

WARRINGAH SHIRE

CRICKET CLUB

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

SEASON 1977 - 78

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Second Annual General Meeting of the Warringah Shire Cricket Club will be held in the Pavilion at Weldon Oval on Wednesday, 26th July, 1978 at 8.00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend.

Business

- 1) Adoption of the Annual Report and Financial Statement.
- 2) Election of Office-Bearers for the ensuing year.
- 3) To deal with any other business that may be brought forward in accordance with the rules of the Club.

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WARRINGAH SHIRE CRICKET CLUB

OFFICE BEARERS -- 1977-78 SEASON

- PRESIDENT - Mr. B. Loudon
- VICE PRESIDENTS - President of Warringah Shire Council
- Councillors of Warringah Shire Council
- Mr. A. Anderson
- HON. SECRETARY - Mr. F. Gray
- HON. TREASURER - Mr. L. Pearce
- MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE - Mr. B. Loudon
- Mr. A. Anderson
- Mr. F. Gray
- Mr. L. Pearce
- Mr. J. Hodgson
- Mr. P. Thrush
- DELEGATE TO M-W
DISTRICT CRICKET
CLUB - Mr. P. Thrush

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Warringah Shire Cricket Club has completed its first season with a more than satisfactory result. Not only did it not finish at the bottom of the Club Championship as thought, but it also achieved a team spirit giving the Club a sound base for future years to come. The Club was formed with the object to provide cricket on turf wickets to players in the area who wish to play Shire Cricket and, more particularly, to provide a better standard of cricket to young players to prepare them for future years in the grades.

A close relationship with the Manly District Cricket Club and the Manly Warringah District Cricket Association was evident throughout the season, culminating in Shire players being given the opportunity to play grade with the District Club, and for players in the Association and the Watson Shield to play in the Shire Competition.

The Shire Club gives its thanks to Mr. John Hodgson, Mr. Alex Anderson, Mr. Frank Gray, Mr. Lyle Pearce and Mr. Phil Thrush for their support and their excellent cricket experience in both the art and administration, making the writer's task that much easier, making for a smooth running of the Club to the enjoyment of its members. The Club is grateful to have had the experience of ex-Balmain Shire players now resident in the Manly Warringah area. Their knowledge and application made our new Club into a going concern, right from the outset of the competition.

Over the year, our home ground, Weldon Oval, week by week showed improvements. The wicket is improving as time goes by, although the curator has difficulties due to subsidence.

The undulations in the outfield seem to be slowly levelling out with a continual filling programme. The Club is grateful for the co-operation of the Staff of Warringah Shire Council and trusts that this relationship can continue for the future.

Based on our initial Club success in the past season of Shire Cricket, more players will be wanting to play on turf wickets. There will be a need for more than one turf wicket in Warringah Shire in the very near future. This should be one of the Club's objects in the years to come.

It has been a privilege, as President of the Club and as a player, to have participated in the inaugural year. God willing may I be able to continue to be of service to cricket.

Bruce J. Loudon,
President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

After a shaky start to the Club's first season, it is gratifying to report that there was a general improvement as the season progressed. The "A" Grade finished eleventh, the "B" Grade finished a creditable seventh and the Club was tenth in the Club Championship.

Bruce Loudon, the Club's President and the leading run scorer for both Grades deserves special mention for his performances not only on the cricket field but more importantly for his administrative ability in leading the Club through its first season.

A special vote of thanks is due to the Warringah Shire Council and in particular, the groundsman, Jim Scott for the vast improvement in the condition of Weldon Oval. The construction of two practice wickets was of tremendous help to the players.

A total of forty-one players turned out for the Club during the season and with an increase in interest for next season it is obvious that an additional turf wicket in the Shire will be required in the near future.

FRANK GRAY

HONORARY SECRETARY.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT - "A" GRADE

By John Briscoe

The A-Shire team, after a poor start to its entry into the Shire Competition, gained in confidence as the season progressed and managed to gain 2 wins. The first two games of the season were lost outright but from this point no outright decisions were made against them.

