

Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club Inc.



Annual Report
of season 2005/06

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Scott Mullen

Well, another season has come and gone, and what a difference 12 months makes in the game of game cricket. At presentation night last year I was standing there talking about what a disappointing year it had been and how it was time to stand up and show what being a member of the Newtown & Chilwell Cricket Club was all about. I used Greenie's catch cry of a few years back of "*It's time*"... It was time for everyone to knuckle down and do the hard work at training and start to fulfil their potential. It was time for us to chip in and help out around the place so that the work was not left to same few people, and it was time for some to start to repay the club for the hard work and faith that had been placed in them for so long. This season, I am proud to say that we have gone a long way toward achieving those goals.

The next chapter at Newtown has already begun and is sure to be an exciting and rewarding one. An influx of 38 debutants this season as well as the coming of age of quite a few juniors has shown that we are very close to returning to the strength we so rightfully deserve to be. Finishing 5th in the club championship showed that we have the depth throughout the grades and that, in itself, could have quite easily been two or three spots higher had a few things gone our way. The firsts knocked off the top three sides in the competition post Xmas and the seconds flag coming from sixth was an outstanding achievement. The thirds, fourths and sixes were all well in the hunt for premiership glory and the fifths only just missed out by a whisker. At the end of the day, as long as we don't become complacent, I am sure that we will taste a lot more success come next March.

There are a number of people I would like to thank for their efforts over the past season:

Firstly, to my committee, thank you for your faith and support. I'm sure that next year we can step it up yet another notch, and with a few new faces, can really set the club up for the future.

Baz. Thanks and congratulations on your first year in the job. From word go Bretto and I gave you only two objectives, one was to get the 1st XI winning games and the second was to get people to enjoy their cricket and start coming back to training. I think you succeeded in both of those things. As everyone would be aware, Baz has been re-appointed for next season and with the structures we have already developed in recent weeks, I'm sure we can make the next step.

To GT and Cam, thanks for the tireless hours spent preparing wickets both for training and match day. I think everyone would agree that our wickets have been right up there with the best in the comp and if we ever get rid of those bloody scotchies we might actually be able to host a final.

To Specs, Chisa and Stewie Leigh, thanks for all your hard work with the major raffle. Events like that are vital to the sustainability of the club and you always ensure they run smoothly.

To all of our new players throughout the grades this year, thanks for coming on board and I'm hope that you have thoroughly enjoyed your first of many seasons at the club. In particular to Boof and Crofty, thank you for your leadership both on and off the field. I know it has made Barry's life a lot easier and your assistance and advice is always valued.

Greeny... your help and support was, and always is, invaluable. You are a true clubman and I just wish we had more like you.

To Gilesy and Bretto, you guys are champions and, like chicken, I wish we had a few more like you guys around the place. Without the three of you I'm sure the club would not be the strength it is rapidly returning to.

Thanks to all of you have supported the social functions throughout the year as, along with the major raffle, they are vital to our ongoing success.

Finally, thank you to my wife, almost every night I had something on, whether it be a GCA meeting, one of our own meetings or just ringing around organising something cricket related. To say I had a few loose evenings over the past 6 months to blow off a bit of steam would be an understatement and even though she is expecting our first child, she always let get away with it...sort of...

Thank you all again for your efforts during the year, I hope you have had an enjoyable season and I look forward to seeing each and every one of you raring to go in August.

Cheers
The Pres

SECRETARY'S REPORT

by Stuart Day

The 2005/06 season has been and gone with the club heading in the best possible direction – up.

Barry Tsitas was appointed captain/coach at the start of the season and for the most part handled the difficult task of being one of the boys and also club leader with aplomb. I have no doubt he will improve as he grows more comfortable with the role next season.

One senior and four junior flags is only part of the story of the season just gone. The Firsts missed the finals yet defeated the top three teams during the home and away season, proving the talent is there to go all the way next season. And with the 2nds winning the flag, and the 3rds and 4ths also playing finals deep into March the future looks bright.

The juniors were definitely the on-field highlight of the year, winning 4 flags and producing more than 20 senior cricketers for the year. Mark Turnley took on the massive task of junior coordinator from club stalwart Tony Gove, and did a mighty job, just as Tony has done in the past. To all the junior coaches a big thank you from the committee. We hope next season will be as much fun as this.

Off field was a major success. No doubt the club was at a crossroads twelve months ago. Not so now. The finances are back on track, the workload has been spread a bit more evenly, though more work still needs to be done more people.

The naming of the David Barnes scoreboard was big thank you to the man who has done more for our wonderful club than any other. There were more families at the club for a meal on Saturday nights, and hopefully there'll be more next year. The turf pitches produced were undoubtedly the best in the GCA. Once again our major raffle – run by Graeme Chisholm, Tony Devlin and Stewie Leigh – proved not only to be the best-run raffle in town, but also ensured the club ended up in the black.

Probably the major off-field achievement has been combining with the Geelong Amateurs to ensure the proposed renovations of Queen's Park are no longer just proposed – they are definitely going ahead. This monumental achievement would not have been possible without both clubs putting forward a united front. In particular Scott Mullen and Mark Giles from our club were instrumental in gaining the funding required which will see our clubrooms improved out of sight.

Thanks must go to all the committee and coaches, both senior and junior, the captains and the past players who helped out around the club during the year. Andrew Green, Rhys Bennett and Brett Bentley made my time as secretary this year a lot easier. David Barnes, as usual, contributed more than he gets credit for.

Mark Giles and Scott Mullen are both worthy of special mentions for their efforts this year. I doubt one day went by from the AGM last year to well after presentation night that the three of us were not in contact over something cricket related. A great effort from both guys. I hope they have less to do next season.

