



Wellington Collegians Cricket Club Inc

Annual Report &
Financial Statements

2007/08 Season



WELLINGTON COLLEGIANS CRICKET CLUB INC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

The 38th Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Collegians Cricket Club Inc will be held in the Clubrooms, Anderson Park Pavilion, on Monday, 25 August, 2008 commencing at 7:15 PM

BUSINESS

In Memoriam – Kerry Burke – Former Vice President

1. Present
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting
4. Adoption of the Annual Report
 - President's Report
 - Chairman's Report
5. Changing the constitution:
 - Changing the name of the Wellington Collegians Committee to the Wellington Collegians Board
 - Providing for an independent financial review or a financial audit
 - Giving of notices to members by fax or electronic means
 - Allowing a President to hold office for a maximum period of three years
6. Financial Statements
7. Election of Officers
 - Patron
 - Life Members
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Club Captain
 - Management Committee
 - Delegates to CW AGM
 - Honorary Auditor
7. Club Subscriptions
8. General Business

OFFICERS 2007/08 SEASON

Patron:

The Most Honourable Reverend Sir Paul Reeves GCMC, GCVO, QSO

Life Members:

D R Davis, Miss B Fuller, Mrs A Garrett, K R MacDonald,
L D Macer, T G McMahon, J S Perkins, R C Pope, E J Stewart, R Swan,
I N Taylor, GE Coppersmith.

President:

A D McBeth

Immediate Past President:

B E Windley

Past Presidents:

D R Davis, Mrs A Garrett, J A L Gibson QC, J G Revell,
C J Taylor, I N Taylor, B Waddle, G E Coppersmith, G.R Carruthers

Senior Vice President:

Vacant

Vice Presidents:

D B Alabaster, W A Arcus, R T Barber, D Deva, M E Garrett,
D T Grainger, G Hopping, D L Hunt, **R D Kinsella**, **B S P Marra**, A R MacGibbon,
D Macer, A D McBeth, **C C Monigatti**, **R Moses**, D S McHardy, B O'Brien, **B Patel**, G
R Phillips, G M Russell, P W Steele, B R Taylor, G Thomas, J B Tucker, R H Vance,
P R Wilson, A D Wilkinson, B E Windley, A C Yule

Honorary Auditor

Honorary Treasurer

A Orpin

Honorary Secretary

A MacLeod

Club Captain

D Deva

Management Committee:

S Morrison (Chairman), A D McBeth (President), A. Fulbrook (Junior Club), P Bedford,
D Boldt, Nathan Pilalis, A Orpin, G Sutherland, D Deva, J Franklin (co opt)

Delegates to Cricket Wellington Inc:

A D McBeth, G Neal, D Deva, A MacLeod

Junior Club Liaison:

A Fulbrook

Selectors:

M Coles, G Sutherland, A Thomas, D Deva.

Bar Manager:

D Deva

Gear Custodians:

D Deva

MINUTES OF THE 37TH WELLINGTON COLLEGIANS CRICKET CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 14 AUGUST 2007 AT ANDERSON PARK AT 1930

Present

1.1. A McBeth (President), G Neal (Chair), A Orpin (Treasurer), N Whittington (Secretary), A Macleod, D Deva, C Butler, J Tong, G Coppersmith, A C Yule, S Morrison, P Bedford, N Pilalis, D Coventry, R (Bob) Swan, G Carruthers, R Nahna, A Thomas, B S P Marra.

2. Apologies

2.1. L D Macer, D Kershaw, H Bedford, E J Stewart, D Boldt, R C (Bob) Pope, B Steele. The apologies were accepted (McBeth/Marra).

3. In memoriam - G L Whyte MBE

3.1. Dilip Deva spoke about the achievements of G L Whyte MBE, a former life member of the club who passed away recently. Paddy Marra added that another former member, J Hill had also passed away. A moment's silence was observed by the meeting in respect.

4. 36th AGM minutes

4.1. The minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting held on 14 August 2006 were held as true and correct (McBeth/Tong).

5. Adoption of Annual Report

5.1. The President submitted his report which was taken as read.

5.2. The Chairman spoke to his report and added some further comments. He mentioned that the Junior Club was not mentioned in the report but that it was served by an excellent committee. Collaboration between the Junior and Senior clubs was becoming more important, particularly in the area of sourcing funding from charitable trusts, and in the need to re-recruit junior players post-college. He mentioned the unfortunate loss of the 2A team and the relegation of the senior reserve team.

5.3. He discussed the serious challenges in retention of players and in recruitment, but applauded the work of Jamie Tong, Damien Grant, Clinton Butler and Nick Whittington in the off-season. The club is hopeful that their work bears fruit. He wished Nick Whittington well as he goes overseas to undertake post-graduate study. He thanked the outgoing management committee, and then indicated that, sadly, for personal commitments he was unable to continue as chairman.

5.4. The President intimated the club's regret that Glen had to step down, but thanked him for his time, work and achievements. He will be sorely missed.

5.5. The Treasurer noted the club's steady financial position. Turnover was lower than expected due to a number of factors, principally the poor pre-Christmas weather, the loss of the 2A team (despite having paid affiliation fees etc), and the outlay for the new stairs. However, the securing of a Century Foundation grant by Glen was an excellent result and paid for the affiliation of both the Junior and Senior clubs.

5.6. Alan publicly acknowledged the assistance of Graeme Sugden, our Honorary Auditor for his work over the last few years and for his advice during the season, and Brian Steele, who assisted to get the books ready for the financial review.

5.7. Glen thanked Alan for his efforts. He has done a tremendous job at short notice.

5.8. The Annual Report was duly adopted (McBeth/Tong)

6. Election of Officers

6.1. The following Officers were duly elected:

Patron	The Most Hon Rev Sir Paul Reeves GCMC, GCVO, QSO
President	Alasdair McBeth
Senior Vice-President	(The management committee is to pursue nominations for this position)
Vice President	None
Secretary	(The management committee is to elect a secretary)
Treasurer	Alan Orpin
Club Captain	Dilip Deva
Management Committee	A Macleod, G Sutherland, D Coventry, D Boldt, J Tong, N Pilalis, S Morrison, P Bedford
Delegates to CW AGM	D Deva, A McBeth, N Whittington, J Tong, plus one to be confirmed
Honorary Auditor	(The management committee is to pursue nominations for this position – see discussion below at 8.1)

7. Subscriptions

7.1. Subscriptions were confirmed at last year's levels (Neal/Tong)

8. General Business

8.1. Alan Orpin raised the need to reconsider clause 17 of the Constitution which requires that the honorary Auditor "audit" all of the accounts of the club. An increase in the requirements for audits now makes it impractical and very expensive for small clubs to take the number of steps required for the compliance necessary for an audit. It was suggested that the clause be altered to require a "financial review" or "independent financial review".

8.2. Paddy Marra indicated that the new Charities Commission may require an audit for compliance with its rules. Alasdair McBeth mentioned the need to ensure compliance with the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

8.3. Jamie Tong questioned whether charitable trusts will refuse applications for funding if the finances of the club have not been audited. The feeling of the meeting was that this was unlikely as trusts are more interested in the correct spending of grant money.

8.4. It was resolved that the management committee is to investigate the situation and if desired, pursue the alteration through the constitution (McBeth/Whittington).

8.5. Clinton Butler thanked the Committee for its work in the past season and especially Dilip Deva for his hours spent as Club Captain, as gear steward, and particularly in his role as CDO and coach.

8.6. Sandy Yule publicly acknowledged the work of Bob Swan and Ted Stewart for their years of work in building up the gear stocks of the club.

- 8.7. Graeme Carruthers raised the issue of the crossroads which was a theme of the Annual Report. He asked the outgoing committee for their thoughts on what should be done and whether regaining the Pearce Cup should continue to be a priority.
- 8.8. Glen Neal mentioned that in his view the recruitment issue was the most pressing in this regard. Unless the off-season recruitment succeeds there may not be the sufficient depth to field a competitive Hazlett Trophy side. Compared to the success of other clubs such as Easts and Karori, this was a worry. He indicated the possibility of an amalgamation with Karori and/or University but worried what we could bring to the table in such a case. The problem was, with the collapse of Upper Valley and the weakness of Hutt Districts, the Hazlett Trophy was as winnable as ever.
- 8.9. Graeme Carruthers suggested contact be made with the likes of Brian Waddle and I Taylor for assistance in deciding on the future of the club.
- 8.10. Phillipa Bedford stated that where the club was strong was in its women playing numbers and the junior club which in fact made the club overall a powerful one in terms of an amalgamation. Sally Morrison backed this point up by suggesting that last season's successful experiment with playing college players in the Super 8 grade will bear fruit this season as the players provided the bulk of a competitive senior women's side.
- 8.11. Sandy Yule mentioned the current trend that Wellington College cricketers seemed to be more attracted to Karori and Easts than Collegians.
- 8.12. Jamie Tong suggested that the real issue was the transient nature of the collegians playing stocks. The senior men's teams were largely made up of university educated young professionals who played for the club for around three years before career advancement took them overseas.
- 8.13. Grant Coppersmith raised the fact that many of the Wellington College players form the 3rd XI and lower tend to drift out of the game post-college and this is where we should be focusing our recruitment.
- 8.14. Dilip Deva acknowledged the support he had received during the year from Glen Neal, Alan Orpin, Nick Whittington, Alasdair McBeth (saying that the club is very fortunate to have people of Alasdair's expertise) and Andy Fulbrook.
9. **The meeting closed at 8.20pm.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT ALASDAIR MCBETH



I am delighted to present my second report to you as President of your club.

The season was a season of two halves. Before Christmas the season could not have been worse. Visions of winning the Hazlett and being promoted to the Pearce cup had been forgotten as we languished at the bottom of the Hazlett competition. The concern was over demotion.

The fact that after Christmas the seniors recovered to end up a creditable fifth, was a testament not only to the senior team but the club as a whole and certain individuals within it.

There are a number of people who must be thanked. The first person to be thanked without doubt is Sally Morrison. She put her hand up to be Chairman when no one else would take it on. Her drive and enthusiasm was instrumental in turning the club around and putting us in a position where we can look forward to next season with excitement.

I would like to also thank the Board who worked incredibly hard on your behalf and made some bold and insightful decisions to see the club move forward. The commitment was huge with fortnightly meetings and the work required between meetings.

I also thank James Franklin for the time and effort he put into the club while waiting for his knee operation and convalescing. We are lucky to not only have a New Zealand representative player in our ranks but a person who wants his club to succeed and puts in the time and effort necessary.

I also thank some former iconic players in the club who gave of their time to help the club when it needed it. In particular, I mention Bert Vance and Matt Roche who helped with coaching and mentoring the senior team.

One of the decisions the club made was to appoint a senior coach and that was Mark Coles. It was a great decision and I thank Mark who picked up the team halfway through the season to see it end up in the position that it did.

Another decision that the Board made was contracting an overseas professional player and Deepak Joon arrived for the second part of the season. His contribution to the second half of the season was outstanding.

These decisions made by the Board involved money and the reality is to be successful in senior cricket in Wellington costs money. A lot of time is taken by the Board to source funds, particularly with the various charities. It is a strategic aim for the club to obtain non-contestable funding and if any club member has any ideas or contacts that could help the club achieve this objective, please tell a member of the Board.

Sustainable and reliable funding is essential for a club to be successful and what sponsor wouldn't want to be associated with the best club in Wellington.

But the season was not just about the senior team. To me as a person who played and captained the club's second team for many years, I was delighted that the Senior 3s, ably captained by another Alastair, bounced back from being demoted last season to win the grade and promotion to Senior 2 for next season. Any strong senior club needs a strong second team playing in a high grade and we have achieved that. I congratulate the Senior 3 team for their success.

Congratulations also goes to the legends who also won their grade and promotion to 2A next season, and the Senior Women's team who were second in the 20/20 competition.

Finally, I congratulate all club members who gained representative honours.

Another highlight for the season for me was the annual prize giving held in the Norwood Room at the Basin Reserve. It was a fantastic evening, an evening befitting the club. Dilip Deva received a special award that evening for his long standing service to the club. A special thank you to our former President, Brian Waddle, who was MC for the evening and Mike Copeland, our guest speaker who features on our Honours Board in the 1970s.

I would like to also thank the many former players of the club for their continued interest and involvement. It was disappointing that the two occasions during the season involving former players were badly affected by rain. In particular, I was devastated that the Presidents XI was unable to give the Chairmans XI a pasting and the Collegians XI versus Wanderers XI game was also washed out.

