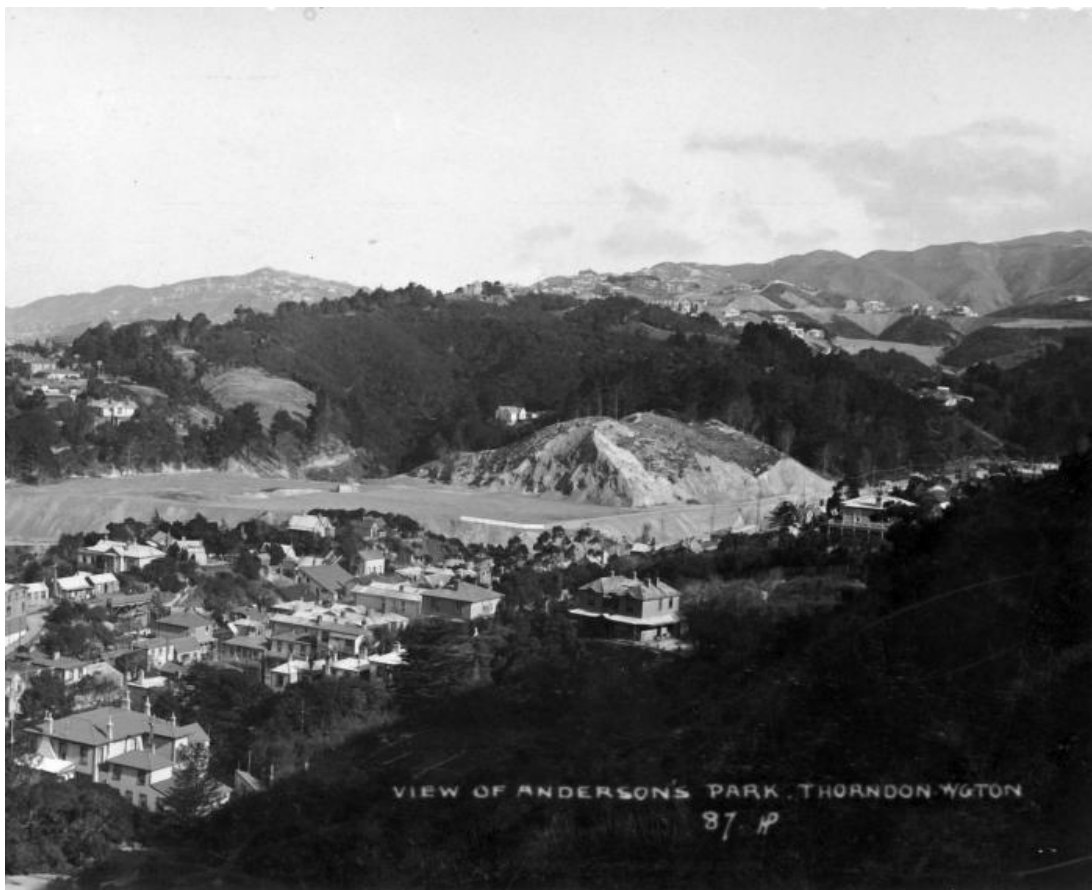




Wellington Collegians Cricket Club Inc

Annual Report &
Financial Statements



The Home of Cricket, Anderson Park Thorndon 1909

2019–2020 Season

WELLINGTON COLLEGIANS CRICKET CLUB INC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

The 50th Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Collegians Cricket Club Inc will be held in the Clubrooms, Anderson Park Pavilion, on Monday, 24 August, 2020 commencing at 7:00 PM

BUSINESS

- 1. Members present**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting**
- 4. Adoption of the Annual Report**
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- 5. Financial Statements**
- 6. Election of Officers**
 - Patron
 - Life Members
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Club Captain
 - Management Committee
 - Delegates to Cricket Wellington AGM
 - Financial Reviewer
- 7. Club Subscriptions**
- 8. General Business**

OFFICERS 2019-20 SEASON

Patron: (Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand GNZM QSO)

Life Members:

G E Coppersmith, D R Davis, D Deva, Miss B Fuller, Mrs A Garrett, B S P Marra,
A D McBeth, K R MacDonald, T G McMahon, B Patel, J S Perkins, R Swan, I N
Taylor

President:

R D Kinsella

Immediate Past President:

C Monigatti

Past Presidents:

S McHardy, M Coppersmith, A D McBeth, G E Coppersmith, G.R Carruthers, D R
Davis, Mrs A Garrett, J G Revell, C J Taylor, I N Taylor, B Waddle, B E Windley,