Some 26 players were used in the team at various stages. The continuing changes to the side didn't help the morale of the team, which made it difficult to keep a stable batting order. The weak point of the team was the batting with only 2 players, Tony Underwood and John Briscoe, reaching 300 runs. Greg Campbell was a big loss to the side for after showing his ability in the first couple of games he was promoted to the grade ranks. Of the other batsmen, Tony Pitcher, Stewart Jansson and Phil Thrush scored well on occasions. Tony Pitcher making a beautifully compiled 51 against Wentworthville. Peter Brainbridge scored a fine 57 N.O. against Auburn which enabled the side to win the game. Don Easton bore the brunt of the attack as opening bat and although he only had a moderate season, he showed what a good player he can be on numerous occasions. I am sure Don will have a better season next year.

Bruce Loudon showed what a fine player he was by scoring 120 runs in only the 2 games he played for the A-Grade.

On the bowling side, John Vallance was easily the most effective, taking 36 wickets at an average of 20.13, with his best performance being a magnificent 8.40 against Fennant Hills. Tony Pitcher performed quite well taking

15 wickets at 17.13. Iony Underwood was a useful bowler with 4.29 against Bexley being a good effort. John Hughes was far too erratic and will have to become more consistent to succeed in this class of cricket. His best performance was 5.41 against Auburn which showed he has the ability.

On the fielding side, Ron Wright was outstanding and although not as young as he was, still showed great pace around the field taking some good catches and his throwing was as accurate as ever.

Iony Pitcher showed what a fine allrounder he is by taking 3 top catches against Canterbury in the slips. Iony looks to have a good future in the game. Stewart Jansson was the team's Wicket Keeper for most of the season, taking 12 catches. Peter Bainbridge took the gloves for a couple of games and performed creditably. Overall, the team I am sure, will improve next season as long as the side is left basically alone and not chopped and changed with, as was the case this season.

Special mention should be made of Peter Bainbridge and his lovely wife, Carol for doing such a wonderful job with the afternoon teas. It was very much appreciated by all members of the team.

A competition was run during the season for a Man of the Match award and a Fieldsman award. These trophies were won by Iony Underwood and Ron Wright respectively.

In closing I am confident the A-Grade Shire Team will be a force to be reckoned with this coming season.

John Briscoe,
A-Grade Captain.

"A" GRADE BATTING AVERAGES
(8 INNINGS OR 200 RUNS)

| | CATCHES | INNS. | N.O. | H.S. | AGG. | AVE. |
|---------------|---------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| A. Underwood | 3 | 21 | 1 | 54 | 349 | 17.4 |
| J. Briscoe | 4 | 21 | 3 | 44 | 304 | 16.9 |
| A. Pitcher | 3 | 11 | 1 | 51 | 161 | 16.1 |
| P. Thrush | 2 | 11 | - | 39 | 151 | 13.7 |
| S. Jansson | 12 | 17 | 5 | 44 | 161 | 13.4 |
| G. Brewer | 3 | 10 | 2 | 27 | 98 | 12.2 |
| F. Bainbridge | 7 | 18 | 3 | 57* | 178 | 11.9 |
| D. Easton | 4 | 21 | 1 | 30 | 228 | 11.4 |
| R. Wright | 5 | 11 | - | 21 | 98 | 8.9 |
| J. Vallance | 5 | 16 | 7 | 15* | 60 | 6.6 |
| S. Hutchinson | - | 9 | - | 7 | 26 | 2.8 |

