



Hamilton Old Boys Cricket Club

Chairman's Report 2020-21 Season.

Senior

This season our club increased to an 8-team membership – one Premier, two Senior A, two Senior B and three Senior C. The Brothers B grade elected to play for yet another club and we in turn picked up a B grade team (Rebels) from Melville. The membership in the C grade was such that we originally intended to enter 2 teams, however in order to work in with the HCA we entered 3 teams to create an even numbered competition.

The season commenced early November which severely tested the historic format to the season in that the Spark Limited Over's competition commenced first. The Premier side had performed very well in this competition and were only pipped by the eventual winner which was their only loss in their section.

There was a stuttering attempt to play the T20 competition and with rained out matches the competition was incomplete; again, the Premier side were very unlucky to miss out on a finals berth.

Unfortunately, because of an oversight by HCA appointed cricket manager the balance of the home Limited Over's matches for the Hec Holland and Eddy Marr Bowl were not programmed and when a complaint laid was too late to be contested in its entirety. This was in effect a huge disadvantage to Old Boys who had performed in these games so well and were denied the points. However, we did not perform well in the Two-day games and were not in the hunt in the end.

The team however played great cricket in the Hec Holland rounds and as top qualifiers in their section played HSUCC (being runners up in the other section) and won the semi-final. The final was played the next week against MSCC and again Old Boys performed well and won the Hec Holland plate.

Disappointing season in some respects but that is probably attributed to the high expectations of our club.

The senior reserves sides had a reverse of fortunes this season, the Red side performances directly attributed to a run of injuries that plagued the side throughout the season. Even then they still performed with some distinction and next season they will be back to their usual best.

Our Black side had been building together a good unit of regular team members over the last season and the benefits of this were soon realised this season. As the season progressed so did their performances and in a quiet business-like way obtained a spot in the Sigley Cup

finals. Their competitors Melville were a team that had played together over many seasons and expected to win the Sigley Cup again. The final was never in doubt with Old Boys beating Melville in every aspect of the game. Magnificent to see the club's name on the trophy again.

The B grade sides also had mixed seasons with the newly arrived Rebel's team competing very strongly, losing in both the Limited overs and two-day finals. The Two-day final was extremely closely fought, with Melville pipping Old Boys by eleven runs in the first innings to win the game. A great effort by this team in their first season with their new club. I am sure that they will improve on this season and look forward to some exciting outcomes in the season to come.

Our other B grade team in this competition was a young side led by experienced Janice Fraser with a couple of older heads to assist with the team's development. In this respect they had a very profitable season with some extremely good performances and some victories against top rated teams, in fact their final match was against the leading team in the competition which was won handsomely by Old Boys. If this team is together next season and can keep the same unit together they must be considered a serious contender alongside our Rebels team.

The Presidents grade won the Claude Hamilton Trophy again this season. This is remarkable considering we entered three teams and commendably spread the talent throughout these teams. In highlighting their season two teams made the finals (Old Boys Black and Red). The outcome of the final was in favour of the Black side. Many thanks to Greg New and his helpers as there was much to organise week in and week out during the season.

It is timely that we record our concerns with the performance of NDCA regarding match management of our grass roots competitions, there has been a total lack of communication throughout the season; with inadequate/incomplete draws on an ad hoc basis and a total lack of interest in assistance and preparation of the big matches.

The new By-Laws which NDCA have introduced (in a pointless attempt to align DA By-Laws) have failed us and needs to be put right by the incoming HCA Board.

The judiciary/complaints system which had been working effectively is now an embarrassment with intervention required to put right the erratic and incomprehensible decision making that has occurred throughout the season.

Whilst it is important that as a club, we express our thoughts regarding the state of the game currently provided to us, it is also important that we continually review the way we manage our club and subsequently how our members conduct themselves. I believe that Old Boys has a record of leadership in this respect and we have set high standards which we have never compromised. We must continue to play the game with respect for the opposition and play to win regardless of our standing in the competition; we must be humble winners and graceful losers; play and conduct ourselves in a selfless way; support our team members regardless of their ability or performance and always wear the club colours with pride.

An exciting development is in progress at HBHS, namely the six-lane indoor cricket facility which is currently progressing through phase one. To date the artificial carpet has been laid and we have been advised that it could be available for the commencement of 2021 pre-season trainings. The club has already provided a handsome donation towards the project and could look to make a further donation if required. This is a major development for both our junior and senior ranks.

Outside school hours the club could well be expected to manage the facility and if this is the case must ensure that we can muster maximum use to ensure that the cost to maintain the facility is self-funded.

Congratulations to all members who achieved higher honours.

Hamilton B – Jake Harvey, Matt Whitley, Michael Lanting and Satvir Singh.