Senior Vice President:

Vacant

Vice Presidents:

D B Alabaster, W A Arcus, R T Barber, J Brown, M E Garrett, D T Grainger, G
Hopping, D L Hunt, D Macer, R Moses, B O'Brien, A Orpin, G R Phillips, G
Richardson, G M Russell, B D Steele, P W Steele, B R Taylor, J B Tucker,
R H Vance, P R Wilson, A D Wilkinson, A C Yule, D Boldt, J Brown, G Richardson, A
Orpin

Financial Reviewer

Honorary Treasurer

G Sugden

Honorary Secretary

S Grayling

Club Captain

D Deva

Management Board:

S Ryland (Chairman), R Kinsella (President), A Orpin, D Deva (Club Captain), Brian
Steele (Junior Club Convenor), G Sugden, S Grayling, A Evans, M Stephen, A
Coppersmith, J Lawler, D Martin, S Balajee.

Delegates to Cricket Wellington Inc:

D Deva, A Orpin, S Ryland, R Kinsella, S Grayling

Junior Club Liaison:

D. Deva

Selectors:

S Balajee, T Rutherford, S Grayling

Bar Manager:

D Deva

Gear Custodian:

D Deva

**MINUTES OF THE 49TH WELLINGTON COLLEGIANS CRICKET CLUB INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 19 August 2019 Anderson Park, 7.00 pm
BUSINESS**

1. Members present

Ravinder Thakur, Sushant Balajee, Shivang, Chris Mongatti, Grant Coppersmith, Doug Martin, James Lawler, David Dick, Wheturangi Charteris, Alex Evans, Dilip Deva, David Boldt, Graeme Sugden, Scott Ryland, Sam Grayling.

Roger welcomed all.

2. Apologies

Brian Steele, Sally Morrison, Avi Singh, Francis Weavers, Matthew Roche, Damien Grant, Matthew Stephen, Andrew Coppersmith, Graham Hopping, Clinton Butler, Malcolm and Audrey Garrett, Barry O'Brien, Alastair McBeth, Jordan McDermott.

3. Minutes of the 48th Annual General Meeting

David moved these as true and correct.

Seconded by Dilip.

4. Adoption of the Annual Report

David moved to adopt the annual report

Dilip seconded.

- **President's Report**

Roger congratulated the teams for their success in 2018-19, especially the Senior Women, Falconhawk(e).

The season's off-field highlight was the Hall of Fame event and recognised that former collegians would love to continue to be involved in the club.

Recognised captaincy of Matthew Stephens, unfortunately Matt is unable to continue as captain for the upcoming season, but fortunately we are retaining his services on the board.

The board are excited about the new captain for the season – Sushant Balajee.

Committee is dealing with issues that need addressing and aiming to develop a strong club, both on-field performance and with strong membership.

- **Chairman's Report**

Scott noted highlights in his season report include:

Many changes coming from Cricket Wellington, including a change back to Pearce/Hazlett split, with Collegians competing to win the Hazlett trophy and gain promotion to Pearce cup.

Reserve grade will now be a combination of regular one day cricket and one day 'timed cricket' (there will be no 2-day cricket).

Scott recognised this is the most exciting time to be a sports administrator.

Maintaining the game of cricket is the biggest difficulty for the board.

Many thanks, which members can read in the report, with specific thanks to Dilip.

Members discussed the support being offered by Cricket Wellington for junior and senior cricket for 2018-19, although this is still being determined.

5. Financial Statements

Graeme presented the statements, which include a small deficit, with income \$6000 down from last year, including one less senior team compared to last year.

Supported by strong financial position of junior club.

Higher Club Development Officer expenses as the contract was for longer, and less income from Cricket Wellington to support. This year, the CDO role has been centralised.

Balance sheet almost unchanged due to no significant capital expenditure.

Graeme noted that David Lowe (who provided the financial statement review) is no longer a Chartered Accountant correcting a mistake in the accounts that have been shared.

Graeme suggested we get a new review this year. Jono Rees recommended. Sam will follow up with Jono.

Graeme moved that accounts be accepted.

Seconded by David.