As for me, I've enjoyed my time as secretary, even if I couldn't find a skirt to fit properly.

I won't be able to continue as secretary next season due to work and study commitments. After 11 straight years in all likelihood I won't be on the committee either. Twelve months ago that may not have been possible. Now, I'm feeling very comfortable in the decision knowing the club is being excellently lead by Scott, with a group of guys eager to carry on the fine traditions of this club.

Finally I'd like to thank all those who have helped me over the years in varying committee roles. I think I've been on committee with at least 9 Life Members, and served with another 4 who in my mind are deserving of Life Membership now or in the near future. Who could ask for a better way to learn than from the guys who have done it all before.

So good luck to the incoming committee, I'm sure there'll be many challenges ahead. It's been great fun.

COACH'S REPORT

by Barry Tsitas

Season 2005/06 saw us as a club get back to the position on the club championship ladder where Newtown & Chilwell CC expects to be, in the top 5. This came about by having consistent success amongst our four sides, unlike recent years.

At seasons end each side had played / finished on respected positions on their ladders, but only the 2nd XI led by Darren Fleet, after at times not looking like ever playing finals, had an outstanding last 6 weeks to crush every opponent that came their way.

Our development of younger players & terrific junior program managed by Tony Gove sees the club in a position that will see a lot of these kids make their mark in the higher grades.

Specifically I would like to thank the following:

- Scott Mullen and his committee for their ongoing work & making our committee one of the more stable and professional in the competition.
- Tony Gove for his tireless work in creating a great place to play junior cricket.
- All ground staff for another great year of training facilities and main ground prep.
- Brett Bentley for preparing me for my first year as captain / coach & the way he just made all on field matters work like clock work.
- James Taylor for putting in another season as first XI scorer.
- David Barnes for his up-to-date stats at any time of the year.
- Darren Fleet for assisting me & running training.
- All club captains for their support & setting an example every time they led their side on to the ground.

I would like to thank the whole playing group, supporters and sponsors and let's hope we can work hard enough and get the results needed.

FIRST XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Barry Tsitas

2005/06 was a year with mixed results for our 1st XI. It was played in two halves. The first half of the summer was played with late starters, unavailabilities & injuries. At times it was frustrating with us not able to field our strongest side & these results showed, many of these losses were by narrow margins. We as a team have to realise that playing our strongest side can make Queens Park a great place to be. So it's time for certain guys to challenge yourselves and get the best out of yourselves and not accepting a middle of the road performance. With a full list after Christmas showed along with some quality training. We showed this by beating City, Newcomb & East Belmont, all three sides that have been strong contenders for the premiership the last two seasons.

There were some terrific individual performances. Our batting showed that we can match it with any side in the comp... if anything, being the best batting side, with still room to improve. We batted in partnerships without any risks taken. Our guys need to learn to break the game open by taking risks & crushing a side's momentum in a short space of a session. This comes as knowing your own game. Certain guys don't know about this, even though they've played a lot of 1st XI cricket.

Our bowling, well at times we made this look like an impossible task, going through the motions. We have to learn how to bowl in partnerships & have faith in your partner at the other end. Unfortunately these practises started to happen in the second half of the year and left our run a little late, but I have the confidence in our inexperienced 1st XI bowling squad, to come round 1 will be raring to go to our game plan.

I must say thank you to Mick Kelson, Aaron Croft, Simon Pearce & Rod Kiddle for their support & just another brain to pick at various times. All of your experiences was used & look forward to the year ahead.

Baz

SECOND XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Darren Fleet

Season 05/06 promised to be long and hard. With 16 team's, 15 rounds to accommodate and six finals places up for grabs, long and hard is exactly what it proved to be.

Taking over from previous great captains such as Russell Mitchell, Devon Royce and of course dual premiership captain Ian Hastie was an overwhelming invitation, but one that I grabbed knowing that I would have the support on and off the field from those individuals and others around the club, none more so than chairman of selectors Brett Bentley and new coach Barry Tsitas.

Arriving at Christmas three games out of the final six our season appeared to be all but over, and had we lost two more games it would have been. But the boys rallied and started to string some wins together and all of a sudden our season was alive again.

We learnt what spirit and self belief was all about in round 15 when we had to play our best cricket and defeat Newcomb outright to gain a berth in the Qualifying Final. With a fantastic team effort we did it in fine style, moving into to the six and flogging firstly East Belmont then St Joeys to move into the Grand Final against East Belmont who accounted for Torquay (just) in their semi final.

The Grand Final was contested out at the Snake Pit in Lara on 2 of the hottest days we had all year. After losing the toss and having to bowl we got on top and stayed there. The efforts of Heart, Jodi, Budget and Eckie with the ball and the whole team in the field we restricted East Belmont to 166 from 83 overs on the fastest outfield I have ever played on.

Our Sunday started poorly losing Chucky in the first over, but then Battler and Shiv started to turn things around and smashed the bowling to all parts of the ground. As always happens we lost a few wickets just to make things exciting and so that we could show off the most improved batsmen at the club Rhys Bennett. In a tight finish, Jimmy and Jodi got us over the line 7 wickets down and then the party started.....

Throughout the year we witnessed some great individual efforts

- * Battler nearly 600 runs
- *The Pres 40 odd wickets after Christmas
- *Biggsy pushing 600 runs
- *Chucky 101no from 14 overs
- *Ecky 400+ runs and 20+ wickets
- *Hadders 25+ catches (20+ after Christmas)
- *Sammy Mitchell (along with his old man) the only 2 not to miss a game in the two's all year
- *Even Skipper Fleet made 500 odd runs and took 24 wickets.

