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editorial

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It has been an excellent start to the season weather wise. Who would've thought we'd be sitting here with one weekend to go before the Xmas break and have had no interruptions for the weather. On the cricketing front, some of the results have been a bit mixed, best highlighted by the Premier Men who are top of the One Day Competition but bottom of the table in the Two Dayers.

We do have 4 teams leading their grade however, and there have been some stellar individual performances. Steve MacKenzie in 2C is having an incredible start to the season with the bat, as is Scott Wilson (393 runs at 131.00) (right) and Ric Horsfall (320 at 85.00) from President's grade. The bowlers are doing it a bit tougher, and interestingly no one has taken more than a 5 wicket bag as yet.

Off the field things have been a bit quiet, the Club Days haven't been well supported, our next one is this coming Saturday (20th), so please make a special effort to attend for an hour or so at least. There's a lengthy Happy Hour and food is provided.

I'd also ask you to put Tuesday 3 Feb in your diary. We are hosting a Quiz Night at the Woolston Club. The legend Bert Walker from Sydenham is the Quizmaster and we'll have plenty of prizes to give away. So please make a real effort to attend this event. It is considerably more difficult to obtain Gaming Machine Grants than ever before and as a Sports Club we need to do some level of fundraising and we need your support in these ventures to fund the club activities.

I seem to have offended a few people with some of my recent columns so I'll be well behaved in this one and stick to facts rather than my thoughts and observations. Anyway have a great Xmas and New Year, and see you at Club Night this Saturday.

Jonsey

PS - your Woolston Club card will be available for pick up at Club Night



pete speaks

The 2008/09 season kicked off in a great way for the club, with no teams losing in the first 2 weeks of competition. However, results since then have been mixed, the Men's teams are generally performing very well, with a number holding 1st or 2nd place in their various competitions.

However, in the Women's competition, the Premiers are not in their usual position of being out in front, but are 3rd of 4 teams. They still have the leaders in their sights but will need to perform well without their representative players to figure in the finish. The Women's 1st grade have found the going very tough and have yet to record a win, but they have been severely hampered by lack of players. The jury is still out on the successfulness of our amalgamation of our Women's teams with Sydenham. The 3rd Grade Women, who are essentially a Sydenham team, are leading their grade and are the one bright spot in the Women's section.

The difficulty in filling our three Women's teams has become of crisis proportions in the last 2 weeks, with us having to default our 1st Grade team for the third time this season on Saturday 13th December. With the State Shield players not playing we would have thought that this was one week we could fill the team and not have to take five of them to play for the Premiers. Unfortunately this is not so as a number of the State players have made themselves unavailable for various reasons.

With the representative programme about to start in earnest, the decision will need to be made to withdraw the 1st Grade team from the competition altogether, as there would appear to be no chance of filling this team in any weekend before the end of January. This is being discussed with CCA. This will not be a popular decision, but will only be reflecting reality as the team is defaulting as much as it is playing, anyway. This will leave the 1st Grade Women's competition with only 3 teams and a bye every week.

This will have serious repercussions for the Women's section and the chances are that we will not have a Women's section at all next season, unless there is considerably more support from the women players. Regrettably, cricket does not appear to be the top option for a number of our women players and some only want to play when they have nothing "better" to do. Sad, but true.

Club nights have in general been disappointing and the most recent one held on 29th November was very poorly attended, with some teams not being represented at all and those who were had less than half of their players. It is very difficult to build anything like club spirit when members do not come back after games. The once a month Club Night on the last Saturday of each month was introduced to try to get everyone back on one night out of four, which I believe isn't too much to ask.

The next Club night will also be the Christmas function and will be held on 20th December, so please mark it in your diaries and come along to celebrate with your fellow club members. There will be some food and a "happy hour" until 8pm.

In the meantime, enjoy your cricket in December. The weather appears to have become much more cricket friendly and sunscreen is now more important than jerseys, thank goodness. I look forward to seeing all of you at our Christmas break-up on 20th December.