6. Election of Officers

- Patron
 - Sir Anand Satyanand – Roger moved to re-elect Sir Anand, Graeme seconded.
- Life Members
- No new life members
- President
 - Scott nominated Roger be re-elected. Sam seconded.
- Vice President
 - No new nominations
- Secretary
 - Scott nominated Sam. David seconded.
- Treasurer
 - David nominated Graeme. Whetu seconded.
- Club Captain
 - Roger nominated Dilip. Scott seconded.
- Management Committee

Tom Ronaldson, Whetu, and David, have stepped down from the board.

Roger moved that the rest of the board be reinstated. David seconded.

Roger nominated Brian Steele (Junior representative), Sushant (Premier captain), Alex Evans (Women's representative), Doug Martin (youth girls representative).

Scott nominated James Lawler, David seconded.

- Delegates to Cricket Wellington AGM

Members agreed to nominate the same people as last year (Scott, Roger, Sam, Dil, Alan).

- Financial Reviewer

Scott moved to delegate authority to choose financial reviewer to the management committee. Seconded by David.

Scott moved to add Honorary Legal counsel to the list of officers and nominated David Boldt for this role.

Whetu seconded.

7. Club Subscriptions

Cricket Wellington have confirmed affiliation and ground fees will be a slight reduction.

Scott moved to hold subs constant with potential to reduce Women's fees if Cricket Wellington reduce these fees.

David seconded.

Graeme moved to change balance date of the club, and provided background information – as sent with notice of the AGM.

Graeme noted this allows the AGM to be organised earlier.

David seconded.

Dilip noted this is a positive move, allowing the AGM to be held earlier, suggested having this by the 1st Monday of August.

8. General Business

Dilip acknowledged Andrew Lamb for his coaching work for the past couple of years and recognised he is moving on with coaching under 17s and working with another club.

Dilip also recognised there is spring coaching coming up, and we are now looking for a coach.

Dilip also acknowledged David Peterson – he was terrific, keeping the axemen side together for a number of years, and was a good board member for a number of years.

Dilip recognised our scorer for 2018/19 Andrea, and noted we are still looking for a replacement for 2019/20 as Andrea has moved to Whanganui.

Dilip put the kettle on and meeting closed: 7:52

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Roger Kinsella

Well, what an unusual and disappointing end to the season that was. One week I was at the Home of Cricket watching the Reserves on a beautiful hot Saturday afternoon and the next week it had all abruptly been called off with a couple of weeks to spare. No end of season wind up to reminisce on performances and results over a few beers, no prizegiving to reward the season's top performers – suddenly we were in lockdown and it was like the cricket season had never happened.

Not such a great season for Wellington Collegians results-wise with no titles won this season, although Sparkle Motion were in prime position to fight it out for the title over the last two weekends that never happened. However the Seniors put together a superb string of 50-over victories that took them to second place in their one day competition. These victories all followed a pattern, with the bowlers working as a unit to restrict the opposition to scores in the 180 to 230 range, and then the batsmen all stepping up at various stages to confidently chase down those totals.

Many thanks to Brian Steele, who stepped up to lead the management of the Collegians junior club, and thanks too to all the parents who contributed in various ways. Collegians is still the largest and strongest junior club in Wellington, and we were fortunate to have someone of Brian's calibre take over after David Dick had retired from the position the previous year.

Off the field, the club committee continued to work hard to keep the club running smoothly. While there are a number of committee members who contribute varying amounts of time and effort to their roles, the bulk of the work continues to be carried out by chairman Scott Ryland. I never cease to be amazed by the number of single line items on each committee meeting agenda assigned to Scott, each of which represents hours of behind the scenes work by him while also attempting to devote time to his working career and family life. The man is a machine and the club is lucky to have him.

My highlights of the season were as follows:

- As already mentioned, the senior team's sequence of one day victories. You could sense the belief and the confidence in the team growing with each win, and I strongly hope this can be replicated in the coming season.
- The senior team leadership of Sushant Balajee. Sushant not only took on the captaincy of the team but also a large degree of responsibility for the coaching of the senior squad. He also performed well on the field in a clear show of leading by example.
- Turning up to Anderson Park on the last day of the season with my 10-year-old son to see a superb innings from Lachie Robertson as the Reserves unsuccessfully chased after a daunting total of 346. The bare stats of his innings were 137 runs off just 81 balls with 14 fours and 9 sixes, but I won't easily forget the sublime timing and sheer power of each stroke. This was my son's first experience of adult club cricket and I had to explain to him that he might well play in or watch many games of cricket without ever again seeing as remarkable an innings as this.