Special thanks to the

- *20+ players that played with the 2's this year
- *Brett Bentley for his help and support picking the side throughout the year
- *Ian Hastie and Russell Mitchell for their on field support
- *The pres and committee
- *Lady Di (still makes my afternoon tea)
- *Lady Di and King Arthur always help to set up afternoon tea at home games
 - *The second XI for the fantastic afternoon tea every home game and last but by now means least
- *My beautiful wife Millie who helped and supported me at home when I was still thinking (worrying) about cricket, and for not saying to much when she caught me shadow batting during the ceremony of one of the weddings that we attended this year

Can't wait for season 06/07 see you all then.

THIRD XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Adam O'Connor

The Third XI's season was one of contrasts in Season 2005/2006. There were some magnificent highs on personal and team levels and a couple of low points on the way too.

After a season in Queensland it was fantastic to return to one of my great loves in the Newtown and Chilwell Cricket Club. It was also fantastic that Brett Bentley and the selection panel offered me the opportunity to take on the captaincy of the Third XI. A role I jumped at knowing the Great players and blokes I would be playing along side and leading for the season.

The season began with great hopes and aspirations for the side and our early season form suggested we were going to be right in the mix come finals time. Blake Anderson showed great early promise with the ball gaining a 5-wicket haul in the opening round. A great sign of things to come from a lad that has a great future in the game.

All facets of the Third XI's game were clicking be it with the bat, the ball or in the field and an early camaraderie was being forged. With the likes of Jamie Pescot, Adam Lavars and Frank Tuskes in the field it was always great to know that the opposition were never going to get cheap runs and the bowlers were always going to get the support they deserved. Our catching throughout the season was fantastic.

The season was going fantastically until we hit a speed bump against North Geelong. Bowled out for a dismal 57, but to the players credit heads were not dropped and we lifted and moved forward towards our ultimate goal a premiership. This character and quality of person was showed by each and every one of the guys when we had the return versus North in the finals. We set a great score bowled and fielded brilliantly and won well. We were buoyantly heading towards what would be a well-deserved premiership, as I believed we were the best side in the competition.

Alas this was not to be as the St Joseph's attack decimated our top order to the tune of 6 for 27 and our backs were against the wall in the preliminary final. Again though the hearts and great character of the group of blokes shone through and although we were eventually defeated, everyone battled there guts out in the field and with the ball and made sure the Catholics had to work ultra hard to get by us.

Obviously this defeat and end of our season was the ultimate low point, as I and many of my team mates felt that it was our time and we were ripe to take the flag.

Adam Lavars' form through out the year was nothing short of fantastic with bat, ball and in the field. He showed over and over again he was a class above opposition bowlers and as I noted at presentation night I hope now, he can step up to the turf grades and fulfill his true potential. He was a deserved winner of both the batting and bowling average, as well as my captain's award.

It would not be difficult for me to write a paragraph or two on each individual who played in the thirds, as they were all fantastic every time they stepped onto the ground and represented the club proudly and positively. I enjoyed playing with all of you and am proud not only to call you team mates, but mates for life.

Special thanks goes out to Frank Tuskes for his support, passion and commitment as vice captain through out the year and hopefully we will be playing together when we peg that so far elusive flag.

Congratulations to Darren Fleet and the Second XI on a fantastic premiership win playing strong, aggressive and positive cricket. A great example for all sides in the club.

I look forward now to 2006/2007 where I hope all XI's can achieve great success, however we must realize that this will not occur without hard work and commitment. On the field, on the training track and in the rooms for a beer afterwards..... what a great idea.

FOURTH XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Steve Lewis

If premierships mean you've had a successful year we failed, but if you count the team moral and having fun the teletubbies did that. Finishing top of the ladder, beating the eventual winner East Belmont during the year was excellent.

Well done to the century makers during the year Chris Hocking, Stuart Day, Colin Cunliffe, Andrew Henderson and Steve Lewis. The bowlers also worked hard Tyrone, Jason Bretto, Clem and others did well. (Special to Jason for always bowling into the wind, it's not an easy job. He never said no and always bowled his heart out each time.

Captain's award: went to Brett Bentley for helping me out each week, your support on and of the field was excellent, I thank you for that. In summing up, the year was enjoyable and satisfying; despite playing our worst game of the year at the wrong time .One spot higher each year means success is not far away, encouraging!

Special highlight; Hocks first ball of the year went for a --- (one it doesn't matter the people who where there will know what happened to it and those who don't just ask Hock he will tell you).

FIFTH XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Warwick Hadfield

Congratulations to the teams that did make the finals – the 6ths, 4ths, 3rds and of course, the 2nds under Darren Fleet who pulled off one of the best premierships wins in a while, inspirational stuff.

There were a couple of reasons for the 5ths to be disappointed about not playing finals cricket.

The first is that once again, our club has fallen victim of bureaucratic sloppiness at the next level of administration up. To suddenly discover – and still without the niceties of an explanation – that after months of showing us in 4th spot, the official table both on the GCA's own web-site and also that carried in the local newspaper was wrong, was indeed galling. When we fill out our registration forms, our contact details go on them for a reason. Good management, anywhere – professional or amateur - begins with good communication.

The second disappointment is that we had opportunities to take the matter out of the hands of others and into our own, but let them slip.

Still it was a season with plenty of highlights. We have helped develop some future talent, particularly in the area where the whole club is crying out for it – James Ratcliffe and Jackson Davis proved they are future turf bowlers. James bowls angular left arm fast medium while Jackson's greatest attribute is his ability to listen.

Jorden Lewis also made some handy contributions with the bat in his first “real” year of senior cricket. Having watched this fellow for a good many years now, it is indeed terrific to see him blossoming into a fine young NCCC player. He should start saving for his spikes and creams now.

