position for most of the season but could not make it in the end.

The Eastside C side, with a few new faces, had a strong season. They were ahead on the leader's board for the season and were the top qualifiers for the semi-finals which they won. All expectation was for them to beat Kaipaki in the final, however on the day they were badly beaten.

So, whilst not endowed with silver ware at the end of the season the teams did perform creditably and the signs for a good season coming are all there.

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.

Congratulations to all members who achieved higher honours.

New Zealand: BJ Watling and Mitchell Santner.

Northern Districts: BJ Watling, Mitchell Santner, Daryl Mitchell and Brent Arnel.

Northern Districts A: Brayden Gaylor.

Northern Districts U-19s: Brayden Gaylor

Northern Premier League – Charlotte Sarsfield and Janice Fraser

Hamilton: Brook Hatwell (captain), Cooper Rowell, Brayden Gaylor and Daryl Mitchell

Hamilton B: Matt Whitley, Jake Harvey, Jatinder Singh, Brayden Gaylor and Cooper Rowell.

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) – Nigel Singh

RLC Hodgson Trophy (most valuable A player) – Carl Gallagher

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

WJ Burton Trophy (most outstanding club contribution) – Kairav Bhatt

Carter Cup (best clubman) – Jake Harvey

AF Hope Cup (most outstanding club fielder) – Roshan Perera

AV Giles Trophy (most valuable club player) – Greg New

GW Pattenden Trophy (most club wickets) – Carl Gallagher

MG Harding Plate (most club runs) – Greg New

David Icke Trophy (most 6's hit) – Greg New

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

Junior Club

We are very proud that we have a very strong Junior club with 14 teams competing at all levels of the junior competition, many of our senior club members have come through our junior grades including Cooper Rowell, Vihang Ahlwahat, Mitchell Santner and Brayden Gaylor.

Our Intermediate 1st XI boys had a hard start to their year, winning one out of eight so far, but with a very new team there's plenty of positives to look forward to in Term 4. Below them we've had our largest junior club ever this season so thanks have to go to Zak Perenise for his work on that front.

Unfortunately, it was really difficult to find coaches for teams again. In the end all teams did have a coach. There has already been an interest from HOBCC Senior players for Term 4, 2018. I look forward to having more of our senior players stepping forward to coaching a team. I would like to thank two of the senior players that have given up their time to coach a side. Thank you to Michael Rowland and Devon Mace for supporting our Premier sides.

Michael Rowland was able to change around the fortunes of the Premier due to poor performances in the earlier stages of the season. The team still have a lot to work to when their season starts again in Term 4, 2018

Devon and his Premier 2nds performed well and are looking to capitalise on a good start to the season.

I would like to recognise the following volunteers:

Mavericks coached by Hayden Tuffery/Manager: Anna Tuffery

Titans coached by Rae Gunn/Matt Spence

Aces Year 5 coached by Simon Petersen

Pumas Yr 5 coached by Daniel Hennebry/Manager: Joce Hennebry

Hawks Year 5/6 coached by Joey Uden

Eagles Year 5/6 coached by Tim Goodman & Shaun Healy

Sharks Year 5/6 coached by Nick Binnie & James Gurnick /Manager: Wendy Donaldson

Lions Year 7/8 coached by Matthew Newman/Manager: Jade Lovegrove

Stars Year 7/8 coached Campbell Vette

Mariners Year 7/8 coached by Aman Sandhu

Knights Year 7/8 coached Rob Shirley

Cavaliers Year 7/8 coached by Shane Singh

Premier 2nds Year 7/8 coached by Devon Mace/David Barnett

Premier Year 7/8 coached by Michael Rowland/Dave Evans

Obituaries

David Lewis Gifford 07.02.1953 – 10-09-2017

A Board member from 2012 and a great supporter of the club whose passing came as a shock to us. His good humour and loyalty to the club will be sadly missed.

Graham Lewis Robinson 17.03.1953 – 18.11.2017

Deputy Headmaster at HBHS and involved with the Old Boys Board as early as 2003. His guidance with the transition to the school as the clubs home base was greatly appreciated and his support and good nature missed by many.

Appreciations

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

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| President | Jason Perrett |
| Club Captain | Janice Fraser |
| Secretary | Rupert Hodgson |
| Treasurer | Rupert Hodgson |
| Patron | Susan Hassall |
| Members | J Harvey, M Rowlands, D Mace, D Gifford and J Reid. |

The key achievements of the Board this season included extending the bowler run-ups at the HBHS practice nets and signing off on a new playing uniform which will be worn by all senior teams during the 2018/2019 season. The uniforms will be cream with black and red striped panels, moving away from the grey uniforms that have been worn for the past few years.

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, New Zealand Cricket Foundation and Hamilton Boys High School.

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

Direct Group

Eastside Tavern

JP Livestock

Tourelle Life Brokers

Café 91

Neville Kane Pharmacy

Advantage Tyres

President

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Date

14 June 2018