

**WARRINGAH SHIRE  
CRICKET CLUB**

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*Second*  
***ANNUAL REPORT***

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SEASON 1978-79

WARRINGAH SHIRE CRICKET CLUB

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Third Annual General Meeting of the Warringah Shire Cricket Club will be held in the Pavilion at Weldon Oval on Wednesday, 20th June 1979 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 - 1978-79 SEASON

- PRESIDENT - Bruce Loudon
- VICE PRESIDENTS - President of Warringah Shire Council  
- Councillors of Warringah Shire Council  
- Alex Anderson
- HON. SECRETARY - Frank Gray
- HON. TREASURER - Peter Bainbridge

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 1978-79 Season goes down as the year of consolidation for the Warringah Shire Cricket Club. After last season our first time in the Municipal and Shire Competition, we developed that experience to build on for this season and as a result the Club won some significant games, particularly in the 'A' Division, which finished just short of making the semi-finals.

A significant factor for this success has been the maintenance of a nucleus of players in both 'A' and 'B' Teams, where players can develop team spirit without the awkward shuffle of players going backwards and forwards to the Manly Grade Club as occurred last year. Whilst this has been of concern to the Grade Club, it must be remembered that for a Club to survive it must maintain its teams so that up and coming players can be fostered in a stable team atmosphere. The Municipal and Shire Competition can give these youngsters very valuable turf wicket experience to mature them for seasons to come in the Grade ranks.

This is the only way that our Club can observe its object of providing a better standard of cricket for those players coming through from the Association with inclination to later play Grade cricket.

This year the Club has benefited by the inclusion in membership for the whole year of a number of Watson Shield players. These players have gained valuable experience and this will cement the ground for them in bigger things to come in the Grade ranks. Their parents deserve our sincere thanks for their active interest in the Club.

Once again we are indebted to the two Captains, John Briscoe and Henry Bouveng for their Shire cricket experience. Their guidance has always shown a 'will to win' without impairing sportsmanship and they have upheld the Club name in good vain.

Our sincere thanks is also extended to our Secretary Mr. Frank Gray who has been a driving force behind the Club. How he finds time to do the Club's secretarial work along with his deep involvement with the Manly Warringah Cricket Association and to watch our games each Saturday can only be answered by his deep love of cricket. We do hope we will see his smiling face next season involved in the Club's affairs.

Our home ground, Weldon Oval, is improving year by year. Apart from the outfield having some undulations making fielding a little difficult the wicket and grassy outfield combine to make the ground an excellent cricketing facility. With the acquisition of sight boards, particularly facing the bowling from the northern end and the outer ground levelled, we would have a ground equal to any ground we have played on.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Continued)

We thank the Staff of Warringah Shire Council for their wonderful help and support and for the Council's provision to continue to provide excellent facilities for cricket.

Our thanks are extended also to Terry Seacy for his influence with his Company, Dunlop, for the donation of a 'scoreboard' and to Tony Underwood for the sponsorship from McLeay-Duff. This has given the Club that necessary boost for us to progress that much quicker. It is proposed this money be used towards coaching and/or improved practise wickets, both so vital to our current needs.

We are sorry to hear that Peter Bainbridge will shortly be going to the country permanently to live. His efforts as Treasurer are to be commended and his team contribution will be sorely missed. His dedication to net practise has borne fruit and is an example to all players. The Club is further at loss as his wife Carol gave so much of her time to the Club and for this we sincerely thank her. We wish them well in their new sphere of activity.

Now that we are established as a worthy competitor in the Municipal and Shire competition there is no reason why we should not do much better next Season. Our aim should be to strive to end up with both 'A' and 'B' teams in the top four.

BRUCE J. LOUDON

PRESIDENT

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is gratifying to report an overall improvement in all facets of the Club's activities.

On the Cricket Field, both teams showed that they will be a force to be reckoned with in the very near future. The win by the "A" Grade team in scoring 275 runs to defeat Burwood was the Club's finest performance in its short history.

The honour of scoring the Club's first century belongs to Michael Lennon who compiled 101 against Lindfield. Michael with his father George, was also prominent in our First Double Wicket Competition, which was eventually won by Bruce Loudon and Gary Pitt. The competition will be an annual event and whilst the turn-out was disappointing the day itself was a real success.

The sponsorship by the "Macleay Duff" Division of Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., was a great boost to the Club and our thanks are extended to this long established and well respected company.

Peter and Carol Bainbridge are deserving of special mention for their dedication to the well being of the Club, and they will be surely missed. I have no doubt that they will give as much devotion to their new club and bring as much joy and happiness as they have to our members.

Our President, Bruce Loudon H.R.S. - B.B.A. & D.W.C. (they stand for highest run scorer, best batting average and double wicket champ) continued his outstanding performances both on the Cricket field and in the administration area.