The batting overall though was like the curate's egg – good in parts. Chris Hocking played a couple of spectacular innings while Ange Fatone found the most consistent form of his career. In their rare appearances, the Hickey's, Ryan and John, also made good contributions. We got Andrew Green back into form, and a few others over the season, most notably a couple of times, Jason Clarke.

The year was again a special one for having Neville Crane in the team. The club legend performed admirably with the bat.

It was also great to see Phil Morgan return to our number after his “Seachange”.

Behind the stumps, James Purcell had a superb year, leading the whole club in stumpings. He also showed himself to be a good clubman.

Special thanks to all the players who turned out in the 5ths over the summer, and also to the chairman of selectors Brett Bentley for his unwavering patience and support. On more than one occasion we had frantic sessions of desperate phone calls late on Saturday morning, but in the end we always got XI. That is the lot of 5ths, that and to support the teams above us and to ultimately find them new players. We did that while also providing a decent standard of two-day cricket for blokes of the widest range of ages and ambitions.

In that regard, it was a good season, but one, we will improve on next year.

SIXTH XI CAPTAIN'S REPORT

by Mark Turnley

A magnificent sixth eleven season reached the second last game of the year, one win from a grand final. Back in October, round 1 we met St Josephs, unsuccessfully at Eastern Gardens. Amazingly there was only one player from that game remaining, for the fourth and final battle of the season with Joeys, in the semi final. Such was the turnover of players during the season. Nine father son combinations playing cricket competitively together, for the first time, along with

18 juniors making their senior debut, it's was a fantastic season.

We played 18 one day games for, 11 wins 6 losses and 1 washout

Six under 15 premiership players, one under 17 and four dads made up the final twelve. In all 37 different players had graced the field at some stage.

It was a shame to end the season with a loss, but an endless amount of positives along the way, combined with the introduction of future stars, saw the year as a booming success

Of the final 12, new players to the club Andrew (42yo) and Campbell (13) Bishop had fantastic debut seasons. Andrew was a tireless opening bowler & developing batsmen. Young Cam burst onto the scene mid season with a fifty not out and a 4 wicket haul as debut year highlights.

Tim (42) and Jarrod (14) Andrews added vital experience and exceptional ability. Tim a damaging batsmen and dangerous bowler, was finally lured from Lethbridge, after coaching at our juniors for years, he is also a previous Vic Profitt award winner. Jarrod is a promising GCA representative, junior batsman with a great array of shots and quick scoring capability.

Jason (38) and Sam (14) Connelly were also brilliant additions to the club. Jason won the GCA sixth grade batting average with some great hitting in just 8 games prior to the semi. He also added high level experience and knowledge to nurture the juniors. Sam is a devastating left arm pace bowler who improved dramatically during the season. Sam has the potential to become a genuine strike bowler at a very high level.

Tim Sanderson (16) and Tim Simpson (15) are cricket encyclopaedias, both with dad's helping enormously behind the scenes. Les Sanderson (3 games) and youngest son Scott (13yo) played together with Tim in round 9. Tim Sanderson became our wicket keeper opening batsmen after Christmas showing great potential and cricket wisdom. Tim Simpson also made a fifty not out and claimed a four wicket haul, his dad Gary Simpson helped out in 3 games and was a welcome addition with his experience and assistance, not to mention the catching claw.

Jack Clonan was terrific all year doing plenty of tough jobs for the team, Jack was our early wicket keeper making more than 150 runs in his first year. Both his parents, Mark & Jo were willing & valuable scorers throughout the year.

Dean Turnley (13) was a genuine wicket taker bowling leg spin and gaining valuable experience at senior level, Dean picked up 13 wickets in 8 games.

Josh Grabowski, Under 15 premiership captain is a sensational talent and played all but

the first game of the season. Josh topped the batting aggregate with 405 runs and was possibly the best fielder in the grade.

Harvey Davis and son Jackson played the first two games prior to Harvey being injured, as Jackson was welcomed to the higher grades, developing into an excellent strike bowler.

Many thanks to all juniors and seniors who played one or more games, Ben Hunt with 6 games was much appreciated when available.

Special thanks to Dave Johnson & Paul Chapman who not only made runs, held catches and took wickets, drew crowds, added celebrity value and gave the sons and the fathers plenty of great times and plenty to talk about at the rooms.

The Captain's Award was received by Andrew Bishop. Andrew played his first season of cricket with any club at the age of 42, he became a valuable team member opening the bowling.

Bish, initially offered to play a few games to enjoy the experience with his son, but became keener as his form and the season progressed. He was a valuable assistant at training with the under 15's. His enthusiasm and delight in the field was inspirational and encouraging for our many junior team mates. Well done Bish.

Thanks to the club for supporting and reintroducing the 6th grade. It may not be the flagship team but it certainly is the team of fun and participation for those deemed too young or too old to play graded cricket. Immediate reward is instant enjoyment with social style cricket combined with the father son capability. Long term reward, will no doubt be measured in years to come.

We had a great year.

Average Winners 2005/06

Vin Hassett Medal	First XI	batting	John Rees	516 runs @ 39.69
Greg Wells Medal		bowling	Simon Rau	28 wickets @ 18.71
	Second XI	batting	Ian Hastie	416 runs @ 37.82
		bowling	Scott Mullen	33 wickets @ 9.27
	Third XI	batting	Adam Lavars	710 runs @ 50.71
		bowling	Adam Lavars	18 wickets @ 17.39
	Fourth XI	batting	Andrew Green	309 runs @ 38.63
		bowling	Tyronne Casboul	37 wickets @ 10.51
	Fifth XI	batting	Neville Crane	211 runs @ 19.18
		bowling	Warwick Hadfield	20 wickets @ 16.1
	Sixth XI	batting	Jason Connelly	290 runs @ 72.5
		bowling	Mark Turnley	19 wickets @ 12.37

Note average qualifications; Batting – 8 matches, 6 innings 200 runs. Bowling; 8 matches, 15 wickets, 60 overs.

