

SOUTH CANTERBURY CRICKET ASSOCIATION

ADMINISTRATION REPORT 2008/09

The 2008/09 season should be considered as above average for South Canterbury Cricket.

Representative teams had mixed success with the Senior Mens side coming within a few runs of winning the Hawke Cup Zone elimination series.

The association held a 20/20 Competition for the first time and this proved to be a tremendous success.

GRAEME BLANCHARD INDOOR TRAINING CENTRE

This centre has now been open for four years and is proving to be a tremendous asset for South Canterbury cricketers. It contains three lanes and a bowling machine.

Representative sides, club sides, schools and individuals use the centre.

It also houses the official office of South Canterbury Cricket including a Board room.

REPRESENTATIVE

The Speights senior mens side participated in the Hawke Cup zone elimination matches and enjoyed outright wins over West Coast and Buller and a first innings win against Mid-Canterbury. The team was coached by Community Development Officer Richard Davidson. There were some notable performances including a century by Julian Danby against Buller and a five wicket bag from Craig Hinton against the West Coast.

The Senior Women were also coached by Richard Davidson with assistance from Marty Mulcahy and generally performed well. The team won three out of six games.

The following age group teams participated in the respective tournaments and or matches:

Year 5 – 6

Development

Primary A

Under 15

Under 17

Under 19

Under 15 girls

Under 17 girls

CLUB CRICKET

The numbers participating in the various Club competitions was comparable with the previous season in both afternoon grades and at junior level.

The senior two-day competition was closely contested with Geraldine winning both the round robin and final. Star were runners up in both.

Celtic who defeated Star won the senior one-day competition.

Winners of other grades were:

Senior Reserve	Celtic
Second Grade	Waimate
Presidents Grade	Celtic
Fourth “	Waimate
Womens	Ashburton College
Junior A grade-pre Christmas	Waihi School
Junior A grade post Christmas	Pleasant Point
Junior B grade	Celtic Wizards/Pleasant Point

The fourth grade competition this season had twelve teams including two from Mid-Canterbury

ADMINISTRATION

The offices of South Canterbury Cricket and the Boardroom are located within the Graeme Blanchard Centre.

Andrew McRae was appointed Board Chairman during the season when Harvey King resigned .Harvey served as Chairman of the Board for nine years and is still a Board member. Other Board members are Graham Ward, Peter Scott and Kevin MacKenzie.

The offices of South Canterbury Cricket are the bases for Cricket Development Officer, Richard Davidson and part time Executive Officer, Graeme Broker.

The income and revenue for the year are close to budgeted amounts but it is not anticipated the year will end in a strong financial position.

GROUNDS

The Aorangi Oval wicket was renovated in the 2005/06 season. The wicket block has produced playing pitches of a high calibre during the season. The Board has endeavoured to give all Senior Clubs the opportunity to play on the ground during the season.

The Board is fortunate to have the services of Groundsman, Brian Hyslop. In addition to having the responsibility for the Aorangi Oval Brian is available to advise other groundsman from various clubs in South Canterbury.

OVERSEAS PLAYERS

This season the board,in conjunction with the Geraldine Club employed two English Players ,Chrisopher Esh and Matthew Barnes as player coaches.

Consideration is currently being given to next season and it is likely some form of assistance for our coaching staff and volunteers will be engaged.

UMPIRES

The Umpires Association were struggling for numbers during the season and this situation is not showing any signs of improvement. The shortage has resulted in some unnecessary conflicts between players and the Board has addressed these.

We wish the umpires all the best in their efforts to increase numbers

CONCLUSION

The end of season function was held at the Speights Ale House on 8 April 2009. We were fortunate to have Sarah Tsukigawa fresh from the World Cup final as guest speaker.

There was a very good turnout of present and past cricketers and supporters. The evening was well arranged by staff of the Speights Ale House and we are extremely grateful to them.

Planning is well under way for next season and the coaches for various grades are likely to be appointed in the near future.

Thanks to all players and administrators for contributing to a busy and successful season.

Graeme Broker Executive Officer