These games and the old Collegians day are here to stay and will feature in the club's calendar next season.

The Board's initiative in hiring a marquee for the 4th day is also applauded. It was a great day for the club, if a bit windy.

The junior club continues to be a jewel in the club's crown. The junior committee, ably led by Andy Fulbrook, do a wonderful job.

I was also delighted that the club played the Wellington College First XI in a 20/20 game to prepare them for the Gillette Cup. Wellington Collegians was originally Wellington College Old Boys and enjoys a strong and close association with Wellington College. Wellington Collegians is the natural place for students leaving Wellington College to go to to enjoy their cricket. This has always been the foundation of the club and one reason for it being so successful. An annual fixture against the Wellington College First XI is a must for the club.

Finally, I must also mention that the club granted David Grey Memorial Scholarships to Reece Cargill, Vijay Chhagan and Nathan Brown. I congratulate them and hope that the scholarships they received help them achieve their goals and enjoy their cricket at Collegians. Hannah Bedford was also granted a scholarship but unfortunately she was unable to take up her scholarship due to an injury. We are very fortunate to have the David Grey bequest and be able to provide scholarships to our young players.

The Board has worked hard during the winter months to prepare for next season and I feel confident that we can look forward to next season with keen anticipation.

CHAIRMANS REPORT SALLY MORRISON



THE 2007/2008 SEASON

Last season someone made the mistake of suggesting to me that cricket is just another game and what's more that cricket clubs are dying as part of societies move to fewer team based activities and more individual pursuits.

I fundamentally disagree and I believe this year for Collegians has been a wonderful example of a group of people who enjoy their sport, their teams and most importantly their Club.

At the conclusion of the season we held an official prize giving, catered, scripted, Brian Waddle MC, guest speaker Mike Copeland. Our theme was to thank Dilip Deva Club man for his many years of service for the Club. At the prize giving, held at the Basin Reserve Norwood room, over 120 people attended (despite only anticipating 100 attendees). It was an outstanding night that for me illustrated that community sport is still very much alive and that Wellington Collegians Cricket Club has a heart that is beating strongly.

This year was a year of consolidation and also of growth and new opportunities.

It is important to acknowledge that we were particularly blessed with a stunning summer; this in part would have contributed to a dramatic increase in bar takings over the season. This and the 'drink the bar dry' night (reaching desired dryness), the Christmas party, the New Years Cocktail party (!), past players day the end of year function and pretty much every Saturday night! The new couches were a valuable addition and our new association with Lion saw the welcome return of the Jug and the introduction of the Pint Club.

This year we worked with Cricket Wellington to run the National Bank Marquee at the Basin Reserve English Test day four. This was a magnificent day for the Club as we took pride of place for a day at the Test.



This season we also procured a senior coach and at the end of November worked hard to engage a professional player from India who joined us in 2008 and became the senior men's top run scorer despite only playing half the season.

On the park we had a successful season. We turned around the senior men's team early season form (last in the one day competition) to an enduring fifth in March. This season was an important platform to continue the climb to retain our rightful place in Pearce Cup.

The senior women grew again this year developing several youth players along the way. Memorable moments included a win over Taita and a second placing in the twenty twenty competition. Several age group Wellington players and three Domestic level players were also a highlight for the club as well as a new New Zealand representative- Kerry Anne Tomlinson New Zealand development.

The senior seconds were faultless in their pursuit of their grade title and we now have a reserve team in the valuable grade of senior second, well done gentlemen you were ruthless.

The 2A Spartans have been a great addition to the Club joining us from Brooklyn performing consistently on the park and outstandingly off it. Great work Byron and Matt for taking out the Cricket Wellington awards with your 324 run partnership.

The Legends achieved indeed what they were born to achieve by winning 2B. This team is an example to all sides with several players performing well but the team always coming through with gritty performances and stunning repartee. Congratulations Legends and welcome to 2A.

The FalconHawke are by far the most sophisticated side in the Club filled with educated young men fluid in both English and Hawke. The FalconHawke take cricket and defining oneself to a new level.

Our two one day sides the ThunderGods and Axemen fought the good fight each weekend for the Club and despite struggling with playing numbers mid way through the season both sides finished strongly. The highlight of the season being some strong batting displays from Regan Heal and Jason Aitofi and a phenomenal run from Nick Tyler when he bludgeoned 224* off only 32 overs to rip apart a defenseless Brooklyn side; The next week he scored 148* proving his class.

When it came to Domination however nothing could equal the power of the Div 1 Super 8s Dominators who would have cut a swath of destruction through the grade had they not been off called upon to reserve for the senior women's side.

The Div 2 Lower Order Super 8s side was the most consistent performer in the Club consistently looking good each time they took the park. It is great to have three women's sides in the Club and the Div 2s always punch above their weight both on and off the park- great representation girls.

THE BOARD

I would firstly like to acknowledge the work of my predecessor Glen Neal, because of family commitments Glen withdrew from the role of Chairman at last years AGM. Glen worked hard for the Club and I know he was very sad to step down. Glen and last seasons Board set a firm platform upon which the current Board has been able to build.

It is now that I would like to point out the importance of the Board and its members. The survival of this Club hinges on the volunteer contribution of this group of people and of course from the Junior Committee.

Each one of these people, in different ways and in differing degrees gives their own time, expertise and effort to run the Club and it is in this report that I would like to acknowledge them:

Alan Orpin (Treasurer)

Project is tireless. He works, often late into the night, on all that is associated with this Club but namely on our finances. He works on our grant applications every single one of which are essential to our operations. He compiles our financial reports and exercises his considerable intellect in several other areas too.

Project you are phenomenal and I have a huge amount of respect for what you do, your work makes a big difference to this club and its members

Don McIlvride (Club Manager)

Don joined us three months ago and has been incredible ever since. He spends much of his days chasing up contacts, working on the website with his wife and family, seeking out opportunities, concentrating on our Clubs responsibilities and potential sponsorship options. Don has filled the Club Manager role which is in theory a paid role however this role is meant as a summer fixture and will not be a paid position until October. This has not stopped Don contributing significantly above and beyond what one would reasonably expect from any individual. Thank you Don as this Club grows and develops further you can feel heavily responsible for making this happen

Dilip Deva (Club Captain)

Dilip is as always a Club man. This season he has needed to adapt to a new Chairmans leadership style and I would like to acknowledge his help and support. Dilip is an important part of what we want to achieve within the Club and the Clubrooms. Thank you Dilip; 12 years on the Board!

David Boldt

David is one of two Barristers on our Board and a valuable member of the team as well as an important member of our Grants Committee, Web Committee and Brand team. Thank you Treacle for your time, significant contribution and unwavering belief.

Philippa Bedford

Phil loves this Club, when I asked the group present at the Strategy refresh to articulate how they felt about WCCC Phil, without hesitating, said the Club felt like home to her.

Well that's probably because she cooks for us all, supports us all and then ends up washing all our dishes! Thank you Phil and thanks for feeding everyone!

Nathan Pilalis

Pilsy is an important member of the Board as he represents the Senior men's side and a younger generation in the Club. Pilsy was also our Club Manager over summer and helped make things like the Marquee and past players day happen. Great contribution Pilsy.

Garrick Sutherland

Garrick won the ultimate Club prize this year:

“Martin Luckie Trophy for Best Club Member: this player has given as much as a player can give he has captained his side, he has taken more than forty wickets in the season- he has coached at Wellington College and for Cricket Wellington using

these links to recruit for the club. He is a committed member of the Committee attending the meetings every fortnight; he was instrumental in the appointment of a senior coach. He has promoted a culture in the senior men's side which means the team is always well represented: thank you Garrick for your work for Collegians."

Thank you Garrick your work was very much appreciated and we have missed you since your departure.

James Franklin

The Black Caps were without one of their best bowlers this last season because James was recovering from knee surgery. The Black Caps loss was our gain. James wants to see the Club return to the glory days when he was a youngster and used to come down and spend time with the senior men's side aspiring to be one of them. Instead of taking a well earned break over summer he joined the Board, worked hard for the Club and spent many nights and Saturdays working with the senior men's side. Thank you James you are truly a role model for others and your contribution is very much appreciated.

Andy Fulbrook

Andy you are a wonderful example of someone putting his hand up to ensure a strong junior club remains strong; you and your committee provide an essential community service. Thank you for meeting with me monthly and for your continued input to the senior club.

Amanda MacLeod

Mandz resigned from her role of Secretary to the Board after 18 months service. Thank you Mandz for your time in the role and for all you're the hard work working with Project and Treacle on our ongoing grant applications! And thank you **Duncan** for putting your hand up to take on the role of Secretary its great to have you onboard.

Alasdair McBeth (President)

Alasdair has been a member of WCCC since 1974; he has been a Board member for over 15 years and was Chairman for six. This is phenomenal, he is a partner in a global law firm yet he is always available for advice and contributions, he continues to be proactive and he is unwavering in his belief in his Club, in our Club. I am in awe of this man and find it an honour to work with him and to share our goals. I have learnt a great deal from Alasdair already. Thank you Alasdair.

Other notable figures:

Mark Coles.

Mark you often go above and beyond your role as senior coach. You rarely miss a Board meeting and we have undoubtedly benefited from your experience in the cricket world namely from your contributions at our strategy meetings.

I do not think that people necessarily understand the level of your contribution and I want to thank you for becoming a Collegians man we are much the better for it.

Peter Clinton.

Peter is the new Operating Manager for Cricket Wellington, I have enjoyed his candid approach and availability. Peter thank you for your support of the Club and the Club environment.

Regan Heal.

Regan, ThunderGod, also works for Cato Partners Marketing company and has been working with the Brand Committee sharing his expertise as we aspire towards further

income opportunities. Regan has been a great contributor, thank you for giving your time.

Matt Roach

Thank you for your help and guidance

John Morrison

Well Dad you have been a big part in getting me here and I want to thank you very much for your expert advice and support. Welcome back into the fold of your original Wellington Club

Captains

This Club would not survive without you, thank you for bringing your teams together each week and thank you for leading them on the park your contribution is invaluable.

Club Members

I say it in my regular emails; **you are all the blood that runs through this Clubs heart**. Thanks for making the Club what it is today and also what it will be. Thank you to our past members for making sure we have what we have.

THE FUTURE

The Board has been tireless this winter executing the three year Strategic Plan 'Strategy to Action'.

Preseason training commenced in July with fervour and we are planning a preseason tour the the Hawkesbay (to play Cornwall and Taradale Clubs) with the three top Club sides in late September.

The website will be launched shortly there is a clothing range planned and our first major grant application has been submitted. We have done all the planning required to run a 16 player youth Academy for boys and girls however will only be able to run this if our grant is successful (\$1990).

All this and more can only be achieved through hard work from the Board, dedicated, happy members and community grant applications. If you would like to contribute in anyway to making sure this Club continues to grow and develop please contact Don McIvride on 021 437 494 or at collegians@gmail.com.

"After the cheers have died down and the stadium is empty, after the headlines have been written and after you are back in the quiet of your room and the championship ring has been placed on the dresser and all the pomp and fanfare has faded, the enduring things that are left are: the dedication to excellence, the dedication to victory, and the dedication to doing with our lives the very best we can to make the world a better place in which to live."

-Vincent Thomas Lombardi

Go Collegians

**SALLY MORRISON
CLUB CHAIRMAN**

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT DILIP DEVA



This season the club entered 7 Men's and 3 women's teams. In the men's grades the club entered a Senior (Hazlett Trophy), Which is the second tier senior grade the competition. It also entered senior Three (Reserve Grade), 2A, 2B, 2D, and two sides in the one day 1A grade.

In the Women's grades the club entered One Senior Women's and two Super eight teams.

Once again the season's main objective was to win the Hazlett Trophy and get into the Pearce Cup competition. Team was lead by Garrick Sutherland, It was a young side with several college leavers. They played well in the Two Day competition and the senior men's placed 5th.

Club had a service of overseas player from post Christmas Deepak Joon member of the Haryana Ranji Trophy team which is the first class cricket played in India; He is now return back home.

My congratulation to the Senior Three for winning the grade, Lead by Alastair Thomas who lead by example with some 600 runs. It was important to be promoted back into the Senior Two; this will encourage more college leavers to join the club. Also congratulation to 2B (Legend's) who also won their grade they will be promoted to the next level 2A. This mean club will field two sides in the 2A grade in the upcoming season.