Club awards 2005/06

Major award winners

JIM PERRY TROPHY for the Most Valuable Playing Member - Mark Giles

SYD JOHNSTON MEMORIAL CLUBMAN'S TROPHY - Scott Mullen

VIC PROFITT MEMORIAL TROPHY for Contribution to the Juniors - Mark Turnley

**TED HOOD MEMORIAL TROPHY
for Clubmanship and Playing Ability in the Juniors - Tim Sanderson**

J."Fred" CRELLIN DOUBLE WICKET CHAMPIONSHIP - Simon Pearce & Paul Marinelli

**JAMES FAIRNIE PERPETUAL TROPHY as presented to the best performed team in the Club
- Under 13 Dawber (as coached by Graeme Chisholm)**



GCA batting averages were won by **Adam Lavars** with 672 runs @ 56 in the Thirds
Jason Connelly with 257 runs @ 85.67 in the Sixths
Rod Kiddle was awarded the Glenn Ward Medal for best player of the VCCL Country Week carnival.

SOCIAL AWARDS

The Platypus – **Ty Casboul**
G.J.Donovan “Duck Award” – **Adam Wiseman**
Piston Can't Stand Up Award – **Adam Wiseman**
Boris Jarvis Rat Shit Cup – **Darren Fleet**
Bruce Scriven Iron Gloves Award – **Brett Bentley**
“Flaker” Wrestling Belt – **Mick Kelson & Hayden Clarke**
“The Golden Ed” Karaoke Award – **James Lewis**
The “Roo” Award – **Adam Patching**
Worst Bat to Make a Score – **Luke Sharry**
Worst Bowler to Take a Wicket – **Tim Clark**
Stephen Lunn “Flotsam, Jetsam” Award – **Simon Rau**



Honour roll 2005/06 Win/Loss ratio

	Played	won	lost	drawn	Ladder position
First XI	15	6#	7	2	9th of 16
Second XI	18	11#	6	1	PREMIERS
Third XI	17	11	5	1	3rd of 16
Fourth XI	17	13#	3	1	3rd of 16
Fifth XI	13	8	5	-	5th of 12
Sixth XI	18	11	6	1	3rd of 8
TOTAL	98	60	32	6	88 club championship points = 5th place

61.22% won 32.65% lost

won one game outright

Centuries (13)

Chris Hocking	124 in the 4ths versus Geelong West in round 1
Stuart Day	101 in the 4ths versus Torquay in round 2
Adam Lavars	105 in the 3rds versus St Josephs in round 7
Adam Lavars	123 in the 3rds versus Highton in round 8
Colin Cunliffe	100 in the 4ths versus Grovedale in round 9
Aaron Croft	100 not out in the 1sts versus Geelong City in round 11
Andrew Henderson	103 not out in the 3rds versus Geelong City in round 11
Darren Fleet	100 not out in the 2nds versus East Belmont in rd 14
Tim Clark	101 not out in the 2nds versus Newcomb rd 15
Adam Lavars	100 in the 3rds versus Newcomb in round 15
Rhys Bennett	152 not out in the 3rds versus Newcomb in round 15
Steve Lewis	122 in the 4ths versus St Peters in qual final
Andrew Henderson	144 not out in the 3rds versus Nth G'ong in qual final

5 or more wickets in an inning (14)

Blake Anderson	5 for 28 in the 3rds versus Geelong West in round 1
Matt Suvoltos	7 for 46 in the 2nds versus North Geelong in round 5
Warwick Hadfield	5 for 49 in the 5ths versus Geelong City in round 3
Jody Parker	6 for 23 in the 3rds versus Bell Post Hill in round 6
Barry Tsitas	5 for 87 in the 1sts versus St Josephs in round 7
Darren Fleet	5 for 25 in the 2nds versus St Josephs in round 7
Andrew Henderson	5 for 12 in the 4ths versus East Belmont in round 14
Barry Tsitas	6 for 81 in the 1sts versus East Belmont in round 14
Jackson Davis	5 for 38 in the 5ths versus South Barwon in round 11
Scott Mullen	7 for 39 in the 2nds versus East Belmont in round 14
Scott Mullen	6 for 15 in the 2nds versus Newcomb in round 15
Simon Rau	5 for 53 in the 1sts versus Newcomb in round 15
Scott Mullen	5 for 35 in the 2nds versus East Belmont in qual final
Luke Sharry	5 for 18 in the 2nds versus St Josephs in semi final

Partnerships

159 runs for the 3rd wicket by Chris Hocking (124) & Stuart Day (56) versus Geelong West 3rds on 1/10/05.
 110 runs for the 3rd wicket by Stuart Day (101) & Andrew Henderson (20) versus Torquay 4ths on 8/10/05.
 109 runs for the 1st wicket by Russell Mitchell (60) & Ian Hastie (62no) versus Thomson 2nds on 15/10/05.
 100 runs for the 8th wicket by Luke Sharry (60) & Frank Tuskes versus South Barwon 3rds on 22/10/05 – a **Third XI record partnership**.
 105 runs for the 3rd wicket by Adam Lavars (105) & Jamie Pescott (47) versus St Josephs 3rds on 26/11/05.
 115 runs for the 2nd wicket by Chris Hocking (77) & Jimmy Duff (39) versus St Josephs 4ths on 26/11/05.
 110 runs for the 7th wicket by Jimmy Bottomley (96) & Matt Jackson (33) versus Grovedale 2nds on 18/12/05.
 113 runs for the 2nd wicket by Colin Cunliffe (100) & Andrew Green (85) versus Grovedale 4ths on 18/12/05.
 103 runs for the 5th wicket by Simon Pearce (54) & Rod Kiddle (61) versus Leopold 1sts on 5/02/06.
 141 runs for the 1st wicket by Andrew Green (80) & Andrew Henderson (51) versus Leopold 4ths on 4/02/06.
 102 runs for the 2nd wicket by Chris Hocking (94) & Phil Morgan (32) versus Leopold 5ths on 4/02/06.
 103 runs for the 4th wicket by Dev Royce (66) & Neville Crane (44) versus Leopold 5ths 2nds on 4/02/06.
 104 runs for the 1st wicket by Russell Mitchell (58) & Tim Clark (46) versus Newcomb & District on 4/03/06.
 152 runs for the 3rd wicket by Adam Lavars (100) & Rhys Bennett (152 not out) versus Newcomb & District 3rds on 4/03/06.
 120 runs for the 2nd wicket by Andrew Henderson (144 not out) & Jamie Pescott (46) versus North Geelong on 11/03/06 in qualifying final.