Peter Crowhen (President)





reido's report

Hi Guys,

It is hard to believe that we are staring down Christmas, where has the time gone? Despite some cold and also windy days early on we have been fortunate that we haven't lost any days to bad weather. It's great to finally have a concentrated period of playing cricket, I can't remember the last time that we had such an uninterrupted run.

The start to the season was very taxing with a number of issues keeping some of us extremely busy. One of those was the point's deduction from the 2a team, being their first two one-day games which had both been wins. This came about from us playing a new member in those games; despite our best intentions unfortunately the correct transfer application process had not been adhered to. With the final intervention of our club lawyer Steve Bray of Bray Law whom is also one of our Presidents players thankfully the CCA relented and reinstated the points. Steve, along with Peter Crowhen many thanks for your considerable time and efforts on this matter.

Darren Booth of 2c due to historical factors pulled stumps on his playing career with our club. His last performance for the team was a fine 70no against Riccarton on October 11th, where he captained the team to an easy victory. During Darren's five seasons with the team he was a major contributor to our two competition victories and was instrumental in helping us to maintain our unbeaten run, which stretched to well over two seasons. Thanks immensely for your contributions Darren. Darren's record for the team as a batsmen is without peer and reads: **65 innings 14 not outs 2432 runs 165* Highest Score 47.68 average 29 catches**

Congratulations to the Premier Women on winning the 20/20 tournament played over the Saturday and Sunday of Show Weekend. As proven on numerous occasions over many seasons when this team is at full strength they are almost unbeatable.

Our 2a team under the captaincy of Ben Cameron has made a great start and are playing extremely well. Right from day one the team has gelled nicely and that is in no small part to the enthusiasm that Ben brings to the role. Ben has backed up his solid leadership by scoring consistently with the bat. The team has faced quite a bit of off field adversity yet has shown a steely resolve in going about their play. Kris Rowe and Nathan Wood each game are picking up good wickets and are ably supported by Mark Ross, Shane Keenan, Adam Hastilow and Nick Mcguire. All these guys are doing a superb job in backing up the batsmen.

The mighty Pohutukawas (3a) in an extremely tough competition have made a great start to the season and currently sit top of their grade. They had a slight hiccup on December 6th with their first loss, to Heathcote. They have already beaten some extremely good sides, including the St Albans team by one wicket. Keep up the good work guys.



Our Presidents team have also had a great start to the season. With the best record in the club the only blip was the first game, a tied result against Sydenham. Since then they have beaten the almost unbeatable East Shirley team, along with the challenging Old Boys Collegians side. They are also currently holding the Graham Frampton Memorial Trophy which is up for grabs every time the holder plays. The stand-out performer has been former senior men's captain Scott Wilson. After the 6th December round Scott has scored a bucket load of runs, 393 to be precise with an astounding average of 131. I look amongst the team that includes alongside Scott, Nathan Jones, Ric Horsfall, Peter Kennedy, and Simon Patchett with guest appearances by John Quinn. I marvel at the "youthful" talent that now abounds in Presidents.

New recruit Stephen Mackenzie of 2c has had a scorching run with the bat. As at December 6th Stephen already has two decent centuries under his belt with innings of 131 and 155no along with scores of 82no, 54 and 48. With an aggregate of 567 runs, at an average of 70.87 that is phenomenal, more than most of us dare wish to believe we can achieve in a season. Stephens tally I'm sure would have been significantly higher if he hadn't missed a couple of weeks, as well as having to play a couple of 20/20 games. Stephen may the runs continue to flow. Many thanks to Dayne Gardner for introducing Stephen to our club. We may well have to pay commission to Dayne.

Long time Premier Women's player and current Women's Club Captain Angela Dennett achieved her first five wicket bag for the club. On the 6th December in a losing effort against St Albans Angela returned the outstanding figures of 5-12. Well done Angela.