Hamilton A – Anurag Verma, Matt Whitley, Jake Harvey and Josh Brown.

ND U19 – Michael Lanting.

ND A – Josh Brown and Anurag Verma

Northern Districts – Mitchell Santner, Anurag Verma and BJ Watling

New Zealand – Mitchell Santner and BJ Watling.

The following were awarded club trophies for performances throughout the season:

DH Gillies Trophy (most valuable C player) – Matt Libby

HD Tait Trophy (most valuable B player) – Paramjeet Singh

RLC Hodgson Trophy (most valuable A player) – Ravi Pathirana

GSC Hodgson Trophy (most valuable Premier Player) – Josh Brown

WJ Burton Trophy (most outstanding club contribution) – Ravi Pathirana

Carter Cup (best clubman) – Greg New

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

AV Giles Trophy (most valuable club player) – Ravi Pathirana

GW Pattenden Trophy (most club wickets) – Ravi Pathirana

MG Harding Plate (most club runs) – Scott Robertson

David Icke Trophy (most 6's hit) – Scott Robertson

I Mills trophy (HBHS vs. Old Boys Derby) – HBHS

It is also important that we have recorded the standout performances for all senior teams for the season and they are:

Bowling:

Ravi Pathirana 5 for 53 against Star

Baljeet Singh 5 for 48 against Star Blue

Ravi Pathirana 5 for 36 against Fraser Tech

Robbie Searle 5 for 33 against Kaipaki

Jack Chaplow 5 for 25 against Star
Barry Row 5 for 22 against Star Blue
Nigel Singh 5 for 22 against Melville Red
PJ Monga 5 for 21 against Star
Aman Awasthi 5 for 20 against Star Red
Brook Hatwell 5 for 19 against Star in the Hec Holland LO semi-final
Deane Bellis 5 for 18 against Kaipaki
James Gifford 5 for 12 against Melville
Ravi Pathirana 6 for 15 against Melville in the Sigley Cup final
Ravi Pathirana 7 for 32 against Melville.

Batting:

Arshad Ali Siddiqui 102 against Star Blue
Scott Robinson 103 against Eastlink
Chris Plank 104 against Fraser Tech
Matt Libby 108* against Kaipaki
Scott Robinson 118 against Kaipaki
Raj Singh 121 against Star Red
Chris Plank 121 against Star Blue
Baljeet Singh 121* against Kaipaki
Hugo Shale 126* against Cambridge
Ranjit Singh 149 against Melville Red

Junior

The club junior numbers are steadily growing from season to season with the previous season resulting in 18 teams in term 4 and 17 in term 1, this season saw 21 teams in term 4 and 22 in term 1.

Coaches and managers have been placed throughout the teams and in both terms 100% subscriptions collected.

We have been able to maintain some stocks of polos, caps, and plenty of balls for the teams. This is an area we will continue to work on as it is important that both senior and junior can stockpile enough for 1-2 seasons to cover any eventuality. Stock of junior equipment is ample given that young players are now tending to purchase their own equipment.

The volunteer parents have been extraordinary and play a major role in player satisfaction and attracting new members to the club.

The prize giving at Claudelands Rovers has been successful and thanks go out to the Board who were all in attendance and all played their part in making the afternoon such a success. We re-introduced player certificates so that every child received some form of recognition along with the medallions for Most Improved player, Most Valuable player and Team player (coaches choice). Thanks to Café 91 for your continued support with subsidised Coaches and Managers vouchers and finally the lolly scramble and team pictures concluded the event.

Both Janice and Rupert have indicated that they would like to run a pre-season coach/manager get together at HBHS pavilion, the object being to meet up as a group pre-

season and to ensure that we encourage all to complete the NZC vulnerable child vetting and assist those wishing to complete the NZC coaching online Programme.

Friday Night Cricket:

Scorpions coached by Mark Waller and managed by Liam Annals.

Rebels coached by Dave Simpson.

Redbacks coached by Rajvir Singh and managed by Virmal Singh.

Tigers coached by Josh Steward and managed by Rochelle Steward.

Jaguars coached by Greg New and managed by Sushil Dutt.

Bears coached by Jay Ballantyne and managed by Steffen Grimm.

Saturday Hardball Cricket:

Sharks year 5 coached by Gareth Dodd and managed by Rochelle Dodd and Adelle Barach.

Stingrays year 5 coached by Nathan Cox and managed by Matt Spence.

Cobras year 5 coached by Lincoln Drent and managed by Fiona Duggan.

Aces year 5 coached by Dan Hennebry and managed by Joss Hennebry.

Mavericks year 6 coached by Hayden Tuffery and managed by Bridgette Toy-Cronin.

Eagles year 6 coached by Nico van Rensburg and managed by Tariq Ashraf.