The additional turf wicket that we require for two "C" Grade sides should be available for the 1980-81 season and we would again place on record our appreciation to the Councillors and staff of the Warringah Shire Council for their continued support to Cricket and our Club.

'A' GRADE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

BY JOHN BRISCOE

An improved showing this year enabled the "A" Team to win 4 games as compared to 2 wins the previous season. If the batting had been more consistent other wins may have been gained. The side was more settled with 19 players participating in various matches throughout the season.

In the batting department only 2 players, John Briscoe (353) and Peter Bainbridge (231) scored over 200 runs, which is not good enough. I feel sure Bruce Loudon would have reached this target if he had played more games. His technique and temperament were a lesson to all of us and Bruce had a marked influence on the team whenever he played.

Of the other batsmen Tony Underwood was a little disappointing, for after scoring a beautifully compiled 73 against Canterbury early in the season, he never quite got going again.

David Mostyn had an unlucky season, where 5 doubtful IBW decisions went against him. He showed he has the ability when he scored a fine 68 N.O. against Bexley. Steve Partridge was a very punishing batsman and although he played only a few games he was an asset to the team. He scored a dashing 40 against Wentworthville, who ultimately became the premiers.

Our experienced opening bat - Alan Hawes, scored a patient but valuable 56 against Bexley, but a weakness then crept into his play outside the off stump. I am sure Alan will rectify this flaw next season. He was a valuable member of the team.

The highlight of the teams batting was to score a magnificent 275 runs to defeat Burwood. A truly fine team performance which showed what could be achieved by application and team spirit.

Of the bowlers used throughout the season Terry Seacy was outstanding, taking 28 wickets at 11.3. He troubled all batsmen, and besides taking wickets he kept the runs down. A good performance Terry.

Peter Massey also bowled well, taking 20 wickets at 24.3. He generally bowled a good line and length.

Tony Underwood had a couple of eye catching performances 2-16 against Wentworthville and 2-33 against Roseville were good efforts.

Alan Hawes bowled well on occasions, as did Bob Muller.

'A' Grade Report (Cont'd)

On the fielding side, David Mostyn was outstanding, taking every catch that came his way. He took a total of 12 catches.

Peter Bainbridge kept wickets for most of the season and performed very well. An excellent job, Peter.

John Briscoe (Batting), Jerry Seacy (Bowling) and David Mostyne (Fielding) were the award winners for the season and were presented with trophies at a function held at Peter and Carol Bainbridge's residence at Fairlight at the end of the season.

Peter and Carol did a wonderful job, again, with the Afternoon Teas. It is with deep regret that we are losing them, and their lovely children, and not forgetting Akron. They will be going to greener pastures in the Tamworth area. We wish them all the best.

Special mention should also be made to Carol Massey for her assistance with Afternoon Teas, etc. Thank you Carol.

Also to Iony Underwood and Burns Philp for their sponsorship, and to Jerry Seacy and Dunlop for the Scoreboard. Thank you fellows.

In summary, I feel we need strengthening in 3 positions, viz. opening bat, opening bowler, and we need a wicket-keeper to replace Peter Bainbridge.

We will then have a strong chance of reaching the semis next season.

'A' GRADE BATTING AVERAGES  
(8 Innings or 200 Runs)

	<u>Catches</u>	<u>Inns.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Agg.</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
J. Briscoe	5	15	1	63	353	25.2
F. Bainbridge	7	15	3	58	231	19.2
F. Massey	3	14	4	24	154	15.4
A. Hawes	-	10	1	56	143	14.8
A. Underwood	3	14	-	73	190	13.6
D. Mostyn	12	13	1	68 <sup>x</sup>	160	13.3
R. Muller	1	11	2	16	84	9.3
I. Strudwick	8	12	2	19	87	8.7
J. Berry	1	15	2	38	102	7.9
J. Vallance	5	8	2	17	41	6.8

ALSO BATTED

B. Loudon	1	6	-	29	106	21.2
S. Partridge	-	5	-	40	100	20.0
I. Seacy	1	6	3	16 <sup>x</sup>	47	15.6
B. Scott	1	5	1	26	38	9.5
P. Hartman	-	1	-	6	6	6.0
S. Jansson	-	3	-	6	15	5.0
B. Little	-	1	-	5	5	5.0
B. Waller	-	1	-	3	3	3.0
M. Johnson	-	1	1	1 <sup>x</sup>	1	-

SCORES OF 50 AND OVER

A. Underwood 73, D. Mostyn 68<sup>x</sup>, J. Briscoe 63, 57, 51.  
F. Bainbridge 58, A. Hawes 56.

A" GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES

(Minimum of 15 Wickets)

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
I. Seacy	117	316	28	11.3
P. Massey	134	487	20	24.3

ALSO BOWLED

M. Johnson	8	28	2	14.0
S. Fartridge	14	93	4	23.2
J. Vallance	57	233	9	25.9
A. Underwood	46	204	7	29.1
A. Hawes	40	159	4	39.7
R. Muller	75	321	8	40.1
J. Berry	23	113	2	56.5
B. Scott	15	69	1	69.0

FIVE OR MORE WICKETS IN AN INNINGS

I. Seacy 7-52 6-39 5-50

## "B" GRADE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

BY HENRY BOUVENG

The team did not enjoy the same success as in the previous season but overall performed quite creditably. With an influx of young players having their first full season on turf we were in a number of matches beaten by the "experienced player" rather than the more talented.