As a club we have teams that cater for players of all abilities and are always seeking new members. We have made a great start to the season in a number of grades yet lack quality backup in some areas when players are missing. Often a number of players for whatever reason are unavailable from one week to the next, which in turn can put a real strain on promoting replacements who are able to step up. We are always on the lookout for prospective new players and would dearly love to have "new recruits" join us who are available and able to fill positions in any of our morning grade teams.

The sourcing of new players is not easy and most times it's through word of mouth, a mate of a mate etc. At the end of the day we are only as strong as our weakest link and even though for instance our 2a team is performing well and our Premier Men are current one-day Champions we do need a number of additional players who can add to the depth and strength of our top three squads.

The above paragraph is not only directed to the morning grade teams and is not gender specific as I know our female teams desperately need new players. We welcome any new members. If anyone is able to assist in this or knows of players who may be interested in joining us please see either Garry Macdonald or myself.

Subscriptions are now well past the due date. If you haven't paid or started an automatic payment your subscriptions have increased by \$50. We all know that we have a financial responsibility to pay, so please do before we tap you on the shoulder. It is time consuming and frustrating having to chase these up. Thanks to those you have already finalised their payment.

With Christmas almost upon us I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable break with family and friends. I look forward to catching up with everyone in 2009 where as a club I hope we all endeavour to come home strongly in the second half of the season.

Reido (Men's Club Captain)





ange's report

The Premier Women's Season started off well with a few wins, but unfortunately we have been unable to keep up our winning streak largely due to the representative season starting meaning we have lost 7 premier players. It was great to see Maria Fahey back in the game after having to take last season off due to illness. Even though she had had a season off her batting and fielding skills were still of the high standard she had before she became ill and that shows in the batting figures she has produced so far this season. The rest of the season will be mixed with more State games and the White Ferns and New Zealand A teams being named early in the New Year.

This season the CCA decided to have a 20/20 tournament on Show Weekend for the Premier women for the first time. There were three round robin games with the final being held on the Sunday afternoon. The women won against East Shirley and Old Boys Country Collegiate and lost to St Albans in the round robin games. The final on Sunday afternoon was between St Albans and Lancaster Park Woolston/Sydenham with us the victors.

The following Premier Women were selected to play in State League.

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| State Canterbury Magicians: | Haidee Tiffen (Captain) | Maria Fahey | Frances Mackay |
| State Otago Sparks: | Emma Campbell | Lucy Foote | Katey Martin |
| State Central Hinds: | Zara McWilliams | | |

The first reserve girls this season have had some outstanding performance with both bat and ball and have had some very close games but unfortunately haven't been able to come up with a win.

Because this side has struggled for numbers for the season we have now decided to pull this women's team out as trying to fill our senior side with seven players every week has now become impossible.

Congratulations to the following girls on their selection in the U17 side this season: Hayley Auburn Chloe Armitage, Toni Smith-Hunwick and Kelly Roach.

The combined LPW-Syd girls 3rd grade team have made a very good start to the season & are, at present, leading the competition. We have won all but one of their games with ease, the most recent being against Lincoln-Ellesmere who we bowled out for 12. The only game we have lost was due to us bowling & fielding poorly & thereby gifting the game to the opposition. (6 extra overs bowled due to wides/no balls & 8 catches dropped). The opposition won off the last ball. We have a good young side who will only get better as the season progresses.



haidee tiffen

While we are capable of scoring runs, (our openers Laura Tilley & Sam Swain have had two 50+ partnerships) we are primarily a bowling side. Best figures so far have been from Hana Mauafu 4 for 4, Hayley Jerard 5 for 18, Heidi Jerard 4 for 4 & Lexie Walker 3 for 4.

We have also had seven girls picked for either U15 or U17 representative honours, as follows...

U17 Hayley Jerard
 U15 Hana Mauafu, Lexie Walker, Laura Tilley, Jessica Wadley, Danielle Rich, Heidi Jerard,

(Samantha Swain was also chosen for the U15 but was subsequently dropped as she was only available for two of the three games. A short-sighted decision in my view.)