Milestones

Hayden Clarke played his 150th match for the club in round 1.
Adam O'Connor scored his 3000th club run in round.
Ian Hastie took his 200th club wicket in round 3.
Michael Cox took his 150th club wicket in round 3.
Mark Turnley made his 1000th run in round 1.
Stuart Day made his 3000th run in round 6.
Scott Mullen took his 50th wicket in round 7.
Jimmy Bottomley played his 50th match in round 9.
James Hadfield took his 50th wicket in round 11.
Matt Jackson played his 50th match in round 12.
Adam Lavars made his 2000th run in round 13.
Adam Patching played his 50th match in round 13.
Barry Tsitas took his 100th wicket in round 15.

Chris Hocking made his 1000th run and 50th catch in round 4
Ryan Hickey made his 1000th run in round 3
Mark Giles took his 50th wicket in round 5.
Paul Marinelli played his 50th match in round 7.
Nick Richardson played his 50th match in round 8.
Stuart Day played his 150th match in round 7.
Andrew Green scored his 2000th run in round 7.
Brendan Twaddle took his 50th club wicket in round 9.
Simon Rau took his 150th wicket in round 12.
Darren Fleet played his 100th game in round 12.
Tyronne Casbault took his 50th wicket in round 13.
Tim Clark passed the 3000 run mark in round 14.
Les Sanderson took his 50th club wicket in round 16.

Outstanding Performances

Adam Lavars made successive centuries in the Thirds with 105 in the 3rds versus St Josephs in round 7 and 123 in the 3rds versus Highton in round 8. He followed up with a third century (100) in round 15 against Newcomb & District and finished the season with 710 runs at 50.71.

The Third XI set a new team record score of 7 for 408 against Newcomb & District on 11/03/06. Rhys Bennett 152 not out, Adam Lavars 100.

The Junior section of the club claimed four premierships during season 2005/06 by winning the two top levels of under 15 and under 13 competitions.

Grant Whiteside took four stumpings in the one innings against St Peters Fourths in the qualifying final.

Catching records were equalled by **Russell Mitchell** (16 in the 2nds), **Adam O'Connor** (12 in the 3rds) and **Ty Casbault** (11 in the 4ths) and **Chris Hadfield** set a new wicketkeeping record of 28 in the 2nds.

JUNIOR REPORT

by Mark Turnley

A ground breaking season both on and off the field for N&CCC juniors with the club fielding a record number of eleven junior teams (1 in U17's, 2 in U15's, 5 in U13's and 3 in U11's). All up numbers totalled around 200, many of our youngsters enjoying their first taste of competitive cricket. Out going Junior Coordinator Tony Gove handed over the reigns to Mark Turnley after seven years at the helm. Credit must be given to Tony for laying the foundation of a formidable junior program, culminating with an unprecedented FOUR junior premierships, two in Under 15's and two in Under 13's.

Tony has presided over a major period of growth and the evolution of a dynamic network of both junior players, coaches and parental support groups. He has also championed Milo Have A Go programs which have seen players graduate through the age levels to play at senior 1st eleven level. Tony held roles of Senior Vice President, Chairman of Selectors, 2nd eleven captain and held a position on the general committee for 14 continuous seasons. The club owes Tony a debt of gratitude for the support and guidance he has delivered over an extensive time and should never underestimate the importance of his role at the club. Well done and thanks Tony.

Under 17 Just. Our numbers for under 17's were just short of being able to fulfil 2 teams, so the option of a single team in the top grade was our choice. Tony Gove was the coach assisted by Steve Sutcliffe, with Les Sanderson as manager. Already established senior player Shannan Gove captained the group along with Blake Anderson, who also played the whole season in the 3rd eleven, gaining vital experience, Bowlers Nick Sutcliffe and Jackson Davis were both talented prospects and ready made senior players. Whilst the team was competitive in a very even competition, a heavy loss in the last round ended any finals chances in a slightly disappointing end to the season. Tim Sanderson was a worthy winner of the prestigious Ted Hood award for contribution and playing ability in the juniors. Tim had a great country week in the winning division 2 GCA team and he was also a member of the senior 6th grade semi final line up. Shannan won the batting average, while Blake won the bowling with his leg spin. David Fawkes was welcomed to the club and was a popular winner of the coach's award. Shannan Gove, Blake Anderson, Luke Driscoll & Blake Nelis, all say good bye to junior ranks, the positive aspect is that the remaining 11 lads are all eligible for under 17's next season. Thanks to Bruce Nankervis and Harvey Davis for helping with majority of the scoring.