Out of the 12 matches played the "B" Grade won 2, tied 1, drew 2 and lost 6. A number of the younger players improved considerably during the season and the club I feel can expect much better performances from these players in the 79-80 season. As a captain I would like to compliment all players for the effort they put in and the support as a team they gave me.

Steve Stewart. Had a reasonable season scoring 197 runs at an average of 19.70, which perhaps was not good as Steve would have hoped for, had two particularly fine innings, 41 against Roseville and a hard hitting 58 against Wenty. Fielded extremely well all year and was a great assistance as Vice-Captain.

Mike Lennon. Mike is a player of fine natural talent who should go a long way. The highlight of the season was Mike's 101 against Lindfield which nearly snatched victory for us. Excepting the "slips position" Mike fielded wonderfully well, participating in a number of run outs with fine throws from the outfield.

David Syme. David was our "Rock". Perhaps not scoring fast, he displayed a steady, patient temperament which proved invaluable to the team. His innings against Burwood when he batted throughout the innings for 43 N.O. was a perfect indication of this. Won the fielding award for the team, which he justly deserved.

Brian Scott. Brian is a real competitor with both bat and ball and was a most valuable member of the team. Played a number of fine innings and had 3 scores of 30 plus, which proved most handy at number 9. Bowled steadily all year and was always hard to get away.

Gavin Fletcher. Another fine young cricketer who had a good all round season. Bowled consistently well all year and deserved better figures than he obtained. On accuracy alone (141 overs for 377 runs) he was a shining light. Came to light as a batsman in last few games when promoted to opener with scores of 37 and 67.

"B" GRADE REPORT. (Cont'd).

Stuart Jansson. Was team's wicket-keeper and kept up a high standard all season. Stuart didn't perform as well with the bat as was expected, his best score being 38 N.O. against Bexley. Came to light as "fine" leg spinner in last game with figures of 3-14. Will have to be used more in this department.

Mark Douglas. Mark had a season he'd like to forget. Runs just would not come no matter how hard he tried. With this season under his belt the runs should flow next season. A very reliable, safe field with a magnificent throwing arm.

Gary Pitt. Turned in some top bowling performances during the year, the highlight being 4-5 against Pennant Hills, with match figures of 7-31. Batted very responsibly down the order with 2 good scores of 26 N.O. and 30 N.O. Gary should have learnt a lot from this year and a bagfull of wickets should be in store next season.

Steve Hutchison. Joined the side in December and certainly made a change, especially in beer consumption after the game at Weldon. Batted very well on two occasions with scores of 53 against Burwood and 31 against Lane Cove. A great team man and a decided asset to the team when he's on time.

Steve Partridge. Showed a lot of ability with the bat before being promoted to "A" Grade. Hit the ball very hard at every opportunity and should get a lot of runs in the ensuing seasons.

David Hicks. Didn't get all that much of an opportunity to show his wares as a bowler this season but showed enough in all facets to indicate that he should be an important part of the team next season.

Henry Bouveng. Leave it to the Editor!  
The Editor saw Henry score 17 runs against Burwood and couldn't believe his eyes. The shots played were those of a batsman of very high quality. Another couple of years experience as No. 11 could see him promoted in the order. Henry's real value to the team however is as Captain and in this area he is doing a sterling job, particularly with the younger players.

Thanks also to Ray Pitt and Mike Syme for their efforts as Scorers/Afternoon Tea Makers/Barmen throughout the season. Their efforts are certainly appreciated by all the players

The Club Awards for the season were won by Mike Lennon (Batting), Gavin Fletcher (Bowling) and David Syme (Fielding).