There were other good performances including Senior Women's 2nd in the Twenty/20 competition, 2D (Falconhawke), and the 1AA (Thundergods) both team placed 4th.

Club Development Officer: This coaching programme was set up four years ago by Cricket Wellington to provide coaching at junior club and college level. This programme allow both Junior and college members not only to develop as teams skills, But also individual one on one drill work. It is opportunity for the coaches also to develop their coaching skills.

REPRESENTIVE HONOURS TO:

- New Zealand ODI and Test Team- James Franklin
- New Zealand Development: Kerri- Anne Thomlinson.
- State Wellington Firebirds- James Franklin
- State Wellington Blaze: Elizabeth Scurr, Hannah Bedford.
- State Northern District Spirit : Kerri- Anne Thomlinson.

- Wellington Development: Hannah Bedford, Alex Evans
- Wellington Under 16: Hannah Austin-Smellie, Antonia Ward, Penny Roy, Whetu Charteris, Catherine McIlvride.
- Wellington Under 18: Verity Blakemore, Kate Clayton, Rachel Chin

A special thanks to Alasdair McBeth (President), Sally Morrison (chairman), and the management Board. Also to the junior club convenor Andy Fulbrook. Thanks to all the team captains for doing a wonderful job, Also to the selectors- Garrick Sutherland (Senior captain) Alastair Thomas, who performed their duties admirably together with myself.

And special thanks to Mark Coles Senior Men's coach.

Once again club has lost two of our long service members, Senior captain Garrick Sutherland to Scotland on an O.E, and Alastair Thomas Reserve grade captain to France.

I thought the club had a successful season, and I look forward to the upcoming season.

JUNIOR CLUB REPORT

JUNIOR CLUB CHAIRMAN ANDY FULBROOK



SUMMARY

As a Junior Club our mission is to provide a positive and nurturing cricketing environment for all our Primary School players from Nursery grade right through to Premier level. To that end we actively seek to provide an unrivalled level of service and support for players and parents to ensure that their experience of cricket and Collegians is a rewarding one.

The season was again characterised by an active Committee, excellent organisation, a sound financial position, a high level of coaching support, and strong player and parent engagement.

Player numbers were on a par with previous years, and with 33 teams and around 370 players across the age groups Collegians retained its status as one of the largest junior cricket clubs in Wellington.

JUNIOR COMMITTEE

The Junior Club is lucky to have a very active and dedicated Committee, and I would like to thank all of them for the contributions they made during the season

At the end of 2007 we said farewell to Graeme Sugden and Barry Davey. Both had been longstanding Committee members. Graeme in particular has been a great servant to the junior club having coached the Premier team and overseen the selection process for the colts and Premiers over the past three seasons. Both will be missed.

We are also very fortunate that Emma Lawler will continue on into her fourth season in the critical role of Junior Club Administrator, a role she performs very capably and enthusiastically.

As children and their parents move on it remains important we have fresh blood joining the committee so there is an open invitation to join. We currently need a hardball coordinator.

The 2007/08 Committee was made up of the following individuals:

Convenor	Andy Fulbrook
Administrator	Emma Lawler
Treasurer	Lynne Bremner
Senior Club Chairman	Sally Morrison
Gear and Coaching Manager	Dilip Deva
Coaching Manager	Tony Dawbin

Hard Ball Coordinator	Graeme Sugden	- pre Xmas
U12 Coordinator	Susan Laurenson	
U11 Coordinator	John Clarke	
U10 Coordinator	Doug Martin	
U9 Coordinator	Jon Munt	
U8 Coordinator	Nigel Charman	
U7 (Milo Kiwi) Coordinator	John Carnigie	
Nursery (Milo Have a Go) Coordinator	Dilip Deva	
Website Coordinator	Charles Thompson	
First Aid Coordinator	Lynne Bremner	

TOURNAMENTS

The Club sent six teams to the Hawkes Bay tournament, one at U10, three at U11, and one at both U12 and U13, with the objective of providing as many players as possible with the opportunity to experience tournament play.

The U12 and U13 sides were effectively the Colts and Premiers, and played in the tournament's A stream. All teams were a credit to Collegians in terms of behaviour, sportsmanship, and performance.

Thank you to all the parents involved in the coaching and management of the **teams**.

COACHING

As always, we rely on parent coaches and managers to provide coaching and administration at the team level. We are indebted to them for their sustained commitment and enthusiasm.

As part of a program of engagement with parent coaches, a Coaches Briefing Session was held pre-season, we invited Anthony Stuart (the Firebird coach) and he gave a most interesting insight into cricket from his perspective.

We were indebted to Dilip, who not only took the Nursery programme on Saturday mornings but was seen every day of the week helping out parents and players at Anderson Park

We again ran the pre season Spring Training programme at the Cricket Academy, which was open to all hard ball players in the Club. This proved to be a great success with around 100 players involved. The program ran on Saturdays & Sundays over a 6 week period during September and October 2007. Plans are already being to run the sessions again in September/October this year, hopefully making more use of the senior club coaching resources.

PLAYER RECOGNITION

Prior to Christmas we farewelled our Year 8 players at the Year 8 Leavers function held at Anderson Park. The Graeme Hopping Cup, awarded to a Year 8 player who has displayed special qualities such as leadership and sportsmanship during the season, went to Charming Patel.

The season prize-giving functions were all held at the clubrooms on the same day, Sunday April 6th. The formal prize giving consisted of each player being presented with a certificate as a member of his or her team. Players of the season for each team were

presented with trophies provided by Wholly Bagels. This is the third season Wholly Bagels have provided these trophies as well as player of the day certificates.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Finally, thank you to the Senior Club Chairman, Sally Morrison, and other Board members who happily provide support and encouragement for the activities of the Junior Club.

Andy Fulbrook, Junior Convenor 7 August 2008

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CHAMPIONSHIP PLACING:

Senior Men's	5 th
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WELLINGTON COLLEGIANS SENIOR CLUB TEAM REPORTS

WELLINGTON COLLEGIANS SENIOR MEN

GARRICK SUTHERLAND

2007-08 was one of movement forward for the club. There were times of frustration and although we did not gain promotion once again, the seniors played at times very good cricket. As in previous seasons our batting let us down in the One-Dayers but made dramatic improvements to be unbeaten in the Two-Day competition. Where everyone made contributions. Our form improvement meant we shot up the table from an embarrassing last to be pushing for a place in the 3 day final. Unfortunately weather and what came down to basically 3 runs. A dramatic come from behind tie with Tatia and falling 2 runs short of beating North City and having to walk away with a disappointing draw. Finishing in fifth place does not represent how close the top of the table was. We humiliated second place Johnsonville and over the hill rivals University.

One-Dayers

Collegians continued its hot run of form in the One-Dayers only winning one game. The game against Easts at least went to plan. Batting first thanks to Vijay Chhagan's first 50 for the Seniors and some lusty hitting into a gusty southerly from Rakesh Champaneri we put up a competitive 200. Three wickets from Clinton Butler and myself with contributions from Tim Geeves, Nathan Brown, and Rakesh Champaneri saw us bowl them out comfortably. Unfortunately the rest of the One-day campaign was hugely disappointing and frustrating.

Two-Dayers

The second part of the season kicked off with a maiden 100 for vice-captain Damien Grant against North City. Followed up by some very good bowling from us in-particular Julian Brown taking 4 wickets. Bowling them out for 96. What turned out to be an on going pattern we were hot one week then not the next. With North's following on from the previous week and new coach Mark Coles in charge we were hoping of a big innings win. What happened was one of those frustrating days more wickets to JB, 10 for the match but we dropped to many chances. We did our best at bowling them out twice. Perhaps some of the lads were thinking about David Beckham and not the 20 odd points on offer. Three run's needed off the last ball of the day the skipper could only find a single.



Still lagging behind everyone else it was perhaps their trashing of us in the One-Dayer still fresh in their minds. University won the toss and chose to bat first at Karori. A decision we made them regret quickly, bowling them out just after lunch for 103. The captain getting a nice little bag of 5. The game proved to be a low scoring affair with

Mitch Lees being the difference with 41, Collegians 133 all out. This left us a few overs at them, University 2 down and in trouble at the end of the day. We were determined not to repeat our performance against North's. A sharp run out from Nathan Pilalis started our rout I picked up another wicket to go with the two from the end of day one. University had no answers to Julian's medium pacers ripping through the middle order and taking 5 wickets, Uni 61 all out. Just 37 needed and all day to get it our openers Rod Setford and Mathanraj Thevakulasingham finished it off with maximum points and we were at the sponsors early. So off the bottom and Christmas to look ward to.

After the break the first day against Tatia proved to be a week we were not. Tatia 155, Sutherland 4 and Geeves 3 wickets. Collegians had the arrival of Deepak Joon to strengthen the top order Deepak 46 Collegians 89. On the second day Tatia declared at 208 for 7 setting us 275 to win. It was a good thing this week we were hot. Deepak not content with his score in the first innings, he was runs hungry and smashed 109. Together with Nathan 45 and fresh from college Reece Cargill 59 got us oh so close. Once again it was left to me needing 3 runs off the last ball but Geeves and I could only scamper through to bring the scores level.

With our passports in hand it was off over the hill to promoted and bottom of the table Wainuiomata. In years gone by Wainui had been a bit of a bogey team for Collegians. They had beaten us on the first day if the season in the One-Dayer. We were determined to avenge that. Batting first we lost regular wickets and once again were in trouble. Step up Kieran McMaster with a very mature 61 not out. Guys were getting starts but were not content to bat with Kieran at the other end. With only two wickets in hand and in danger of posing another mediocre score Julian does what he does best and not listen to the skip and take it on himself to blast a much needed 32 and share in a 9th wicket stand of over 50 with Kieran. Enter Clinton Butler after having his U17 team bowled out for 24 during the week. Butts set about showing everyone how it's done. His 25 and 10th wicket partnership also over 50 with McMaster saw us to 220. Julian continued his very good day with some more superb bowling claiming 3 wickets. Everyone chipped in with a couple wickets each bowling Wainui out for 147. After a long debate of the rules with the umpires about overs allowed in a days play, It was decided not naming names but we all know who and my best ability at time wasting that play was to be extended by only 5 overs which was enough time for us to lose a wicket and force my hand and play as a night watchman. Opening up the following week the skipper and VC worked our way to 49 with out loss till Damo departed. I wasn't to far behind and we lost steady wickets again to finish the innings off at 141 giving us 214 to defend. Julian and I knocked off the top order 2 and 3 wickets receptively. Geeves as always bowled very well taking 3 wickets. Clinton and Deepak strangled them at one end eventually wining by 107 runs.

With three games to play we were flying up the table and in with a chance of making the final. The Easts and Hutt Districts games ended in draws. We hadn't played our best cricket and were on the back foot in both. A wet wicket and Rain prevented us from any play on the second day against East's. The rain came at the right time and saved us from what was looking like an innings defeat versus eventual competition winners Hutt.

The last two weeks saw us away at second placed Johnsonville. I think at this point we had a very slim mathematical chance of making that final. I decided we should play to our strength and have a bowl first. Things went to plan from ball one. Continuing my run of dismissing a J'ville opening batsmen in the first over I had their opener clean bowled for a royal golden. Not to be out done, my opening partner Julian did the same with his very first ball of the match. Johnsonville all out 103 and JB with another 6 wicket bag. After being very well placed at 80 odd of 2 thanks to our pro Deepak and the return of Nish Goyat. The umpires (guess who.... again!) continued their poor run of decision-making. Collegians all out for 120. A slender lead of 17. By the end of the

day scores were level and the skipper had his first ever citing. What was really said to the ump will go to me to the UK, but I was frustrated by yet another wrong decision by this umpire. I should never had said anything to him and without going into the details wish to apologise again for my out burst. Moving right along. What was to be the last day of the season for us we decided to leave nothing on the field. Julian started things off with a bang taking the first three wickets. But a little partnership developed I changed ends managed to make a little break through. Reece Cargill at the other end bowled a beautiful line and length with a little nip away and tied them up in nots. Taking over from Reece I finished the innings off with 5 wickets. A superb effort in the field lead by our newly rebuilt Black Cap James Franklin put us in a position to ruin some villagers weekend and finish out season on a very high and positive note. Jim walked out with occupation on his mind and with the loss of Damo was intent not to lose another quick wicket. Deepak had other ideas on his mind and with his parents watching smashed their bowlers back over their heads. His 76 not out was a pleasure to watch and lead us home to a 9 wicket win.