Stars year 6 coached by Noel Lake and managed by Nerrolly Hay.

Panthers year 6 coached by Chris Cummings and managed by Candice Simpson.

Knights year 6 coached by Garrick Challis and managed by Craig Blackmore.

Kiwis year 6 coached by Joseph Loeffen and managed by Rachel Johnson.

Lions year 6 and 7 coached by Geoff Booth and managed by Rachel Johnson.

Falcons year 7 coached by Kent Pryor and managed by Abby Smith.

Blackhawks year 7 and 8 coached by John McKeever and managed by Vaughan Jones.

Cavaliers year 7 and 8 coached by Richard Clarke and managed by Aaron Coombes.

Leopards year 7 and 8 coached by Matt Hay.

Strikers year 8 coached by Amit Taneja and managed by Rama Gulla.

Financials

This has been a productive season riding on the back of the covid pandemic which really has not affected summer sport seriously apart from the completion of the previous season and the first month of this season. Gaming funding was back up and running and appeared not to impede the sport as some had predicted.

It was pointless renewing our term deposit on two counts, the return was insignificant, and the club needed some of the funds for ready distribution to HBHS as a donation towards the indoor cricket facility.

The season returned \$47,885.00 in gaming funding and \$1,000.00 in sponsorship with \$17,965.00 in junior fees and \$13,680.00 in senior fees.

After completing an end of season stock take, we estimate \$29,000.00 in cricket balls and \$16,000.00 in uniforms and other essential clothing.

At completion of our audit the Board members should contemplate organising funds into a short-term deposit whilst we analyse how the market will shape.

All in all a productive financial year whilst showing a deficit of \$12,244 is offset by the \$25,000 donation to the HBHS Indoor nets facility.

It is also timely to note that the Government is currently reviewing the Incorporated Societies Act with some minor changes expected to be put in place either this year or next. They are not significant but will require the Club resubmitting a Constitution with the amendments. Without being conclusive the Board will need to identify the club's purpose and goals as well as the way we prepare our financials (of little significance) and incorporate the new act into our constitution.

This provides the current board with an opportunity to review our constitution wholesale next season.

Social Events

Due to the Covid pandemic the Board members function at Little India was postponed until July and was well received with a full attendance.

The Golf day was held at Te Kowhai and continues to be well received, as were pre-season friendlies against HBHS and MSCC.

In December, a dinner was held at Café 91 with the usual supporters in attendance.

Also, I would like to thank all our members who committed to Saturday morning breakfasts at Café 91 during the season, great to see so many there and clearly enjoying themselves.

A Christmas function was held at the Eastside Tavern again this season and am sure the publican appreciates our patronage. The venue is likely to change next season with the long established Eastside closing its doors in December, fortunately we will have an alternative venue in the Hillcrest Tavern which is being refurbished and will continue to meet the club's needs.

The junior prize giving was held at Claudelands Rovers clubrooms with all Board members in attendance. Jake Harvey hosted the event with the support of Janice Fraser.

The Senior prize giving was planned again for the Workingmen's club and was again a success with an excess of sixty in attendance. The Board committed to a dinner as opposed to buffet this prize giving and as it was favoured will continue in the future.

The Board has attempted to hold a games evening at the Cosmopolitan club which unfortunately did not go ahead, however it is agreed that it is a sound idea and given that the MSCC club now use this venue as a home base we could see if they would entertain and games evening, this of course would need to be on a competitive basis.

Some senior members made a great effort to encourage more use of the clubrooms with the view of encouraging team integration. While we did not have the success that we would have wished for the signs are there that with some perseverance it could be a success. The incoming Board should look to come up with ideas to encourage this to happen.

Appreciations

Many thanks again to the Board members for your contributions this season. We have been very lucky to have retained an enthusiastic and committed Board, they are as follows:

President	Jake Harvey
Club Captain	Matt Whitley
Secretary	Janice Fraser
Treasurer	Ben Anderson
Patron	Susan Hassall
Members	R Hodgson, K Curtis and C Gallagher

I would like to thank our Club Captain; Club Coach and Janice Fraser for taking time to organise practices and provide coaching to our teams. The many hours organising teams is a big responsibility with either a feast or famine regarding player availability and the club members should be grateful to these people for their commitment.

Seven meetings were held during the season with good attendances throughout with each Board member contributing and sharing the duties. The club must be grateful to these members who have all indicated that they are available to serve the club for a further season.

We need to acknowledge and be grateful to the following organisations that have provided funding to our club this season:

Lion Foundation, New Zealand Community Trust, Grassroots Trust, Trillian Foundation, One Foundation, New Zealand Racing Board and the ANZ Bank.

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

Direct Group
Eastside Tavern
Café 91

Jake Harvey
Chairman