Under 15 Emond. Our top aged under 15's. After a slow start to the season, losing games to finalists North Geelong and minor premiers Highton before Christmas, this talented line up found their form late in the season. Captained by Josh Grabowski, they won an epic Grand Final by just 5 runs against Lara. Grand Final hero and coaches award winner, Tim Simpson, made a magnificent 55 not out and bowled his team to victory taking 5 for 29. Starting with a squad of 14 we lost two Geelong College boys to rowing, leaving us a good number of 12 to share the load in the new year. Exciting senior prospect, Sam Connelly, our left arm quick bowler, led the attack all season to claim the bowling average. Josh Grabowski and Jarrod Andrews were magnificent with the bat all year,

with Josh taking the batting average. Grabowski, Andrews, Simpson, Connelly, Jack Clonan, Campbell Bishop, Dean Turnley were all regular members of the 6th grade senior team who also reached the finals. Matt Stokes and Jeff Smith had great seasons as opening batsmen. Blake Whelan, Tom Bates and Scott Sanderson were all consistent team players when they got their opportunity in the premiership line up. Campbell Bishop, in his first season at the club, was a member of the Barwon Rockets U14 squad, while Josh, Jarrod, Sam and Jack all played in GCA rep sides. Campbell, Dean & Scott will all remain in under 15's next season. Coach Mark Turnley was assisted by a network of helpful parents. Tim & Kim Andrews, Andrew & Sally Bishop, Phil Bates, Jason Connelly, Jo & Mark Clonan, Leonie Smith, Chris & Gary Simpson, Leanne & Les Sanderson were all fantastic helpers with training, umpiring and scoring.

Under 15 Tresize. Coached by Steve Lewis with the final 12 including Jane Neil, a state squad representative. Our bottom age under 15's also had a relatively slow start to the summer but gelled together beautifully as the season progressed, culminating in a comprehensive Grand Final victory over previously undefeated St Peters in what was their third battle for the season. Jorden Lewis was a standout with the bat, winning the batting average from the vastly improved Richard Langham. Left arm bowler Lachlan Dowling had a fantastic season, culminating in a personal best of 5 for 6 in the Grand Final to clinch the bowling average. James Blight was a worthy recipient of the coaches award for his tireless support and exceptional attitude while training and playing. David Boyle, Zac Stokes, Lachlan McClusky, Jason Drezwucki, Tim Fluker & Callum Accheni are all long term club stalwarts, with hard hitting Jeremy Mountjoy a welcome addition mid season. Steve was ably assisted throughout the season by Paul Blight, Jeff Langham, & Paul Dowling.

Under 13 Royce. Top aged under 13's has become one of our flagship teams and consistently high achieving junior squads. Coached superbly by Gary Simpson, Royce was another premiership team, losing just one game for the season while also maintaining our "everyone gets a go" concept. Team depth was the key to the team's success, the season bringing numerous outstanding achievements, including:

-An exciting Grand Final victory where the result was in the balance until the unbroken 9th wicket partnership pushed past the target – a sweet victory, N&CCC 8 for 142 defeated Grovedale all out 139. It was a magnificent team effort where all boys had been involved, the icing on the cake of a terrific season.

-Seven of the 13 players played in GCA representative squads: Jai Sheahan, Darcy Delrio & Eddy Ratcliffe in U13's ; Patrick Eastman, George Cameron, James Carr & Matthew Higgins in the U12's.

-Patrick Eastman was a deserving winner of the coach's award, for not only an outstanding season with the bat and ball, but for acknowledgement of his excellent attitude and willingness to learn and improve.

-Darcy Delrio was named as Under 13 player of the carnival at country week, with he and team mate Jai Sheahan both members of div. 1 winning team, Patrick Eastman likewise in Div. 2.

-Coach Gary recovered from a broken toe sustained in a pre-season trial match to debut and play 3 senior games in the 6th's. Gary enjoyed the fact that teaching the boys what to do was easier than actually doing it!

-Special thanks to Paul's Eastman & Sheahan for their fantastic help and assistance for the year, making the coaches job much easier. Also all parents who assisted with scoring, sausage sizzles, training, etc through the season.

The U13 Dawber team enjoyed a highly successful and much travelled season. With only 2 of our regular games at home we were forced to travel to the outer limits of the GCA region to compete. Remaining undefeated at the end of the regular season we faced a pumped up Inverleigh in the Grand Final. In an entertaining and close game we prevailed by 32 runs after claiming the last 4 wickets for 1 run. Peter Babiolakis and Mason Wood were our better players.

George Chisholm won the batting aggregate with 195 runs, Mason, the batting average with 62 runs from 8 hits (5 not outs), Peter, the bowling aggregate with 15 wickets and Tom Chisholm the bowling average with 12 wickets at 3.75 runs per wicket including a hat trick against Geelong City.

My thanks for all the help I had during the year. Jo and Mark Clonan, Kim Andrews and Chris Walsh all lent a hand with scoring duties whilst Simon Williams, Phil and Nick Harrison, Sam Flanders, Anthony Babiolakis and John Wood all did their share of the square leg umpiring.

A pleasant Sunday afternoon was held after the Grand Final at the coaches place where parents and players relaxed and enjoyed some famous NCCC hospitality.

My Captains Trophy for the season was awarded to Ned Clonan for an encouraging all round year with bat and ball.

At the senior presentation night the U13 Dawber side was awarded the Fairnie Trophy which is for the most successful team in the club for the season. Well done to the 14 boys who played in the Dawber and were part of the teams success.

Continuing the success story of the under 13 section of the club, season 2005/06 was for the first time player numbers made it necessary to field five teams. With ground shortages on Saturday mornings it was decided to field two under 13 teams in the Friday night competitions and logically the under 11 graduates of Paul Summers and David Barnes formed the basis of the two teams. While this solved the grounds problems the fixturing and evenness of the sections of Pearce and Agg created a disjointed season, whereby the teams had a late start, and missed games to forfeits and byes. Hopefully this can be addressed for next season.