On behalf of the team I would like to say thanks to the club. Your belief in times of defeat helped us on to great time of success.

Individual Highlights

Christopher Berry

The biggest of team men critical score against University help us through to a first innings lead against the old foes.

Julian Brown

Our Senior player of the year. Took on a more of a senior role and is the best bowler in Hazlet trophy in my opinion. Proved that a number of times ripping through the top orders of most teams. Took his highest number of wickets 40 in a season this year. My hope is more honours board performances next year.

Nathan Brown

A talented and smart cricketer wish I could have given him more opportunities in the seniors bowled a very good spell against the One-Day win over Easts.

Clinton Butler

Buts slipped into the third seamer role like an old pro. At times his line and length were so good batsmen had trouble scoring any runs at all. Bowled very well particularly against Wainuiomata.

Reece Cargill

Played only half a season but impressed from the start with 59 in the oh so close draw against Taita. His batting and bowling will be a great asset to the team next year. Sharp fielder someone to keep an eye on for the future.

Rakesh Champaneri

Rak bowls with good wheels. Bowled well in the One-Dayers another player for the future and not to bad with the bat in hand smashing an old pro from Easts back over his head twice.

Vijay Chhagan

Improved his game worked hard behind the stumps and took some amazing catches. Scored a well paced 67 against Easts. Also contributed in the Two-Dayers. His a fantastic straight drive.

James Franklin

Was fantastic for lads and myself Jim could play some weekends with us. Saw us through on the last weekend of the season versus Johnsonville.

Tim Geeves

Class left arm spin. Never bowled badly took some big wickets at critical times. A superb fieldsmen in the gully.

Nishant Goyat

To everyone's delight returned to cricket for our last game against J'ville. Looked good in the middle also took a fantastic catch shows he's all class.

Damien Grant

Scored a classy hundred on the first day of the Two-Dayers. Damo is a cricketer who takes it upon himself to do what the team needs. He would never ask anyone to do anything he wouldn't do himself. This was shown by him putting up his hand each week to open the innings a very difficult job to do. I know he probably didn't get the results he wanted but role in the side as a senior player helped us achieve the results we did.

Deepak Joon

A pleasure to have him in our team, Dee is an intelligent a gifted cricketer. Scored a magnificent hundred against Tatia in the first game he played nearly grabbing us victory. I didn't get to bowl him as much I/ he wanted as the club is gifted with talented spinners. I just hope Deepak learnt as much from his first experience away from home as we did from him.

Mitch Lees

One of the hardest working players at the club in my opinion. I know he didn't get the results he was looking for but scored a very important 42 in our 10 wicket win against University. An outstanding fieldsmen always wanting to contribute to the cause.

Iain Mclsaac

The experience that Bones brings to any team is huge. Started season well pulling hamstring in warm ups in the first game. His line and length when he bowls is immaculate. Had Chris Nevin in trouble in our home One-dayer against Hutt District but if my memory serves me right probably broke down with an injury in the next over.

Kieran McMaster

One of the finds of the season for me. Had a nervous start against North's but showed great levels of concentration and skill scoring an unbeaten 67 when we were in trouble against Wainuiomata. Shame he had to go back down to University in Dunedin would have loved to of seen where his new level of confidence would have taken him.

Nathan Pilalis

The find of the season. After missing out for his debut for the seniors two years ago due to weather. Pills got a chance to impress this year. After some consistent scores for the seconds Pillsy continued his good run of form with the bat just missing out on a much deserved 50 in our close game against Tatia. Pills gives a hundred percent on and off the field also throwing himself into the new club Manager role.

Jermey Riddel

Once again limited chances. A quite but very talented batsman should be playing for seniors every week. I hope to see that soon.

James Ryan

Our big hitting super star. A very pleasant signing for the club. A fantastic sportsman and leader I hope he can return to the club next year.

Rod Setford

The rock at the top of the order. Batted very well with Damo against North's to set up our huge first innings lead. Always got in and made starts. But Probably didn't feel he got the scores he was looking for. A huge asset for the seniors and myself. Helped me on and off the field our senior pro. Thanks Rod

Garrick Sutherland

A huge learning experience for me but one I enjoyed. Took the opportunity to bowl myself plenty of overs and managed to take the most wickets I taken in a season ever with 42. Wish I could have contributed more with the bat but didn't enjoy much success versus the umpires.

Had great help from people like James Franklin, Mark Coles, Rod Setford, VC Damien Grant, Sally Morrison and Dilip Deva. It was a huge honor to lead my club out on the field each week thank you all for your support.

Senthil Selvaratnam

A top left arm spinner probably feels a little hard done by. Bowled very well in his limited chances.

Mathanraj Thevakulasingam

A very talented cricketer and an excellent fieldsman just needs to find and settle in his role in the seniors and I believe will go on and score bucket loads of runs very soon. Made sure we won by 10 wickets against University.

Mark Coles

Super Coach. Always the first to put money over the bar and celebrate our success. Your guidance and knowledge helped us achieve what we did in the second half I only wish you were there at being of the season.

Thanks Lads for a fantastic season. Although we may not have researched the heights and goals we set ourselves we all should feel proud of what we achieved. Big things ahead!

STATISTICS

Batting									
Player Name	Matches	Inns	NO*	HS	Runs	Ave	100s	50s	C/S
Deepak Joon	5	8	1	109	337	48.14	1	1	
Damien Grant	13	17		105	262	15.4	1		
Vijay Chhagan	12	15	2	65	204	15.69		1	
Rod Setford	11	13	1	46	199	16.6			
Nathan Pilalis	6	8		45	157	19.63			
Garrick Sutherland	13	16	4	19	104	8.67			
Reece Cargill	5	4		59	89	22.25		1	
Kieran McMaster	4	4		61*	87	21.75		1	
James Franklin	5	5	1	33	78	19.5			
Julian Brown	8	8	3	32	74	14.8			
Tim Geeves	11	12	2	21	56	5.6			

Mathanraj Thevakulasingam	7	10	1	19	55	6.1			
Mitch Lees	6	8		41	54	6.75			
Hayden Ray	5	5		18	42	8.4			
Nishant Goyat	1	1		33	33	33			
Christopher Berry	5	5		17	32	6.4			
Clinton Butler	9	9	4	25	30	6			
James Ryan	2	3		27	27	9			
Rakesh Champaneri	6	6	2	19	24	6			
Jermery Riddel	2	1		14	14	14			
Iain McIsaac	5	5	2	9	9	3			
Nathan Brown	3	3		7	8	2.7			
Senthil Selvaratnam	2	2		1	2	1			
Vijay Krishram	1	1		1	1	1			
Liam Carey	1								
Bowling									
Player Name	O	M	R	W	RPO	Ave	5+	Best	
Garrick Sutherland	222	49	620	44	2.7	14.09	2	17-3-39-5	
Julian Brown	185.4	44	565	40	3.1	14.12	4	18-8-31-6	
Tim Geeves	93.4	18	257	21	2.8	12.24		8-0-44-4	
Clinton Butler	99	20	359	16	3.6	22.43		9-1-32-3	
Senthil Selvaratnam	30	6	101	5	4.5	20.2		10-1-35-3	
Iain McIsaac	47.1	10	123	4	2.6	30.75		9-2-14-1	
Deepac Joon	28.3	6	123	4	4.4	30.75		3-3-2-5-2	
Rakesh Champaneri	51	5	217	3	4.3	72.3		10-3-41-1	
Damien Grant	13.4	2	75	2	5.5	37.5		6.4-2-32-2	
Christopher Berry	4	1	10	1	2.5	10		4-1-10-1	
Mitch Lees	17	1	65	0	3.8			10-1-31-0	
Nathan Brown	15	1	67	0	4.5			9-1-36-0	
Reece Cargill	18	3	69	1	3.8	69		8-1-20-1	
Mathanraj Thevakulasingam	3	0	19	0	6.3			3-0-19-0	
Nathan Pilalis	14	1	97	0	6.9			5-0-33-0	
James Ryan	5	1	26	0	5.2			5-1-26-0	

WELLINGTON COLLEGIANS SENIOR WOMEN

This was a development year for the senior women. With a formal relationship formed with Wellington Girls College two years ago it was time to bring the players through to senior women's status therefore the majority of the team was built around girls from the College.

It was a tough year in the 50 over competition but there were shining lights through performances of Antonia Ward, Penny Roy, Sophie Jackson and Kerry Anne Tomlinson. Sophie Jackson the longest serving Collegians member of the team showed her leadership with the ball to be the top wicket taker of the season. Lenoka Rupasinga's summer holiday spell back at the club assisted greatly she averaged just under 50 with the bat in her 5 games.

The twenty 20 competition allowed Collegians to show its ability coming second in the competition. With some aggressive run chases and effective strike bowling the team narrowly missed out on the title unfortunately

Congratulations to Kerry-Anne Tomlinson for her selection for New Zealand Development. Kerry joined us from State Northern Districts Spirit in February and proved to be a positive influence to the club. We look forward to her playing for Collegians and Wellington in the coming season.

Congratulations to Hannah Bedford and Elizabeth Scurr for their selection in State Wellington Blaze; Hannah Bedford and Alex Evans for their selection in Wellington Development; Verity Blakemore, Kate Clayton and Rachel Chin for their selection in the Wellington U18; and Hannah Austin-Smellie, Antonia Ward, Penny Roy, Wheturangi Charteris, and Catherine McIlvride for their selection in the Wellington U16.

With the level of talent within the team the future looks bright for women's cricket at Wellington Collegians. The partnership between Wellington Girls College was successful and, remaining strong, will continue well into the future.

Batting

	TOTAL	Not outs	Innings	Average
Alex	102	4	11	14.57
Antonia	157	1	9	19.63
Beetle	254	1	10	28.22
Bel	4	0	1	4.00
Catherine	39	3	11	4.88
Gina W	0	0	1	0.00
Hannah B	55	1	4	18.33
Hannah S	4	0	1	4.00
Holly	14	0	1	14.00
Kate C	127	1	9	15.88
Kate V	21	1	4	7.00
Kayla	67	0	11	6.09
Kerry	61	0	3	20.33
Lenoka	149	2	5	49.67
Mel	10	0	3	3.33
Penny	33	2	8	5.50
Phil	3	0	3	1.00
Pip	6	1	2	6.00
Rachel C	116	2	14	9.67

Rachel G	4	0	1	4.00
Soph	139	0	10	13.90
Tania	2	0	2	1.00
Verity	14	2	3	14.00
Whetu	79	1	7	13.17

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Alex	55	2	282	8
Antonia	44	4	177	9
Beetle	26	3	92	6
Catherine	13	0	91	3
Hannah B	20	6	59	2
Kate C	22	0	120	6
Kayla	6	0	43	1
Kerry	21	2	82	8
Lenoka	20	1	144	6
Penny	55	8	256	7
Phil	2	0	26	0
Rachel C	3	0	16	3
Sally	10	3	26	2
Soph	57	9	231	12
Verity	11	0	59	2
Whetu	20	1	119	4

SENIOR RESERVES – SENIOR 2**ALASTAIR THOMAS**

2007/08 was an excellent season for the club's Senior Reserve team. After the disappointment of 2006/07 when we were relegated on the last day from Senior 2, we gained promotion at the first opportunity by convincingly winning the Senior 3 championship by over 35 points.

Our playing record was as follows – One-day games: played 7, won 6, lost 1; Two-day games: played 7, won 5, drew 1, lost 1. Anderson Park was a fortress – we played 8 weeks at Ando, winning every game.

The season began with four one-day games. We started well with a strong win against Taita on the back of a Jeremy Riddell 82*, and some excellent bowling, particularly from Rakesh Champaneri. The game was also notable for the return from retirement of Brent “Jerry” Maguire (though I’m not sure if you can call it a retirement if they never missed a game. More like an excuse not to turn up to training...). The following match saw the disruption of Jamie Tong's retirement as well. Unfortunately his 5-fer was not enough to prevent us from losing narrowly to a good Johnsonville side.

Wins against Petone-Riverside and Easts followed (Senthil Selvaratnam taking 4-9 in the Easts game), before we gained revenge on Johnsonville in the first two-day game of the season. Our five-wicket win was thanks largely to a 10-wicket bag from Clinton Butler, and more runs from Jeremy Riddell. This put us top of the table (a position we would not relinquish), and it was strengthened by another two-day win, this time against Easts, thanks to a Dougal McLachlan 12-wicket haul.