Some of the issues that will keep the club and the committee occupied over the coming season are:

- Maintaining senior squad numbers while trying to increase playing numbers across all our selected teams.
- The second instalment of the Collegians Hall of Fame. Organisation of this event is currently under way and we can only hope at this stage for it to be as successful as the initial version.
- Getting more members, both current and past, back to the clubrooms and running various social events, a challenge for social organiser Andrew Coppersmith for the coming season, especially after some disappointing turnouts last season. We all need to remember that a club is not measured solely by its on field performances and results.

Hopefully the committee is able to successfully address these and other issues for the overall betterment of the club.

All the best to the Collegians club and its members for an enjoyable and successful 2019-20 season. And let's hope we get a full season in this time.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Scott Ryland

It is slightly strange to reflect back on the last season – it feels like it was so long ago as so much has happened in such a short time. The Covid pandemic meant that we missed the last weekend of cricket and importantly our prizegiving. Although, we got off lightly compared to winter codes and it does mean that we have an opportunity to hold prizegiving at the beginning of the season as a welcome to the new season by reflecting on past glories.

2019/20 was my second year as Collegians chairman, and different to last year, my goal was to play as little cricket as possible. This would be a success in that we've managed to build numbers throughout the club so well that I wouldn't be needed. While this goal was not entirely successful, there were a number of weeks I couldn't be squeezed in anywhere in the club. I did however manage to turn out a few times for Sparkle Motion (and somehow accumulate \$50 in fines – *Ed: thoroughly deserved*), the One Tonne Dream and I was fortunate to experience Falcon-ology first-hand playing for FalconHawk(e).

Despite me not achieving anything notable, a number of Collegians did this season. A particular highlight for me include Nick O'Sullivan's triple honours board feat of two hundreds (105+113) and a 7-39 – seriously impressive and well deserved. Similarly, Ravi Thakur from the fifth divisions Sparkle side too 50 wickets (including 2 7-fors) and 585 runs with a top score of 185. 2019/20 – the season of the Collegian's allrounder.

This was the first year of the return to a split between the Pearce and Hazlett grades at the top of cricket in Wellington. There was a good standard of cricket across the grades, and the highlight for me was Collegian's regaining the McHardy-Kerr Cup with a win over a very strong university side.

Our premier side had a number of consistent performers with 5 batsmen all scoring over 400 runs for the season. Akashsivan Suresh who came to Wellington to study and further his cricket career, showed a lot of promise and once he got used to Wellington batting conditions scored his maiden NZ century. Also, Shivang cemented his place in the top order with 400+ runs and is a future Collegians star. With the ball Tom McDougal stood out again with 29 wickets at 21. And finally, Sushant Balajee took on a lot with the senior men's captaincy and coaching role, but didn't let that affect his game score 600+ runs for the season (top scoring with a massive 134) and taking 20 wickets to boot.

With Tom Rutherford and Ani Chitre our Premier Reserve team was one of the strongest in the last few years and involved significantly fewer frantic Friday night phone calls and no instances of having to select the chairman. The results I think didn't reflect the strength of the side, but there was a real feeling energy and of building to something very soon. Lachie Robertson's 137 from 80-odd balls at the home of cricket on the last day of the season was a fine way to finish the season, and a great way to ensure you come back next season hungry for more!

In the lower grades, Ravi didn't score all of the runs or take all of the wickets – there were many strong performances that I will leave the respective captains to outline in detail. But of particular note are Sparkle's Keiran Vane taking a hat-trick (more impressively with player umpires!) and the One Tonne Dream's Michael Garrett scoring 148 and 132 in a T20 (and knowing him most likely not needing the full 20 overs to do it).

We are very well served with our board – particularly our president Roger who provides significant experience and knowledge of cricket in Wellington, Sam who mostly keeps me on task, Alan who has seen it all before and is completely unflappable, Graeme in addition to scoring and looking after the Reserves works absolute magic on the books. And finally, our Club Captain Dilip who continues to be an amazing help and consistently puts in so much work to make Collegians what it is.

In closing, I'd like to make a plea to those taking the time to read this. If you're reading this, you clearly either *love* cricket or have a *lot* of spare time. We're at a point that we need to start to do things differently – our traditional sources of funding are becoming scarcer and we are demanding more and more from a dwindling volunteer base. So, I want to ask anyone reading this to please consider giving back to the club in some way – we are always in need of volunteers. If you've got a vision for what you'd like to see at the club, how to attract more people, what would make you come back to the clubrooms or what you think would make Collegians an even better place to play cricket – get in touch with me. I am open to any ideas – but I will ask you to help me do it.