While it is recognized that the playing standard of age group players is not of the highest standard, there being only one U17 team picked, these girls are at the top end of their group & fully deserve their selection. We go into the second half of the season full of confidence & with the belief that we can win the grade.

Thank you to everyone who has been helping out with these teams in any way at all its much appreciated and to people that have filled in for us as well.

Ange Dennett (Women's Club Captain)



the clubhouse

Our clubrooms at the Woolston Club will be undergoing a major redevelopment. The Woolston Club will be spending somewhere in the vicinity of \$800 000 completely redeveloping this area.

Construction is expected to begin sometime in the first half of 2009. We will continue to share this area with the winter tenants, the Woolston Tech Football Club. It is our intention once this is completed to reintroduce honours boards, team photo's etc.

We're online at www.lpwcc.co.nz





prem report

PREMIER MEN - ONE DAY SPECIALISTS?

A perusal of the competition tables might suggest the Lancaster Park-Woolston premier men have become one-day specialists. After all, we are the reigning 50-over champions and currently are one of only two clubs (with East-Shirley) still unbeaten in the 2008-09 one-day series. We are also last in the two-day competition!

It was not meant to be that way. In a bold bid to achieve results, the premiers have declared behind in all three two-day rounds. In fact, we have lost only six first innings wickets all season and cannot lose another until February. Unfortunately, all three games were lost outright – by a big margin to Old Boys-Collegians, by 12 runs to St Albans and by 25 runs to Marist-Harewood.

Because of circumstances, only the very top-order batsmen have been able to build innings in two-day games. That has been further emphasised by the prolific form of our openers. Kerry Ambler scored a century against St Albans and Andrew Ellis 62 not out against St Albans and 89 against Marist-Harewood. But the middle and lower order players were short of match practice when chasing sizeable second innings targets.

It has been a far happier story in the 50-over fixtures. After a first-round bye, we chased down 200 to beat Sydenham, with Ellis and Simon Allen scoring in the forties, and comfortably defended 225 against Marist-Harewood. In that game Ambler unluckily fell just six runs short of another century, off-spinner James Baxendale returned the splendid figures of 2-18 from 10 overs with the new ball, and James Winstanley chimed in with 3-22 to clinch victory.

The Twenty20 weekend typified the up and down nature of our season. With two wins and a loss, we failed to reach the final only on countback.

John Coffey (10 Dec)



start dates

We're back after Christmas as follows...

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| Premier Men, Premier Women, 2A, 2C, 3A, 3C | 10 January 2009 |
| President's, 1st Grade Women | 17 January 2009 |
| 3rd Grade Women | 24 January 2009 |



positions (after 13/12)

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Premier Men: | Two Day Comp | (8 th of 8 teams) | One Day Comp | (3rd) | 20/20 (semi-finalists) |
| 2A: | Two day Comp | (4 th of 8 teams) | One Day Comp | (1 st) | 20/20 (1 st) |
| 2C: | Two Day Comp | (1st of 6 teams) | One Day Comp | (2nd equal) | 20/20 (5th) |
| 3A: | (1st of 12 teams) | | | | |
| 3C: | (4th of 8 teams) | | | | |
| Presidents: | (1st of 11 teams) | | | | |
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| Premier Women: | One Day Comp | (3 rd of 4 teams) | 20/20 competition | (Winners) | |
| 1st Grade Women: | One day Comp | (4 th of 4 teams) | Super 8 competition | (4th) | |
| 3rd Grade Women: | One Day Comp | (1st of 6 teams) | | | |





first XI

Here are the top performances prior to 20 December 2008.