Also batted :-

| | | | | | | |
|---------------|---|---|---|-----|-----|------|
| B. Loudon | 3 | 3 | 1 | 52* | 120 | 60.0 |
| I. Fair-Jones | - | 1 | - | 24 | 24 | 24.0 |
| N. Howell | - | 1 | - | 24 | 24 | 24.0 |
| G. Campbell | - | 6 | - | 61 | 133 | 22.2 |
| P. Graves | - | 2 | - | 35 | 35 | 17.5 |
| A. Hawes | - | 2 | - | 19 | 22 | 11.0 |
| C. Davies | 1 | 3 | - | 18 | 26 | 8.7 |
| J. Hughes | 1 | 7 | 3 | 11 | 32 | 8.0 |
| R. Greening | 1 | 4 | - | 20 | 29 | 7.2 |
| M. Hyslop | 1 | 2 | - | 11 | 11 | 5.5 |
| K. Langley | - | 4 | - | 12 | 21 | 5.2 |
| B. Massey | - | 4 | - | 19 | 20 | 5.0 |
| G. Maio | 1 | 6 | 1 | 10* | 16 | 3.2 |
| R. Spence | - | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2.0 |
| S. Mathews | - | 3 | - | 2 | 3 | 1.0 |

Scores of 50 and over.

G. Campbell 61, P. Bainbridge 57*, A. Underwood 54.
B. Loudon 52*, A. Pitcher 51.

"A" GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES
(MINIMUM 15 WICKETS)

| | OVERS | RUNS | WICKETS | AVE. |
|-------------|-------|------|---------|------|
| A. Fitcher | 63 | 263 | 15 | 17.5 |
| J. Vallance | 197 | 725 | 36 | 20.1 |

Also Bowled:-

| | | | | |
|---------------|----|-----|----|------|
| A. Hawes | 17 | 27 | 4 | 6.7 |
| G. Maio | 17 | 69 | 4 | 17.2 |
| G. Campbell | 23 | 149 | 8 | 18.6 |
| A. Underwood | 59 | 242 | 11 | 22.0 |
| S. Hutchinson | 22 | 161 | 7 | 23.0 |
| J. Hughes | 64 | 283 | 12 | 23.6 |
| B. Loudon | 19 | 50 | 2 | 25.0 |
| F. Thrush | 23 | 110 | 4 | 27.5 |
| D. Easton | 27 | 129 | 3 | 43.0 |
| R. Greening | 13 | 78 | 1 | 78.0 |
| S. Mathews | 25 | 96 | 1 | 96.0 |

Five or more wickets in an innings.

J. Vallance 8-40, J. Hughes 5-41, G. Campbell 5-48.

CAPIAIN'S REPORT - "B" GRADE

By Henry Bouveng

In its initial season the "B" team performed remarkably well recording wins in five of the twelve completed games. Looking overall at the team's performance there were also two or three other games which, with a little bit of luck, could have gone our way.

The team certainly enjoyed their season together, and a good team spirit had developed by the season's end. One of the main drawbacks faced was the continual drag of two or three of our better younger players between the "B"s and 4th grade which certainly did not help the overall balance of the team. Given a solid nucleus of 12-13 players and an improved wicket at Weldon there is absolutely no reason why a semi-final spot can not be attained next season.

The following players represented the team during the season -

PHIL CLAY - Phil would rank with the most enthusiastic cricketers I've had the pleasure to play with. He is a real competitor, and an inspiration to the other players. With a little more concentration in his batting (especially his square cut) a lot more runs would be scored. Phil also towards the end of the season turned into a handy "offie" capturing quite a few wickets.

KEITH LANGLEY- Was the team's keeper and improved immeasurably during the season taking many fine catches. Keith's batting, except for a few innings, was lacking in application and not really a true indication of his ability.

GREG PETERSON - Played the latter part of the season and was a decided asset with his big "spinners". Unfortunately, due to lack of accuracy Greg didn't achieve the results he could have.

BRUCE LOUDON - Bruce started the season off with a bang with four or five good innings, but regrettably had a mid season slump. He was the backbone of our batting and if he failed the rest of the team generally floundered around him. For an "old man" his fielding was of a consistently high standard with a number of great catches.