The next game saw our only other loss as we went down to Taita after a first innings collapse – all out for 82. Despite a deficit of 140 odd runs, we fought back hard on day two: Nathan Brown and I put on over 100 for the first wicket, and we could easily have played out for a draw. The search for quick runs and a target to bowl at, however, had us all out and Taita needing 126 to win. They were in trouble thanks to some excellent bowling from Iain Mclsaac, but we still needed three wickets when the winning runs came. The captain will shoulder the blame for this loss – perhaps discretion would have been the better part of valour on this occasion.

This made the next game at home to Petone-Riverside a crunch match, and it turned out to be the game of the season!! Another 5-fer from Dougal McLachlan saw Petone labour to 250 in 70 overs. Scoring at a good clip we had knocked off a large chunk by stumps and declared behind early on the second day to try and push a result. Petone came out blazing, with even Dale Steyn being displaced to Bowen Street. But a Hamish Maude 5-fer and four more to the Afrikaner put us back on top, leaving us needing 200 to win in 30 overs. Runs from Devon Maher, Dane Gunnell, and my second 50 of the match kept us up with the run-rate all the way, and with five overs to go it looked like we had it won. Dougal, at number 11, was out of his whites, had packed his bag and was heading off to see Dilip at the bar when four wickets fell quicker than a crocodile strikes in the zambezi. Suddenly he was heading out to bat with four runs still needed, eight balls remaining, and a “I can’t believe this is happening” look on his face. But we had faith in our number 11. He just had to survive two balls and then CJ Berry, always the man for a crisis, would do the business at the other end. Dougal did his job, but then it turned out that CJ had plenty of faith in Dougal too, as he took a single off the first ball of the last over to put Dale Steyn back on strike. Fortunately he managed to scramble a single himself, before CJ nonchalantly flicked the ball in front of square leg for the winning runs. Magic.

It was back to one-day mode after this and three comfortable wins followed against University, Hutt District, and Stokes Valley, before a two-day draw with University. Johnsonville had pushed us hard all season and they managed an outright win when we drew with Uni. This left them just one point behind us with two two-day matches remaining. However, the team stepped up another gear and responded to this pressure by recording our two most convincing wins of the season to run away with the title.

The first of these was an innings victory against Hutt District (who, in the end, just edged Johnsonville for second place). Expecting the ball to seam, I put the opposition in. The ball did not seam. And the openers had put on 60-odd before young Iain McIsaac produced two outstanding deliveries to get rid of them both. Nathan Brown then produced 22 overs of virtually unplayable left-arm orthodox spin, taking 5-45 and Hutt were all out for 156. In reply we were in trouble early, but CJ Berry and Jamie Tong set the ship right, to leave us with a small lead overnight. We took charge on the second day with Senthil Selvaratnam and Rakesh Champaneri adding 100 together from the lower-middle order to push us out to 298/9dec. We then bowled superbly, battling the rain clouds, and managing to roll Hutt for 106. Smart money was on the draw, but Senty knocked the last man over as the rain came down.

The last game, fittingly at home, was against Stokes Valley. Iain McIsaac bowled another penetrating spell, but unfortunately it only lasted 4 balls until his injury plagued season was ended by a hamstring strain (or was it the calf this time? or the back? or the...). Rakesh bowled superbly, taking 4-fer, but Stokes Valley still managed 250 in 60 overs on a good batting track. At stumps we had rattled on 170 for 3 in 37 overs, and then Devon and I put the foot down on the second morning, with us all out eventually for a mammoth 401. A demoralised Stokes Valley were then removed for 150-odd, with Hamish Maude ripping through the middle order. The biggest celebration of the day though was when Dougal McLachlan took his 50th wicket of the season. We needed to knock off 16 runs for the win, and did this without loss to secure the Championship. Thanks to Dilip, the official 12th man for the day, who provided the beer out on the wicket after the game.

That was the season, and it remains but to highlight a few key performers with bat and ball. My thanks to all the lads for putting up with me this season. You were a pleasure to captain. And thanks also to Dilip and Gak for their help throughout the year. Unfortunately, I will not be around for the 2008/09 season as work has taken me to Paris. But fear not, conditions here are good and the track is firm. All the best for 08/09!!

Batting highlights

Jeremy Riddell, always talking and always elegant at the crease, had an excellent season with the bat. In particular his batting pre-Christmas was a delight to watch – and it wasn't until his 6th innings that he scored less than 30. His match-winning 85 in the one-dayer against University was perhaps the innings of the season.

Devon Maher also performed well with the bat. Dev was in destructive form at the crease, and you'd struggle to find an innings where he didn't score at a run-a-ball. 50 on club debut against Johnsonville, and sending four balls down Bowen Street during his 79 against Stokes Valley were highlights. (p.s. thanks for sneaking me that overthrow, Dev!!).

Brent Maguire, Mathan Thevakulasingam and CJ Berry were steady performers, while cameo efforts from Nathan Pilalis, Dane Gunnell and Jamie Tong were gratefully received. James Ryan only played three games for the Reserves, but made a huge

impact in that time. A bludgeoned 100 on club debut was followed by 65 in the next game. Pity he couldn't catch a cold in the gully!!

The skipper chipped in with a few runs at the top of the order, including 140 vs Stokes Valley, and 96 vs Taita. In an interesting tactical decision he decided not to score any runs in February.

Bowling highlights

The bowling attack was led by Dougal McLachlan who took an amazing 52 wickets for the season. This included four five-wicket hauls, three of these being 6-fers. Dougal showed superb stamina to send down more than 200 overs this season – each at good pace, with consistent outswing and a lethal off-cutter. He had a special liking for Anderson Park where he captured 31 of his wickets – although he did become acquainted with Bowen Street himself on a couple of occasions!!! Dougal should play plenty of Senior cricket next year.

Dougal was helped in the seam department by Rakesh “Sharma” Champaneri, Hamish “Streaky” Maude and Darren “Wairarapa” Hoshek, who all had quality seasons. In particular, Rakesh bowled a number of fast fiery spells and would have ended up with an even more impressive record with just a bit of luck, some better catching, and if the skipper had employed a 3rd-man more often. His batting progressed well during the season too. Clinton Butler, Iain McIsaac, and Jamie Tong all produced top bowling performances in their limited appearances for the Reserves.

Complementing the seamers, we had two top draw spinners in Senthil Selvaratnam and Nathan Brown. Senty – quiet, calm and composed – had a stellar season with the ball taking 25 wickets at just 10 a piece. The perfect man to shut down a team's scoring, or to clean up the tail. Nathan wasn't quite at his best early on in the season, but post-Christmas he excelled – grabbing 19 wickets at just 12. Nath was particularly lethal on a turning wicket. Both performed well with the bat, and Senty's late season partnerships with Ishant Sharma were some of the highlights of the season.

BATTING

	Matches	Innings	Not outs	High score	Aggregate	Average	100s	50s
J Ryan	3	3	1	104	191	95.50	1	1
N Pilalis	4	4	1	60	124	41.33	0	1
D Gunnell	3	4	1	52	120	40.00	0	1
A Thomas	13	16	0	140	630	39.38	1	4
J Riddell	10	12	2	85	367	36.70	0	3
J Tong	3	2	0	69	69	34.50	0	1
B Maguire	8	8	0	71	197	24.63	0	1
M Thevakulasingam	5	7	1	47	146	24.33	0	0
D Maher	9	14	0	79	335	23.93	0	3
R Champaneri	9	9	0	65	194	21.56	0	1
C Berry	7	8	1	33	145	20.71	0	0
S Selvaratnam	10	9	0	80	181	20.11	0	1
H Maude	8	9	4	30	93	18.60	0	0
N Brown	11	16	1	67	241	16.07	0	1
M Lees	6	9	1	42	121	15.13	0	0
S Naik	7	8	1	28	94	13.43	0	0
K McMaster	3	6	0	32	69	11.50	0	0
L Cartmell	2	2	0	16	19	9.50	0	0
D Hoshek	9	8	1	32	60	8.57	0	0
D McLachlan	13	14	10	9*	32	8.00	0	0
H Ray	2	3	0	7	11	3.67	0	0

Also batted: D Coventry 28 runs; B Patel 19; V Krishnan 18; R Setford 13; I McIsaac 11; A Hill 11; J Crook 10; J Conway-Law 9; A Hannan 9; V Chhagan 8; S Wilson 3; J Brown 2; B Bower 1; C Butler 1; R Maisuria 0; M Jones 0.

BOWLING

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best	Economy	5/innings	10/match
M Thevakulasingam	6	1	17	3	5.67	2-16	2.83	0	0
C Butler	39.4	11	93	11	8.45	6-65	2.36	1	1
S Selvaratnam	106.4	25	263	25	10.52	4-9	2.47	0	0
J Tong	21	4	68	6	11.33	5-36	3.24	1	0
I McIsaac	23.4	9	54	4	13.50	2-11	2.31	0	0
D Maher	7.1	1	27	2	13.50	1-4	3.80	0	0
D Hoshek	55.1	10	196	14	14.00	3-27	3.56	0	0
D McLachlan	224.3	31	878	52	16.88	6-38	3.91	4	1
J Conway-Law	8	0	34	2	17.00	2-25	4.25	0	0
N Brown	124.5	19	412	24	17.17	5-45	3.31	1	0
R Champaneri	115.5	17	432	22	19.64	5-50	3.74	1	0
J Brown	10	1	20	1	20.00	1-20	2.00	0	0
H Maude	73	18	226	10	22.60	5-44	3.10	1	0
M Lees	22	3	75	2	37.50	1-24	3.41	0	0
N Pilalis	24	2	97	2	48.50	2-34	4.04	0	0
J Riddell	44	6	123	2	61.50	1-17	2.80	0	0

Also bowled: C Berry 0/0; K McMaster 0/2; Q Campbell 0/4; J Ryan 0/14; V Krishnan 0/24.

THE 2A SPARTANS

JONATHAN REES

It was an interesting season for the Spartans. New club and new players saw the team steadily finding its footing in the competition. The first half of the season showed a mixed bag of results while in the second half we became a very heavy bowler weighted side which by then the pitches we very batter friendly.

Overall we finished 6th a position only cemented in the last weekend which prior to, there was a 12 point battle separating 3rd and 6th.

The batting highlight of the season would be the partnership between Matthew McNatty (160*) and Byron Patel (140) vs. Easts. The two showed great team work and scored 457 at and avg 41.55 and 525 at an avg of 37.5 respectively.

Bowling highlight would have to be J Rees 8 Overs 7 for 20 vs. Karori. After Batting first an setting Karori a total of 205 of the 45 overs, they finally got their turn at the crease which didn't last long. All out for 56.

There were many other highlights, Jonathan Crook smashing a nearby window at Cobbham, Michael Devlin & Quentin Campbell scoring the winning runs at Kelburn Park vs. the Tamils and Hamish Maud' six wickets vs. Onlsow to name but a few.

The boys look forward to next season.

THE 2B LIVING LEGENDS

AL HILL

A successful season for Legends cricket this year. At last we managed to realise our potential and take the 2B grade. There was, however, no difference this year in the amount of effort put into our play, selflessness and team spirit being as high as it has always been. The difference was that the bad luck of previous years, usually weather related, was not as influential. However, the season was not one of for-ordained victory, there was ample requirement for guts and determination, aggression and persistence.

It is my opinion that there were three potential turning points that we overcame to win the grade:

Firstly we had to win our one-day game versus North City. At this time North City was second on the table. We had already won our previous two-day encounter against them, possibly due to help from Beckham removing their best bowler early when we were chasing a stiff total. With the one-day game we were seriously short of bowlers and only had 10 players on the morning of the game. A last minute call to Punter in town, and the subsequent 'pick-up' by Stretch (who was broken) enough to squeak us up to eleven. They had their strongest side and I couldn't see us taking the game. However, we weren't about to fold in the face of this adversity and when we won the toss a score on the board seemed the best option – let the weight of runs (assuming we got them) provide their own pressure.

As it happened we did well batting giving them a target of about 250 off the 45 overs. It was then up to the bowlers we had. Doc bowled with his usual fire and was very well supported by Matt from the other end. We had them three down and things were looking OK, until their Captain and their main all-rounder (the same guy who left to go to Beckham) started to manufacture a worrying partnership. We hadn't got the all-rounder out in either innings of the two-day match and they were easily keeping to the run rate required when the old warhorse: Bump (or Nudge as he's now known after loosing about 15kg) was handed the ball. A wayward shot to Treacle at square leg and their all-rounder was gone. This and vital overs from Project, putting down the gloves to pick up the ball, getting two wickets into the bargain, gave us a vital 6 point one-day victory. Since, after the dust settled at the end of season we won the grade by about 4.5 points from North City, these 6 points were truly vital.