Batting:

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|-----|------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------|
| 1. | 155* | Stephen MacKenzie | 2C | Sydenham | 08/11/08 |
| 2. | 131 | Stephen MacKenzie | 2C | Riccarton | 18/10/08 |
| 3. | 105 | Keryn Ambler | Premier Men | St Albans | 08/11/08 |
| 4. | 100 | Scott Wilson | President's | Sydenham Cardinals | 18/10/08 |
| 5. | 96 | Adam Hastilow | 2A | Sydenham | 06/12/08 |
| 6. | 95* | Maria Fahey | Premier Women | OBCC | 11/10/08 |
| 7. | 94 | Keryn Ambler | Premier Men | Marist Harewood | 06/12/08 |
| 8. | 92 | Haidee Tiffen | Premier Women | St Albans | 18/10/08 |
| 9. | 92 | Ric Horsfall | President's | Sydenham Hospital | 06/12/08 |
| 10. | 89 | Andrew Ellis | Premier Men | Marist Harewood | 29/11/08 |
| 11. | 85* | Ric Horsfall | President's | St Albans | 15/11/08 |

Bowling:

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|-----|------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1. | 5-5 | Aaron Reid | 2C | Riccarton | 25/10/08 |
| 2. | 5-12 | Angela Dennett | Premier Women | St Albans | 06/12/08 |
| 3. | 5-16 | Kris Rowe | 2A | Marist Harewood | 04/10/08 |
| 4. | 5-18 | Heidi Jerard | 3rd Women | OBCC Navy | 22/11/08 |
| 5. | 5-36 | Marty Kain | Premier Men | St Albans | 08/11/08 |
| 6. | 5-37 | Dayne Gardner | 2C | Riccarton | 11/10/08 |
| 7. | 4-3 | Aaron Reid | 2C | Riccarton | 13/12/08 |
| 8. | 4-4 | Hana Mauafau | 3rd Women | OBCC Navy | 18/10/08 |
| 9. | 4-4 | Hayley Jerard | 3rd Women | Lincoln Ellesmere | 01/11/08 |
| 10. | 4-7 | Manu Aiomanu | 3A | Predators | 11/10/08 |
| 11. | 4-12 | Hamish Woodley | 3A | Sumner | 18/10/08 |



steve mackenzie



marty kain

quiz night

Rather than ask you all to sell raffle tickets, we are going to run a couple of fundraising events. The first of which is a Quiz Night to be held on the 3rd of February. Later in the season we will run a Golf Day, we ask for your assistance in both of these events.

WHEN: Tuesday 3rd of February

WHERE: Woolston Club (Top West Lounge)

TIME: 7:30 start

COST: \$40 per table (maximum of four people)

FORMAT: General Knowledge (including one Sports Round), 5 rounds of 10 questions each

QUIZMASTER: The incomparable Sydenham legend Bert Walker. If you haven't been to a Quiz night hosted by Bert in the past, then you're in for a treat.

**QUIZ
NIGHT**



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what's up with...

Justin French (Frenchy)

Well it has been 11 years now since I left the land of the long white cloud, on what I thought to be a working holiday. Well it's still going, currently living at Burleigh on the Gold Coast. Speaking of holidays, I haven't even been back home at all, not even for a visit.

The time has flown, I have been a jack of all trades, worked at SeaWorld, family owned a seafood shop, yes opened myself up to plenty of Fush & Chups jokes while there, managed an Aquarium Store in Brisbane, I am a Qualified horticulturist, yet for the last 3 years have worked for lighting & electrical wholesalers. The droughts got me out of the landscape business.

I am still playing cricket, when I first moved here I played the summer on the Gold Coast & the winter in Brisbane, did that for 4 years. Currently I am playing my cricket for Runaway Bay C.C www.runawaybaycricketclub.com.au into my 3rd season now. I came to the club with a group of friends after having a few seasons off through work commitments. Started off social in lower grades, then got asked to fill in for 2nd Grade & somehow I am still there.

Now days I play as a swing bowler, dogging it into the wind & batting wherever needed. Usually at 7 or 8, with the odd cameo at opener. Yes Macca, I still make my first option straight. I will always remember my first game in Aussie, Sam Loxton was the umpire. He coaches you as you're batting & a tip I learned quickly, never pad up. He likes you to use your bat.