MARK HYSLOP - Developed during the season into a reliable opening bat with a couple of fine knocks against Lane Cove and Pennant Hills which set us on the road to victory. With normal progression Mark should score a lot of runs during the coming season.

PETER MASSEY - Had a fine season as our opening bowler with many fine hauls to his credit. His performance of 8-14 against Lindfield in our opening game is particularly praiseworthy. Peter also had a good allrounders season with the bat, regularly coming up with the runs when they were needed. Congratulations on a top effort.

STEVE HUTCHINSON - "Hutchie" could not score a run for love or money until the last few games when he finally came good. His 71 against Lane Cove was a top innings. Steve also saved many runs in the field and took a number of catches.

CHRIS DAVIES - Unfortunately, due to commitments in 4th grade didn't play a full season with us, but showed especially in his innings of 85 Not Out against Burwood that he has the makings of a fine young batsman.

RICHARD TRIM - Richard was in pretty much the same position as Chris Davies, fluctuating between the "B's and 4th grade. Richard was potentially the best cricketer in the team, showing fine natural talent in all areas, and should progress to high levels in a few seasons.

CRAIG DOBBIE - Craig had continual knee problems which curtailed his bowling in most games, but on the rare occasions he let himself go he showed he has the makings of a good fast bowler. This was evidenced by his 4-28 against Lane Cove which broke the back of their early batting.

DENIS BRISCOE - Denis learnt a lot during the season and at the finish was proving a most difficult man to dislodge. His fielding was always of a high calibre, saving many runs with his speed to the ball.

ROSS DRURY/GAVIN FLETCHER - Joined us for the last couple of games from the Watson Shield squad and immediately made their presence felt, especially in the game against Pennant

Hills where Ross scored a competent 34 and Gavin had a fine double of 3-20 and 32. Big seasons are to be expected from both these boys this year.

TONY RACO - Tony played the last few games with us and improved with every game. His fielding and catching was quite remarkable and with normal progression in his batting should develop into quite a handy cricketer.

HENRY BOUVENG

"B" GRADE CAPTAIN.

"B" GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

(8 INNINGS OR 200 RUNS)

| | CAICHES | INNS. | N.O. | H.S. | AGG. | AVE. |
|---------------|---------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| C. Davies | 2 | 8 | 2 | 82* | 196 | 32.7 |
| B. Loudon | 4 | 15 | 1 | 49 | 288 | 20.6 |
| P. Clay | 3 | 16 | - | 65 | 265 | 16.6 |
| M. Hyslop | 8 | 15 | 1 | 65 | 230 | 16.4 |
| P. Massey | 2 | 15 | 4 | 35 | 155 | 14.1 |
| S. Hutchinson | 4 | 10 | 1 | 71* | 124 | 13.8 |
| R. Irim | 3 | 11 | 2 | 33 | 115 | 12.8 |
| K. Langley | 15 | 15 | 2 | 37 | 122 | 9.4 |
| M. Cohen | 3 | 11 | 1 | 22 | 94 | 9.4 |
| I. Fair-Jones | 5 | 10 | 1 | 24 | 60 | 6.7 |
| D. Briscoe | 4 | 11 | 2 | 14 | 55 | 6.1 |
| C. Dobbie | 6 | 8 | 3 | 10* | 27 | 5.4 |
| H. Bouveng | 3 | 14 | 5 | 12 | 40 | 4.4 |

Also Batted -

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|---|---|---|----|----|------|
| G. Fletcher | - | 1 | - | 33 | 33 | 33.0 |
| R. Druzy | - | 3 | - | 35 | 35 | 11.7 |
| R. Dunn | 5 | 6 | - | 13 | 35 | 5.8 |
| G. Peterson | 1 | 4 | - | 12 | 23 | 5.7 |
| A. Raco | 3 | 3 | - | 4 | 4 | 1.3 |
| R. Ludlow | - | 1 | 1 | 5* | 5 | - |
| B. Massey | - | 3 | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| S. Orchard | - | 1 | - | - | - | - |

Scores of 50 and over.