The second turning point was against Johnsonville in a two-day game heavily affected by rain. On the first day we had batted for 280 odd runs, with a fine bludgeoning century from Floppy. We only managed a few overs at their batsmen before the rain put an end to proceedings.

The second Saturday had a forecast for more rain. Since they were 250 odd behind they were very likely to continue batting, probably until the rain came, ending the match in a draw. The table was tight at this time and two-day points, when other teams got only batting and bowling points, would make a great difference.

Cometh the man, cometh the hour: Bump. In his best "do ya wanna buy a house" voice pitched a proposition to the opposition captain, who happened to be a replacement for the absent and more prudent Captain from the week before. The proposition was simple: how about you declare, then we declare straight after, then you have 90 overs to get 250 runs at your leisure? Maybe because we had managed 280 for 3 and they hadn't lost a wicket, but they took us up on the offer. It wasn't even close: all out for 60!

So, twelve bonus points for a two-day win when no other team managed the same. These points gave us a vital buffer at the end of the season when North City were defaulted to and we were only able to get a draw.

The third turning point was versus Varsity Vengeance (there were two Varsity sides in our grade, this was the less fancied of the two) again in a two-day match. They batted first getting 91 all out, being put to the sword by a rampant Zippy, getting 6 for 12 including a hat-trick (going on to get 10 in the match). The opposition were heard to say: 'if they can do it so can we'. Or not. We batted like men possessed, Bump getting 62 and posting his half century in 16 balls and Stretch anchoring the innings for another fine 72. Ultimately we got 254 for 5 off thirty-three overs and sent them in again. They batted better but by the end of the day they had 3 wickets in hand and seventy runs to get. An innings victory seemed assured.

Except... the weather forecast was awful for the following Saturday (although perfect up until that – the wicket was a road) and North City (again – curse them) *had* managed to get the innings victory in one day. A rain affected draw would have us relinquishing the lead to Norths.

In the end there was enough time to play on the following Saturday, gaining an innings victory and keeping first place. This wasn't without some trepidation though: their last three batsmen managed to get 67 of the 70 runs required to make us bat again. Since the rain was starting to fall when we picked up the stumps things could have turned out entirely differently.

There were other important times in the season but these are the ones that stick out in my opinion. Maybe the dropped catch off the last ball against University Demons that would have netted another two-day victory; or the one-day loss to the same side when most of the side was hungover (well it was after the sevens); or maybe even Beckham being in Wellington and allowing us to beat Norths in the two-day game against them. You be the judge, but ultimately we won the grade and will have to take on all comers in 2A next year, including a local derby against the Collegians 2A side.

I also relinquish Captaincy duties to Alan Orpin, better known as Project. No doubt we can look forward to even greater glory with such a cerebral leader next season. Thanks to all the lads for the efforts and support.

THE 2D FALCONHAWKE

As Hawke is not a written language the long detailed team report can only be appreciated from the mouths of Hawke. Please contact any of the Collegians FalconHawke to hear of the grand season they had both on and off the park

THE 1AA THUNDERGODS

JASON ATTEWELL

2007/08 was a new beginning in many senses, and the end of an era in others. The newly named Thundergods started the season where we had left off in 2006/07 racing to top of the table by Christmas. Unfortunately, the Thundergods ranks were ravaged by injury, holidays and general unavailability post Christmas, which saw us lose three matches in a row. We were unable to recover from that stutter and ended up finishing the season a credible fourth, but disappointing in the context of our dominance last season. Player recruitment and retention was the main issue in the 2007/08 season and sometimes it was a battle to get eleven men on the park.

The batting department was really dominated by two players this season Jason "Mr Cricket" Aitofi, and Regan "Anagram for Anger" Heal. Jase played 15 matches this season, had 14 innings, 5 not outs, scored three 50's, his maiden century (108) and scored a total of 507 runs at the stunning average of 56.33. It was a great effort by Jase who started the season as our "finisher" batting anywhere from 5-7, and ending the season as an accomplished number three. I don't remember Jase mistiming a shot all season. Regan Heal played 11 matches, had 9 innings and also scored three 50s, and a 100. His 141 was a dominating display against hapless Brooklyn, and only ended when Reg decided he needed a rest a gave a catch away. Reg scored 434 runs in his 9 innings, at a fantastic average of 48.22. Jason "Jazskip" Attewell was the only other player to score more than 300 runs this season, 318 at an average of 24.46 and a best of 64. Honourable mention goes to Roger "The Dodger" Kinsella. Dodge only played four of games for us this season but still managed to be the 6th highest run scorer, due to his commanding 126 not out versus Easts Easy Tigers.

Reg "Anger" Heal was the quickest bowler in the grade by far, even off the short run. Reg took 17 wickets at astonishing average of 18.12, with a best haul of 4-14. Reg also bowled the most maidens in 2007/08 (7) plus bowled a maiden over with a long-awaited marriage proposal. Congrats mate. Jason Aitofi also took 17 wickets, at an average of 26.76, with a best of 3 for 7. Mixing it up this year Jase the left-arm spinner turned his hand to seam-ups for a couple of games and took wickets with that too. He is arguably the most talented cricketer since Sir Garfield Sobers. Honourable mention: Andrew "The Big Rig" Pavitt. Pav played just 8 games but wasn't far off the pace in the wicket department ending up with 15 at an average of 15.93 - an incredible return for the big-hearted big unit. Pav arrived most Saturday's looking under the weather from after work Friday drinks but never let that affect his effort. One day a non-hungover Pav took 5-24 while destroying Johnsonville for 98. This was the only 5 wicket haul of the season and great reward. C Mako senior was the only other player to take more than 10 wickets this season, Cyril taking 13 at an average of 23.69, with a best of 3-23.

Official awards:

Best Batting – Jason Aitofi for the 507 runs mentioned above.

Best Bowling – Regan Heal and Jason Aitofi both took 17 wickets this season.

Best and Fairest – Nothing to do with 'Best' or 'Fairest' but nominated for the arduous chore of trying to get eleven on the park each week. Jason Attewell.

Unofficial awards:

Best fielding – Aaron “Azza” Trevean 11 catches, 1 stumping, 1 run-out. Runner-up: Andy “Gimpmask” 10 catches, 1 stumping.

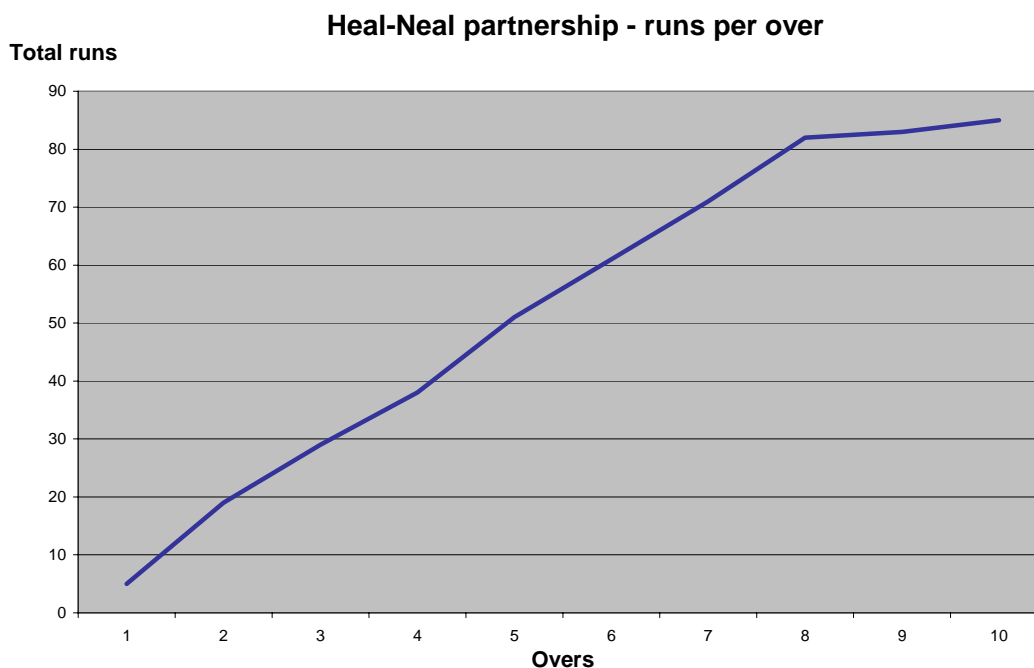
Bat of the Year – Regan’s MRF Genius. Not only did Reg score 434 runs with it, but Jase scored a few with it as well, including his maiden ton.

Quote of the year: This award goes to Regan Heal. Upon smashing a straight six at Ian Galloway that went over the fence, down way past the gorse, over the grass field beyond that disappearing from all view on its way towards Ngaio, Reg held his bat up to the sideline and declared “Can someone get me a new bat? This one’s got no middle.”

Substitute of the year – this was tightly contested with no fewer than 41 players turning out for the TGs this season. But by far and away the best substitute was C Mako junior, Cameron son of Cyril. Cam played several times for us and often had to back up following his early morning junior cricket for the club. Like his old man, I suspect Cameron will become a club stalwart – one of the backbones of this wonderful club of ours.

“Balls up of the year”: Late in the season Jazskip forgets to inform Dilip that the TGs need another ball. Running late to the game I pop into the clubrooms and grab the only ball there. It’s not until we are in the field trying to defend our total when I notice the ball is a little on the light side – turns out to be 142g - regulation weight for women’s cricket. My sincerest apologies to the team whose ball I stole. Needless to say we went on to suffer a 7 wicket loss that day.

Graph of the year – this one below featuring the opening partnership between G Neal and R Heal v Brooklyn.



A number of retirements or semi-retirements occurred during, or at the end of the season:

Glen Neal has announced his retirement from the team. Glen was the skipper when I joined the team, and has been involved with the team for about 8 or 9 years. Glen has contributed widely to the club as a committee member, former chairman and more latterly in the role of chief-letter-drafter-of-incident-reports. Glen's batting is always entertaining to watch, and I still remember a game when Glen was first man out, in the 13th over, for 105.

Dr Paul French, a Collegians stalwart for many years, played no games for the TGs this season. Paul has been a prolific batsman for the club, and has had his name carved in the most one-day runs trophy several times over the years.

Roger Kinsella, another player who is famous (or infamous) within the club played just 4 games before being struck down by injury. Roger is well known for being one of the hardest hitters ever to have graced the club, and I can attest to that fact. Roger confided that he is loving his family time, and we wish him all the best with daughter Jess who we are sure is going to inherit the Kinsella batting gene.

Captain Jazskip is also stepping down from the team. With a little nipper on the way and being based in Upper Hutt I have made the tough decision to play for a club closer to home from next season. I wish the club all the best for future seasons, and a very big thank you to the Thundergods team. It has been a great pleasure to play alongside such a talented and bloody good bunch of blokes. Cheers.