The sheer numbers at training on Wednesdays created a logistical nightmare for the coaches and this also needs to be addressed.

Both the Pearce and Agg teams showed great improvement over the season and this was evident in our season ending 20/0 match which also doubled as the presentation night. The Pearce section coach's award went to Nelson Taylor who not only showed great improvement over the season but was an invaluable contributor to team morale with his unique humour. The Agg section coach's award went to Joel Mattuch.

A fantastic season of participation cricket was enjoyed by 3 under 11 teams on Friday evenings this season.

The Hosking brothers, Craig and Scott were well organised and managed the team professionally with a group mainly of Chilwell Primary school boys. Craig and Scott were fantastic with their group particularly during the difficult start to the season.

Sue Cormack was lured into the role of manager / Coach doing a fantastic job with her group. Sue showed brilliant organisational skills with a willing band of parental help sharing the workload and the social side of things. Sue proved a most enthusiastic and popular coach among both parents and children.

Paul Sheahan was the sole "playing" club member coaching in the twilight comp. Paul's Group were talented and enjoyed their regular Friday evening BBQ's. Training was a huge task with all 4 coaches doing more than their share as many parents chipped in to assist in skills, drills and net sessions.

The social aspect and relaxed participation rules ensured all children were involved. This was seen as a great form of fun and introduction to competition at the initial age group. Good luck to all graduating to under 13's next season.

All coaches and parents were did a marvellous job training the large group of young cricketers on very busy Monday nights.

Thanks to all coaches, managers and parents who made it happen.

Milo Have a go

Although numbers were fewer than previous seasons it was another successful year conducted in the pleasant surrounds of Stinton Oval on Friday evenings.

Tony Gove's eighth and final year of conducting the ever popular clinics will see him sorely missed, his organisational and people management skills have seen him as a fantastic leader, the club appreciates and thanks Tony for his massive commitment over a decade of involvement. Andrew Green and Alan Wells were obliging assistants making Tony's task easier as they assumed more than their share of the workload. All fledgling cricketers enjoyed their time as they were introduced to the basic skills at earliest of age groups.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Scott Mullen

Season 2005/06 was one of vast improvement from a financial standpoint. As you can see from the attached figures, a turnaround of just over \$19,000.00 is a fantastic effort. Admittedly last year's loss was not as bad as it looked on paper with a great deal of capital expenditure but a \$4,000.00 profit is great result all the same.

Bar takings were up, membership was up, raffles were up and most importantly we posted a profit. I would like to congratulate all committee and members alike for their contributions toward this. Unfortunately though, where there is a good there is always a bad and we still have some members who for some reason do their best to avoid paying membership. At the end of the season we still have approx \$1,100.00 outstanding and the members responsible have been constantly reminded that their fees were overdue. Membership fees are not designed to make us a profit but purely to break even so it is imperative that these are paid in full and *ON TIME*. Thank you to Brett Bentley and all of the captains for their efforts during the season in chasing up outstanding membership... it is never a pleasant job.

At the commencement of the season, an internal audit revealed a number of data input errors and a lack of bank reconciliations over a number of years. For this reason, after advice from an accountant, an adjustment entry was applied to interest to ensure the books balanced and we could start with a clean slate. The cheque book, MYOB and bank balance now reconcile correctly. A further official audit will be conducted in the coming months to ensure our processes meet Australian standards.

It is worth noting that whilst the kitchen made a direct loss for Thursday / Saturday night meals, that raffles were also run on these nights to make up the shortfall (posted under other raffles). This meant the meals basically broke even. It is also worth noting that one of the main reasons bar takings were up was because of the presence of meals which meant more people coming back to the club.

One thing to bear in mind for next season is the impending refurbishment. This could quite possibly restrict our access to the clubrooms and in turn have an enormous financial effect. Because of this, membership is more important than ever, and it is essential these are paid on time. Please do your best to support any functions during the upcoming season as they will also impact heavily on our financial standing at the end of the coming one.

Whilst the major raffle figure states \$13,100.00, it is actually \$16,000.00 as \$2,900.00 worth of tickets were allocated to sponsors and included in sponsorship revenue.

Last season, for the first time, we turned over in excess of \$100,000.00. This means we need to look at registering for GST but given the impending renovations mentioned earlier and the financial effects of it, we would not envisage turning over that amount again this season. For this reason, we will hold off on registering for GST until season 2007/08.

Obituary



Vale Barry Dennis Flanagan

Barry Flanagan passed away on January 10 after a battle with cancer aged 53 years. **Barry was one of the true club characters in his two stints at the club which included the halcyon days of the Platinum Era.**

Bazza was one of 24 players to have played in all six club senior elevens, playing 170 matches and amassing 5082 runs at the super average of 31.96 per innings with his hard hitting batting.

A talented baseballer he was able to despatch attacks at will and his 14 half centuries and four centuries included a whirlwind 149 on club debut in the Fifts in season 1974/75.

Barry was a talented allrounder claiming 98 wickets at 20.34 including 8/11 in the Thirds and snared 88 catches, some as wicketkeeper in various grades including the Seconds.

A four time premierships player, one Fourth and three with the Fifts, he was a long time staff member of Victoria University's IT department.

Barry Flanagan was survived by his wife Sandra and daughter Gemma.

Obituary



Vale Geoff Lindsay Burch

Geoff Burch played 48 First XI matches with Newtown & Chilwell between 1948 and 1955. Geoff was a member of the 1948/49 premierships team as an opening bowler. He took 73 wickets at 19.32 made 441 runs at 12.97 and claimed a useful 27 catches in a distinguished career.

Geoff Burch passed away on Boxing Day.