C. Davies 82*, S. Hutchinson 71*, P. Clay 65, M. Hyslop 65

"B" GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES
(MINIMUM 15 WICKETS)

| | OVERS | RUNS | WICKETS | AVE. |
|------------|-------|------|---------|------|
| F. Massey | 191 | 404 | 46 | 8.8 |
| H. Bouveng | 96 | 339 | 29 | 11.7 |
| M. Cohen | 97 | 310 | 18 | 17.2 |

Also Bowled:-

| | | | | |
|---------------|----|-----|----|------|
| C. Davies | 3 | 7 | 1 | 7.0 |
| B. Loudon | 2 | 9 | 1 | 9.0 |
| R. Ludlow | 4 | 11 | 1 | 11.0 |
| P. Clay | 37 | 138 | 12 | 11.5 |
| K. Langley | 3 | 12 | 1 | 12.0 |
| G. Fletcher | 10 | 31 | 2 | 15.5 |
| C. Dobbie | 37 | 119 | 6 | 19.8 |
| R. Dunn | 18 | 84 | 3 | 28.0 |
| G. Peterson | 48 | 206 | 7 | 29.4 |
| D. Briscoe | 1 | 14 | - | - |
| M. Hyslop | 3 | 16 | - | - |
| S. Hutchinson | 10 | 76 | - | - |

Five or more wickets in an innings :-

P. Massey 8-13, 5-43, M. Cohen 5-35.

PARTNERSHIPS

"A" GRADE

| | |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| 1st | P. Thrush & D. Easton - 44 |
| 2nd | D. Easton & A. Pitcher - 60 |
| 3rd | A. Underwood & P. Bainbridge - 41 |
| 4th | J. Briscoe & N. Howell - 39 |
| 5th | A. Underwood & G. Campbell - 64 |
| 6th | D. Easton & B. Loudon - 40 |
| 7th | J. Briscoe & S. Jansson - 38 |
| 8th | F. Bainbridge & S. Jansson - 33 |
| 9th | A. Underwood & G. Maio - 23 |
| 10th | J. Vallance & S. Jansson - 36 |

"B" GRADE

| | |
|------|--------------------------------|
| 1st | M. Hyslop & R. Trim - 51 |
| 2nd | M. Hyslop & S. Hutchinson - 83 |
| 3rd | S. Hutchinson & B. Loudon - 38 |
| 4th | F. Clay & B. Loudon - 55 |
| 5th | C. Davies & K. Langley - 48 |
| 6th | R. Drury & P. Massey - 52 |
| 7th | P. Massey & G. Fletcher - 40 |
| 8th | G. Peterson & G. Fletcher - 16 |
| 9th | H. Bouveng & C. Dabbie - 20 |
| 10th | R. Dunn & H. Bouveng - 13 |

HIGHEST TEAM SCORE

"A" Grade 205 v Wentworthville
"B" Grade 207 v Pennant Hills

WARRINGAH SHIRE CRICKET CLUB

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR SEASON 1977/1978.

| | <u>INCOME</u> | | <u>EXPENDITURE</u> |
|----------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | \$ | | \$ |
| FEES | 540.00 | GEAR | 324.00 |
| CAPS | 153.00 | CAPS | 195.60 |
| B.B.Q. | 384.63 | STATIONERY | 7.41 |
| DONATION | 30.00 | INSURANCE | 10.00 |
| | | RENT | 50.00 |
| | | BANK FEES | 17.00 |
| | | B.B.Q. | 321.72 |
| | | | <u>925.73</u> |
| | | INCOME OVER | 181.90 |
| | | EXPENDITURE | <u>\$1,107.63</u> |
| | <u>\$1,107.63</u> | | |

LYLE J. PEARCE -

HON TREASURER.