Thundergods Statistics 2007/08

Batting	Matches	Innings	Not outs	0's	50's	100's	HS	Runs	Average
Aitofi	15	14	5	0	3	1	108	507	56.33
Heal	11	9	0	0	3	1	141	434	48.22
Attewell	16	14	1	1	1	0	64	318	24.46
Graham	14	13	2	2	1	0	54	177	16.09
Trevean	14	12	0	1	0	0	47	149	12.42
Kinsella	4	4	1	0	0	1	126*	144	48.00
Neal	7	7	0	1	1	0	67	123	17.57
Pavitt	8	6	1	0	1	0	52	99	19.80
Bowers	1	1	0	0	1	0	97	97	97.00
McIver	9	8	1	0	0	0	40	92	13.14
Mako	8	4	0	1	0	0	21	43	10.75
Franklin	1	1	0	0	0	0	25	25	25.00
Thompson	1	1	1	0	0	0	24*	24	N/A
Petty	4	3	0	1	0	0	19	22	7.33
McHugh	1	1	1	0	0	0	21*	21	N/A
VanderMescht	7	5	0	1	0	0	8	20	5.00
Apperley	11	9	4	1	0	0	9	20	4.00
Rowe	1	1	0	0	0	0	19	19	19.00
Nikora	1	1	0	0	0	0	13	13	13.00
McPhail	3	2	0	0	0	0	7	11	5.50
Tong	2	2	0	0	0	0	5	10	5.00
Macklebridge	1	1	2	0	0	0	9	9	9.00
Ander	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	8	8.00
Anderson	5	2	2	0	0	0	6*	7	N/A
Wallace	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	7	7.00
Black	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	6	6.00
Baird	2	2	1	0	0	0	4	4	4.00
Houliston	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	4.00
Barry	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	4	2.00
Orpin	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	2.00
Lane	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1.00
Hawkins	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.00
Haigh	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Steele	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Kudmany	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Urbhan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Peterson	1	1	1	0	0	0	0*	0	N/A
Hill	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Gus	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Scott	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Williams	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
	168	137	24	14	11	3		2,420	21.42

Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	BB	Average	RPO
Heal	78	9	308	17	4-14	18.12	3.95
Aitofi	92	4	455	17	3-7	26.76	4.95
Pavitt	56	7	239	15	5-24	15.93	4.27
Mako	61.1	7	308	13	3-23	23.69	5.04
Hawkins	32	1	182	8	3-46	22.75	5.69
van der Mescht	39	1	223	8	2-27	27.88	5.72
Mclver	36.6	0	223	7	4-27	31.86	6.09
Graham	40	1	253	7	2-8	36.14	6.33
Kinsella	21.5	2	47	5	3-20	9.40	2.19
Anderson	7.1	0	53	4	2-30	13.25	7.46
Apperley	18.2	0	138	3	1-30	46.00	7.58
Rowe	5	0	32	2	2-32	16.00	6.40
Kudmany	8	0	34	2	2-34	17.00	4.25
Tong	8	0	46	2	2-46	23.00	5.75
Baird	6	0	48	2	1-15	24.00	8.00
Urbhan	8	4	6	1	1-6	6.00	0.75
Macklebridge	3	0	13	1	1-13	13.00	4.33
Haigh	8	0	55	1	1-55	55.00	6.88
Thompson	8	0	55	1	3-59	55.00	6.88
Petty	8	0	71	1	1-1	71.00	8.88
Attewell	6	0	94	1	0-15	94.00	15.67
McHugh	4	0	35	0	0-35	N/A	8.75
Williams	5	0	50	0	0-50	N/A	10.00
Trevean	1	0	5	0	0-5	N/A	5.00
Wallace	2	0	26	0	0-26	N/A	13.00
Franklin	4	0	27	0	0-27	N/A	6.75
	565.5	36	3026	118		25.64	5.35

	Catches	Stumpings	Run-outs	Total
Trevean	11	1	1	13
Graham	10	1	0	11
Attewell	5	0	3	8
Aitofi	8	0	0	8
VanderMescht	4	0	1	5
Heal	3	0	0	3
Haigh	3	0	0	3
Neal	1	0	1	2
Pavitt	2	0	0	2
Mclver	3	0	0	2
Apperley	2	0	0	2
Tong	1	0	0	1
Rowe	1	0	0	1

THE AXEMEN – COLLEGIANS 1A‘B’

CHRIS BOXALL

The mighty Axemen had our most difficult year but we definitely came out on top.

We started the year losing Big Bird, Stelios, Mr Burns, Fisher and part-way through lost Duncan and Isaac – call it what you will, injuries or travel or whatever but this was the core of our bowling line-up and we had every right to feel aggrieved.

Perhaps that's why I struggled as captain and perhaps that's why some of us weren't enjoying our cricket. Not winning a game before Christmas was bad for morale, but before too long things started to change at the club and within the team.

Bowser took over as captain, DP took over as keeper, we found new bowlers and the batsmen realised they could swing a mighty fine axe. Everyone did their bit and tried their best and this is cricket to me – it's about values and integrity and most of all it's about giving Bowser out lbw even if he hits the ball to a vacant gully.

That brings me to the highlight of the season. Read the batting and you are bound to disagree, but my highlight is our commitment: to practice, to the clubrooms, to prize-giving, to ourselves and to our mates.

This season we finished second to last but we had the Thunder Gods on the ropes and were beaten by rain, and we beat the top two teams and had some very close losses.

Our bowling improved as the season went on. Nick ended up with the most wickets but it was the guile of Hugh's fast bullets that spearheaded our revival. These two were, most surprisingly, supported by me and Bowser. Also Julian and Dhivian bowled very well.

This year sees me surrender the best batsman title I have held for the last three years. Nick Tyler stand up: 686 runs at 62.4, 3 50s plus 148* and 224*. I treasure our 235 run opening stand against Brooklyn & thanks IT for acknowledging me reaching double figures – Nick was already on 102 although I did go on to make 50.

Bowser and IT were also prolific with the bat, scoring 5 half centuries between them. What a top four we made. Then there was Julian with his maiden 50 – awesome. Plus we had some valuable lower-order contributions from Tommo, Naki and DP and some great commentary from Mike. Hugh, you should probably stick to bowling.

I must also say that our fielding was bordering on world-class; Naki's enthusiasm, IT's incredible second-best catch of the season, Bowser in the covers and an all round stellar effort guys. We also had Scott Swanson: movie star.

Few may realise but this year our survival hinged on an axe-edge. We dug deep, the real Axemen stood up and we came out stronger. We can be proud of our cricketing exploits and off-field camaraderie – I certainly am.

We are the mighty Axemen and I am the Box.

THE SUPER 8s – DIVISION 1 DOMINATORS

TANIA VAN MAANEN

The 2007/2008 season started off fantastically well for the Div 1 team! Amy scored 50 not out pretty much every game and Sally rolled over the opposition pretty much single-handedly with a little help from Amy and Pip. Accordingly, we rose to the top of table pretty early on, with the victories made all the more sweet as we often won without a full complement of 8 players!! If my memory serves me correctly, of the games we played, I think we only lost two (or maybe three) the whole season and one of those was due to some VERY dodgy umpiring decisions by the opposition.

A pretty good effort all around. We finished the season third in the table, primarily due to lack of games played rather than being beaten on the park. Also worth mentioning is we were lucky to pick up a Kate halfway through the season – she just happened to be walking through Anderson Park as we were training one evening, joined in the practice and stayed all season. Fantastic! Looking forward to next year already.

THE SUPER 8S – DIVISION 2 LOWER ORDER

The 2007/08 season was a mixed bag for the Div 2's - nonetheless we went out every game with grit, determination and a desire to play the best cricket we could (while looking good) for Collegians.

There were a number of highlights for the team, both on and off the cricket pitch. One highlight would be how the girls rallied and gave it their all when bowling or batting against skilled, seasoned opposition (who should really be playing for their senior women's team!). It was great to see them, particularly those newer to the game take it all in their stride and lead from the front. Another BIG highlight for the team is Toni Hill's mammoth 79 not out...it was a huge effort from Toni, she batted like a mad woman and deserved the accolade she received at the end of year prize giving (not to mention the one or two beers she had at the clubrooms after the game.)

Nicky and Fleur's efforts over the season were well rewarded with the bowling and batting prizes they won at the end of the year. We were fortunate to really mould as a team this year, and in true Div 2 style, we took everything in our stride (even when we had team members lying down between overs to recover from a bit too much to drink the night before) and there was always a laugh or two to be had. What a great way to play cricket! Hopefully we can perfect the sledging (in a dignified, ladylike sort of way) for next season ladies.

Our team wouldn't have existed on or off the pitch without the dedication of our fearless leader Mandz Mcleod. From organising us all (bit like herding cats) to leading us on the pitch, Mandz never let her enthusiasm for the game or team wane. She was a fabulous captain throughout the season and Div 2 wouldn't have been the team we were without her. We owe her a big thank you for everything she did for the team last season. Mandz - you're a star!

Bring on 2008/09 and Div 2 "Lower Order" will once again live and leave their own, unique mark as part of Collegians Ladies cricket.

BECS BARCLAY- BEST AND FAIREST 2007/2008

INDIVIDUAL HONOURS

Representative Honours 2007/08

NEW ZEALAND

James Franklin New Zealand one day and Test side

Kerri- Anne Tomlinson New Zealand Development

DOMESTIC HONOURS TO:

State Wellington Firebirds: James Franklin

State Wellington Blaze: Elizabeth Scurr,
Hannah Bedford.

Northern District Development: Kerri- Anne Thomlinson.

Wellington Development: Hannah Bedford.

Wellington Under 18: Verity Blackmore, Kate Clayton, Rachel Chin

Wellington Under 16: Hannah Austin-Smellie, Antonia Ward, Penny Roy,
Whetu Charteris, Catherine McIlvride.

State Wellington Blaze Manager: Wainui Bedford

CLUB AWARDS 2007/08

One day grades

1A ThunderGods:

Captain: Jason Attwell

Best Batsman- Jason Aitofi (507 runs)

Best Bowler- Joint winners Regan Heal and Jason Aitofi (17 wkts each)

Best Fairest - Jason Attewell

1A Axemen:

Captain: Chris Boxall

Best Batsman-Nick Tyler (686 runs)

Best Bowler-Nick Tyler (15 Wkts)

Best and Fairest- Brain Bower

Super Eights division two Lower Order:

Captain: Amanda McLeod

Best Batter- Nick Dott

Best Bowler - Fleur Fraser

Best and Fairest-Rebecca Barclay

Super Eights division one Dominators:

Captain: Tania Van Maanen

Best batsman: Amy Burgess

Best bowler: Sally Morrison

Best and fairest Dominator: Jointly awarded to Pip Greenwood and Tania Van Maanen

2D Falcon Hawk

Captain: Raj Nana

Best Batsman- Dan Cumming (142*, 118*.649 runs)

Best Bowler - Jono Duffy (35 wkts 7/38)

Best and Fairest- Joint awards Stephen Clover, Steve Kerr

2B Legends

Captain: Jeff Da AKA Alastair Hill

Best Batsman- Brain Steel

Best Bowler- Daniel Fraser

Best and Fairest- David Boldt

2A Spartans

Captain: Jono Rees

Best Batsman- Byron Patel (including 160)

Best Bowler- Jono Rees

Best and Fairest- Mark Dinison

Senior Reserves

Captain: Alastair Thomas

Best Batsman - Alastair Thomas

Best Bowler - Dougal Maclachlan(52 Wkts)

Best and Fairest- Senthil Salvaratnam

Senior Women:

Phillipa Bedford received a special acknowledgement for her work this season managing the Women's Division 1 and senior sides and for her extensive work at the clubrooms.

Captain: Elizabeth Scurr

The Ina Lamason Cup for the most senior women's runs: Elizabeth Scurr

The Ina Lamason Cup for the most senior women's wickets: Sophie Jackson

Best and fairest: Kayla Edwards

Senior Men:

Captain: Garrick Sutherland

Best batsman: Deepak Joon

Best bowler: Garrick Sutherland

Phoenix Cup Best and fairest: Damien Grant

Players leaving us for overseas travels and for retirement

Overseas:

Garrick Sutherland, Alastair Thomas, Becs Barclay, Sophie Jackson

Retirements:

Jason Attwell and Glen Neal (1AA Thunder Gods)

Club Development Officer awards:

Two CDOs for the Club this year; the first Garrick Sutherland who has coached at Wellington College and with the Wellington U17s

Second award is for Dilip Deva for his work with: the junior club, Nursery Grade, Wellington primary schools, the Wellington U15s, St Mary's and our Super 8 sides.

Senior Men's Coach award for Mark Coles and his work with our senior sides, congratulations Mark for your work with the Club this season and your willingness to go above and beyond your role. Congratulations on your work with the Wellington U19s

Wellington Representative Coach award for Clinton Butler and his role as Coach for the Wellington U17s

The Grey Cup for the most one day runs: Nick Tyler (686) including (224*, 148*)

The Grey Cup for the most one day wickets: Joint winners Regan Heal and Jason Aitofi (17 wickets)

The Grey Cup for the most two day runs: Dan Cumming (649)

The Grey Cup for the most two day wickets: Dougal Maclaughan (52)

The Penny Kinsella Cup for best women's contribution: Toni Hill

Don Churchill Cup- Best Senior Reserve Player: Dougal Maclaughan

RC Pope Mug- best senior player: Julian Brown

James Trophy- Senior Cricketer of the year: Alastair Thomas

Norm Bibby Memorial Cup- most promising player: Vijay Chhgan

John Rose Memorial Cup- hardest working player in the club: This player has been involved in the club for five years, he works extremely hard to assist his captain making sure there is a team to take the field every week, he believes strongly in what he does and enjoys cricket for the sake of cricket: congratulations and thank you Brian Bower 1A Axemen

Committee Cup for the best committee person- this was a difficult award to give as the committee has worked hard this year with a number of valuable members; the selection of this award has broken with Club tradition as this Cup has never been awarded to a standing President however this season this has to change; our winner has worked tirelessly on the committee this year supporting our new chairman, and working with our past players to bring them back to the fold of the present club. Congratulations Alasdair McBeth

Martin Luckie Trophy for Best Club Member: this player has given as much as a player can give he has captained his side, he has taken more than forty wickets in the season- he has coached at Wellington College and for Cricket Wellington using these links to recruit for the club. He is a committed member of the Committee attending the meetings every fortnight; he was instrumental in the appointment of a senior coach. He has promoted a culture in the senior men's side which means the team is always well represented: thank you Garrick for your work for Collegians.