My life currently is work, Texas Holdem Poker, gym & cricket. Oh, I keep African Cichlids too. I still have the love for beats, so if a high quality dj is playing near by, I'm sure to be there. This time of year being festival session, well Sunday is a definitely a day of rest. I play pub league poker 3 nights a week, helps break up the week nights & I try to get to the casino once a month too.

I still have a look at the results, through the LPWCC website. Good work there. Good to see some of the boys still playing & or associated with the club. Good to see some are still playing football too. Merry Xmas to all, Happy New Year. Score plenty of runs, clean up the tail. & If anyone comes over for a holiday it will be great to catch up for a beer, I am very easy to track down on facebook or email.

Cheers,
Frenchy
(ravefrenchy1@hotmail.com)



coming up

Lancaster Park Woolston Club Day - Saturday December 20

The final playing Saturday of the year sees our final Club Day. We ask ALL playing members, previous members, and other stakeholders to join us. There'll be a happy hour and food will be provided.

Quiz Night - Tuesday February 03

As mentioned earlier, so make sure you **BOOK THIS DATE IN NOW...**



National Club Championships - 7 to 12 April 2009

The Premier Men courtesy of their One Day Competition win last season will travel to Cornwall Park in Auckland from 7-12 April next year.

Here they will play a round-robin against the competition winners of the other five remaining major associations.

There'll will be a small band of supporters cheering them along, if you'd like to join us please contact a committee member or email the club at info@lpwcc.co.nz



juniors

Calendar:

Juniors 20th December 2008 last game and Restart: 31st January 2009-28th March 2009
Nominations for tournament trials, refer to website www.cjca.org.nz 6th Feb last day.
Youth 6th Dec last game, restart 7th February

Subs: Junior \$40.00 per player, family reduced to \$60.00.
Secondary School (set fee) \$60.00. Please pay outstanding subscriptions immediately.

For Online payment: Bank of New Zealand 02 0842 0189671 66.
LPW (Youth or Junior) Please advise karenf.v@paradise.net.nz of payment details: date, amount, name, junior/youth/shirt/cap.

Please also refer to website www.cjca.org.nz for discussion on length of pitch for those interested.
A new website for cricket players www.procricket.co.nz international domestic and club player profile, may be fun.

Also cricket holiday programmes available refer to www.canterburycricket.org.nz



With lots of great weather it is rewarding to see so many games played. Additionally Garry has arranged extra games for the youth teams, against each other as well as a game against the Woolston Club and the Presidents. It has been a lot of fun and the feedback from all is positive. The youth in particular have a short season and with no Xmas competitions the boys certainly have more cricket. Many thanks to Garry for that.

We have quite a few team players in the CJCA competition. Congratulations to all those who make it into rep teams.

Many thanks to coaches and parents who assist in the running of the club.

It is time for someone else to take over the position of coordinator, I have other commitments and the time is right for me. Fresh ideas, passion and coaching skills would be desirable. I am more than happy to assist with a change over.

This can be a shared position, and it is mainly administration which is all in place, I would always be available to help.

Canterbury Cricket Coaching Courses available.

Level 1 Monday 16,23 Feb 2009 6.00pm – 9.00pm

Monday 2,9,16,23 March 2009 6.00 – 9.00pm

Level 2 Friday 8, 22 May, 2009 6.00 – 9.00pm

Sun 10,24 May and 7,21 June 2009 9.00am – 5.00pm

I encourage all to take advantage of these courses. The skills and knowledge enable us to run the club to its full potential. The club pays for all course fees.

Karen Verbeek (Junior Convener)

news items

Jean wins a Microwave

Long serving Life Member Jean Ruddenklau QSM recently won a brand new microwave in the 'Close to Home' Recipe Competition, well done Jean on her Chocolate Fudge Pudding recipe.

Babies:

Wayne and Letisha Derham : a boy Zach
Dan Lamond and partner Kellie: a boy Ryder

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