"B" GRADE BATTING AVERAGES

(8 Innings or 200 Runs)

	<u>Catches</u>	<u>Inns.</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>F.S.</u>	<u>Agg.</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
M. Lennon	3	15	3	101	306	25.5
S. Stewart	4	12	2	58	197	19.7
D. Syme	8	14	3	48	200	18.2
G. Fletcher	3	10	-	67	170	17.0
S. Jansson	12	9	3	38 <sup>x</sup>	96	16.0
G. Pitt	3	9	3	30	80	13.3
M. Douglas	4	14	1	14	70	5.4
D. Hicks	2	8	1	10	27	3.9

ALSO BATTED:

D. Murray	-	1	-	67	67	67.0
C. Davies	1	2	-	85	112	56.0
B. Loudon	3	4	-	54	164	41.0
B. Scott	1	7	2	33	132	26.4
R. Owens	-	1	-	24	24	24.0
S. Partridge	-	5	-	48	103	20.6
P. Clay	-	1	-	20	20	20.0
S. Hutchison	4	5	-	53	87	17.4
S. Patrick	2	4	1	19	45	15.0
R. Wright	2	2	-	12	24	12.0
H. Bouveng	6	7	3	17	33	8.2
J. Vallance	-	1	-	1	1	1.0

SCORES OF 50 AND OVER

M. Lennon 101, 72.      C. Davies 85.      G. Fletcher 67.  
D. Murray 67.      S. Stewart 58.      B. Loudon 54.      S. Hutchison 53.

"B" GRADE BOWLING AVERAGES  
(Minimum of 15 Wickets)

	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Ave.</u>
G. Pitt	85	296	19	15.6
G. Fletcher	141	377	22	17.1
B. Scott	133	446	15	29.7

ALSO BOWLED:

S. Janssen	3	14	3	4.7
B. Loudon	30	88	9	9.8
S. Stewart	4	20	2	10.0
G. Hooker	22	62	6	10.3
D. Syme	9	33	3	11.0
C. Davies	17	64	4	16.0
S. Partridge	26	88	5	17.6
D. Hicks	25	65	3	21.7
E. Bouveng	55	196	9	21.8
R. Wright	4	25	1	25.0
M. Lennon	37	182	4	45.5
S. Hutchison	7	51	1	51.0
J. Vallance	13	68	1	68.0

FIVE OR MORE WICKETS IN AN INNINGS

B. Loudon 5-40    G. Hooker 5-43

PARTNERSHIPS

"A" GRADE

1st.	I.Strudwick & J.Berry	- 39	
2nd.	A.Hawes & B.Loudon	- 61	(Record)
3rd.	J.Briscoe & A.Underwood	- 95	(Record)
4th.	A.Underwood & J.Briscoe	- 56	(Record)
5th.	J.Briscoe & P.Bainbridge	92	(Record)
6th.	F.Bainbridge & D.Mostyn	- 52	(Record)
7th.	J.Briscoe & P.Massey	- 61	(Record)
8th.	R.Muller & D.Mostyn	- 44	(Record)
9th.	I.Seasy & P.Massey	- 28	(Record)
10th.	P.Bainbridge & J.Vallance	34.	

"B" GRADE

1st.	S.Stewart & C.Davies	- 123	(Record)
2nd.	S.Stewart & D.Syme	- 38	
3rd.	M.Douglas & D.Syme	- 23	
4th.	S.Stewart & M.Lennon	- 87	(Record)
5th.	B.Loudon & M.Lennon	- 131	(Record)
6th.	S.Partridge & M.Lennon	- 60	(Record)
7th.	P.Clay & B.Loudon	- 33	
8th.	B.Loudon & S.Jansson	- 27	(Record)
9th.	G.Pitt & B.Scott	- 61	(Record)
10th.	D.Syme & H.Bouvang	- 26	(Record)

HIGHEST TEAM SCORE

A. GRADE 275 v Burwood. (Record).

B. GRADE 250 v Pennant Hills (Record)

COMBINED CLUB BATTING AVERAGES

(Over 300 Runs).

	INNS.	N.O.	H.S.	AGG.	AVE.
B. Loudon	28	2	54	844	32.5
C. Davies	13	2	85	334	30.4
M. Lennon	15	3	101	306	25.5
J. Briscoe	36	4	63	657	20.5
A. Underwood	35	1	73	539	15.8
P. Massey	29	8	35	309	14.7
P. Bainbridge	33	6	58	309	11.4

COMBINED CLUB BOWLING AVERAGES

(Over 30 Wickets)

	OVERS	RUNS	WICKETS	AVE.
P. Massey	325	891	66	13.5
H. Bouveng	151	535	38	14.1
J. Vallance	254	958	47	20.4

WARRINGAH SHIRE CRICKET CLUB

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

SEASON 1978/79

<u>INCOME</u>	\$	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	\$
Balance Brought Forward	181.90	N.S.W.C.A.	5.00
Drinks & BBQ	209.44	Weldon Committee	50.00
Sponsorship - Burns Philp	500.00	Trophies	59.75
Subscriptions, Ground Fees & Sale of Caps	1126.00	Stationery	2.00
		Drinks & BBQ	84.76
		Coaching Fund	500.00
		Gear & Caps	858.77
			<u>1560.28</u>
		Balance C/F	457.06
	<u>\$ 2017.34</u>		<u>\$ 2017.34</u>

Peter Bainbridge,  
Hon. Treasurer.