Final presentation for the evening: for Dilip Deva

HONOURS BOARD PERFORMANCES 2006/07 SEASON

Senior Men's

Deepak Joon	109
Damien Grant	105

Senior Three

Alastair Thomas	140 (630 runs)
James Ryan	104
Dougal McLachlan	52 wkts

2A Spartan

Matthew McNatty	160*
Byron Patel	140* (525 runs)
Record partnership McNatty and Patel 325*	
Jonothan Rees	7/20

2B Legend's

Al Hill	107
Jeff Hart	103
Nevil Saunders	6/12 and Hatrick

2D Falonhawke

Dan Cumming	142*, 118*, (649 Runs)
Jono Duffy	7/38

1AA Thundergods

Jason Aitofi	108 (507 runs)
Regan Heal	100,141
Roger Kinsella	126*

1AA Axemen

Nick Tyler	224* (686 Runs)
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TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Overview

The 2007-08 season saw a concerted effort from the Committee to commit financial resources in the Club's future. As intimated at previous AGM's, player recruitment and the Club's sustainability were recognised as growing challenges. To that end, a paid administrative position was established and Nathan Pilalis was appointed in the new role of Club Manager, a permanent coach and an overseas professional were engaged for the senior team, a Collegian's website was developed, and there was reinvigoration of the Club's social activities (e.g. Clubroom functions, marquee at English Test, formal Prize Giving Dinner etc). The Club Development Officer Programme sponsored by Cricket Wellington saw a \$5,200 reduction in funding for junior and school coaching from last year, only partly mitigated by a successful NZCT grant. Collectively these factors placed significant pressure on the operating budget of the Senior Club, resulting in an \$8,549 deficit, but with no outstanding liabilities. The Junior Club remains very strong in terms of playing numbers and financials, to the credit of its Committee and supporters.

Financial turnover benefited from the excellent summer weather, resulting in a \$2,250 increase in net pavilion trading over last season, despite the reduction in playing numbers. The entry of a new 2A side after Christmas increased player numbers to the benefit of the Senior Club in general and strengthened the senior player base.

Affiliation and ground fees from Cricket Wellington were \$8,452, down \$4,042 over last year, largely due to a reduction in team entries. A corollary of lower player numbers, Senior subscription fees were also down \$1,473 over last season and represent an ongoing trend of reducing discretionary income for the Senior Club. On a more positive note, Junior subscriptions increased by \$5,549 to \$27,545.

The major items of capital expenditure supported from grants were \$8,642 for new playing equipment and \$6,433 for cricket balls. The development of the Collegians webpage at \$3,019 was the largest item of capital expenditure not supported by a grant.

Grants and sponsorship

A major financial highlight of the season was the \$8,009 increase in grants, which attained a total of \$27,000. The \$19,320 grant from New Zealand Community Trust dominated the balance sheet, assisted by smaller contributions from a variety of trusts (see financial review for details). However, The Club applied for \$71,168 of grants assistance from trusts over the 2007-08 season, yielding a success rate of just under 40%. Such a rate is considered quite reasonable for a sports club but emphasises that grants represent a significant challenge and investment of the Club's administrative effort.

Early in the season the Club engaged in discussions with Lion Nathan regarding long-term sponsorship by way of assistance with bar stock for specific social functions and other product incentive programmes. The Club now has an ongoing relationship with the Speights Ale House and The Cambridge Hotel.

Scholarships

The Club supported three senior players with Scholarships from the AD Grey Memorial Fund (Reece Cargill, Vijay Chhagan, and Nathan Brown) and assisted two Collegians players with representation at the University Tourney.

The term deposits continue to show healthy growth and have benefited from the high interest rates that have persisted throughout the financial year. With a strong focus on player recruitment for the forthcoming season there is a desire to better utilise the AD Grey Memorial Fund to foster emerging players from Wellington College into the Senior squad. The Committee anticipates offering more scholarships to students for the 2008-09 season.

Comments for the upcoming season

Financially the Club cannot sustain its current level of coaching and administrative activities without external funding. Whilst grants continue to be a fruitful avenue for financial support, most charitable trusts have reinforced that the increasing number of applications in concert with the steady rise in costs will ultimately lead to more competition for less money. Non-contestable sources of external income are critical to the Club's sustainability, namely through corporate sponsorship and the establishment of long-term relationships with suppliers. Growing compliance costs such as the annual independent financial review, insurance, council fees, PAYE, and Kiwi Saver are concerning.

Outcomes of the independent financial review

In accordance with new guidelines from the Institute of Chartered Accountants, this year's independent financial review was undertaken by a registered auditor. Accordingly, there is an increase in compliance costs to \$1,250 (excl GST). As a slight departure from the format of previous seasons, the Auditor requested that all bank account balances be stated in an effort to add transparency of the Club assets, rather than only stating the accumulated reserves or combined figures.

Acknowledgements

Lion Nathan, The Speight's Ale House and The Cambridge Hotel lent generous support to the Club's social activities, particularly the Christmas and end of year functions, and the Basin Reserve Test Match marquee.

Paddy Marra and Will Sadler offered advice on technical financial matters at various times throughout the season, and Brian Steele generously gave time and help preparing the books for the independent financial review. Thank you.

**ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO
WELLINGTON COLLEGIANS CRICKET CLUB INC.**

I have reviewed the financial statements of Wellington Collegians Cricket Club Inc. for the year ended May 31, 2008 in accordance with the Review Engagement Standards issued by the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants.

A review is limited primarily to inquiries of Club personnel and analytical review procedures applied to financial data and thus provide less assurance than an audit. I have not performed an audit and accordingly I do not express an audit opinion.

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the accompanying financial statements, on pages 1 to 5, do not give a true and fair view.

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Terence Bartlett
Chartered Accountant.

Dated 15th August 2008

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Wellington Collegians Cricket Club Inc.
Statement of Financial Performance
For the Year ended 31 May 2008

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Income		
Donations	400	150
Interest Income	316	279
Pavilion Donations	3,009	489
Pavilion Trading Income	18,377	8,055
Sponsorship & Grants	27,000	18,991
Subscriptions – Junior Club	22,722	17,172
Subscriptions – Senior Club	11,838	13,311
Other Income – Junior Club	27,545	22,077
Other Income – Senior Club	5,860	11,062
	<u>117,066</u>	<u>91,586</u>
Total Income		
Expenditure		
Administration & Management	9,427	-
Coaches Payments	22,235	11,354
Cricket Balls	4,444	6,695
Clothing	6,633	(52)
Communications & Annual Report	711	868
Depreciation	6,061	2,803
Ground Fees	8,452	12,494
Pavilion Direct Expenses	6,359	5,703
Pavilion Trading Expenses	11,761	3,688
Preseason Training	1,827	7,229
Other Expenses – Senior Club	644	4,013
Other Expenses – Junior Club	47,064	31,348
	<u>125,615</u>	<u>86,143</u>
Total Expenditure		
Operating Surplus (Loss)	(8,549)	5,443
	70,937	65,494
Add Accumulated Funds Brought Forward		
	<u>62,388</u>	<u>70,937</u>
Accumulated Funds Carried Forward		

Wellington Collegians Cricket Club Inc.
Statement of Financial Position
As at 31 May 2008

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Reserves		
Accumulated Funds - Senior Club	19,547	31,299
Accumulated Funds - Junior Club	42,840	39,638
Sponsorship Fund	33,818	32,790
AD Grey Memorial Fund	67,558	65,775
	163,763	169,502
 Represented By		
	15,024	10,869
Fixed Assets (Note 2)		
	121,256	94,526
Term Deposits with NBNZ (Note 3)		
 Current Assets		
Bank (Note 4)	18,912	58,680
Accrued Interest on Term Deposits	2,538	-
Prepayments	460	460
GST Refund	547	180
Gear Stocks	1,540	3,190
Cricket Ball Stocks	3,408	1,419
Bar Stocks	78	178
	27,483	64,107
Total Assets	163,763	169,502
 Current Liabilities		
Sundry Creditors	-	-
 Net Assets Represented By Reserves	163,763	169,502

**Wellington Collegians Cricket Club Inc.
Sponsorship Fund
For the Year ended 31 May 2008**

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Income		
Interest	1,028	1,310
Expenditure		
Scholarships	–	1,370
Net Income (Deficit) for the Year	1,028	(60)
Add Opening Balance	32,790	32,850
Balance as at 31 May 2008	33,818	32,790

**Wellington Collegians Cricket Club Inc.
A D Grey Memorial Fund
For the Year ended 31 May 2008**

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Income		
Interest	4,604	5,678
Expenditure		
Scholarships	2,821	300
Net Income for the Year	1,783	5,378
Add Opening Balance	65,775	60,397
Balance as at 31 May 2008	67,558	65,775

Wellington Collegians Cricket Club Inc.
Grants from Charitable Trusts
For the Year ended 31 May 2008

Trust	Purpose	Application date	Requested	Received
			\$	\$
Lion Foundation	Junior & Senior spring training	Aug-07	11,019	0
NZ Community Trust	Coaching, cricket gear and ground fees	Sep-07	21,984	19,320
Infinity Foundation	Apparel	Nov-07	4,680	4,680
Perry Foundation	Affiliation fees	Nov-07	10,882	0
Infinity Foundation	Club Captain honorarium	May-08	3,000	0
Endeavour Community Trust	Helmets	Feb-08	3,111	1,000
The Trusts Charitable Foundation	Clubroom furniture	Feb-08	7,991	2,000
Norwood Trust	Youth Academy	May-08	8,500	0
Total			71,168	27,000

Wellington Collegians Cricket Club Inc.
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year ended 31 May 2008

1. Statement of Accounting Policies

A General Accounting Policies

The Club was registered as Wellington Collegians Cricket Club (Incorporated) with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies in December 1980. Financial Statements, which have been adopted by members at an Annual General Meeting and subject to audit, are required to be placed on public file with the Registrar on an annual basis.

- (i) These financial statements have been prepared with application of generally accepted accounting practices as defined in the Financial Reporting Act 1993.
- (ii) The principles of measurement and reporting of financial performance and position under the historical cost method has been applied.

B Specific Accounting Policies

The following specific accounting policies which significantly affect the measurement of financial performance and position have been applied:

(i) Depreciation

The principal rates of depreciation used were as follows:

Equity in Pavilion Lease	Nil
Gear	50% in year 1 25% in years 2 and 3
Pavilion Equipment	10% diminishing value
Pavilion Alterations	10% diminishing value

(ii) Sundry Debtors

Debtors and subscriptions in arrears are stated at estimated realisable value.

(iii) Stock

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

2. Fixed Assets

	Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	2008 Net Book Value	2007 Net Book Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Equity in Pavilion	4,425	0	4,425	4,425
Pavilion Alterations	17,765	17,413	352	391
Pavilion Equipment	6,527	1,652	4,875	4,920
Covers	2,210	2,210	0	415
Playing Gear	12,309	6,988	5,321	667
Trophies	51	0	51	51
Total	43,287	28,263	15,024	10,869

The playing gear represented above relates only to the Senior Club. The Junior Club does not capitalise playing gear. All Junior Club playing gear is instead expensed in the year it is purchased.

3. Term Deposits

Surplus funds and the funds representing the A D Grey Memorial Fund have been placed on deposit with The National Bank of New Zealand. At balance date there were:

\$18,670 at 7% p.a. due 7 Jul 08
\$73,698 at 8.5% p.a. due 30 Jun 08
<u>\$28,888 at 8% p.a. due 4 Aug 08</u>
\$121,256 Total

4. Bank

\$4,912 Senior operating account
\$13,996 Junior operating account
\$18,912 Total