Finally, I'd like to thank everyone who's taken the field for any Collegians team or volunteered this year – you are what makes being Chairman worthwhile. In particular, I'd like to thank our captains – I know it's a massive effort convincing 10 other people to turn up to a field every Saturday.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

DILIP DEVA

Club Captain's Report
Dilip Deva

This season the Club entered total of 10 teams . In the Men's Two Day Grade Club entered a Mens Premier Grade (Hazlett Trophy Competition Division 2)Which is Second tier senior grade in the competition. It also entered a Premier Reserve Division 3 , and (Sparkle Legends Division 5), (Falconhawke Division 6), And Chinamen Division 6 (Axemen Division 8) .

In the Men's other grades we also entered One Tonne Dream, T20 Grades.

In the Women's Grades the Club entered one Premier Women's and a Youth Girl's team.

Men's premier team was lead by Captain Sushant Balajee. The premier side played well finishing Second.

Sushant Balajee was employed as a Club coach and captain of the Premier side and Senior and Reserve Men's grades coach. He did an admirably good job. Cricket Wellington For the 2019-20 season introduced a new competition with top six teams playing in the Pearce Cup Division 1 and the bottom six for the Hazlett Trophy division 2. With automatic promotion and relegation.

Acknowledgements:

- A special thanks to Roger Kinsella (President)and Scott Ryland (Chairman)thank you Scott for your hard work.
- Sam Grayling(Club Secretary)Your work has not gone unnoticed,you always step in to help.
- Graeme Sugden (Treasurer)thank you Graeme for doing the books and Reserve team statistician.
- Brain Steel Junior Club Convenor many thanks Brain.
- To all Board members many thanks for all your help.

I look forward to the upcoming season.

JUNIOR CLUB CONVENER'S REPORT

Brian Steele

What a season. It sure ended more abruptly than anticipated leaving us still to complete a few functions – not least to unite team photos, certificates and trophies with our deserving players. These will reach their recipients in due course so in the interim please continue to grant us your forbearance.

In calmer times it was meanwhile a pleasure to send Dave Dick off in style at the Year 8 leavers function which was as always superbly overseen by Nicky Ward. Dave has been a tireless servant to the club, most recently as Treasurer and Chair. He was also very patient in responding to numerous enquiries from me throughout and post the year for which I will always be grateful.



Best seat in the house

It is meanwhile inspiring to work with such a professional team of fellow volunteers on the Junior committee. Alongside coaches, managers and all who take on a role, we collectively strive to provide the best cricketing environment for our children. Collegians Juniors focus is on engagement and with the support of active parents giving as many children as reasonable a go as possible.

Here are a selection on the initiatives of the club and highlights of the season. These include:

- Securing a stellar line up for Spring Training. Led by Jason Lindsay our hard ball cricketers trained with Black Caps Hamish Marshall, Grant Elliott and Hamish Bennett. We also benefitted from Liam “Caspar” Jenson’s programs and personal delivery.
- Farewelling Caspar from Nursery grade where alongside Club Captain Dilip Deva he had run our Sunday morning entry program for seven years. Under Clinton Jeeves stewardship we secured Jimmy Hill - an ex Collegians Premier player and former director of cricket at Scot’s College. Those who started with Caspar have gone onto become confident cricketers. Nursery grade is the ideal entry point to the club and one which we will continue to offer going forward.
- Working in with the Collegians senior club to utilise Hall of Fame recipients for our Year 2 teams. The Hall of Fame recognises former stars of the club for both their on and off field dedication to cricket and Wellington Collegians. Within the initial 4 recipients we had Anna Armstrong launch the [Penny] Kinsellas, [Robert / Bert] Vances and the [Trevor] McMahons in Grade 2. Within Grade 2 we also moved to follow Cricket Wellington [CW]’s preference to have children playing in their school year group (where possible). The committee elected to bring this in only for Grade 2 rather than disrupt existing grades and sides.

- Partnering with CW to secure the services of Akash Suresh (Collegians Premiers), Sean McCleary, Sam Mycock to coach our parent coaches. Sam coached Girl's cricket including the secondary school Youth side which was overseen by the Junior for the first time this season. Rich Freeman also gamely stepped up for Sunday girls' cricket.
- Celebrating successful Reps and Hawkes Bay tournaments lead by Andrew Crombie with the support of Mark Hargraves, Jason Lindsay and Will Marshall. Congratulations to the Collegians Black Grade 7 side that was undefeated at the Hawkes Bay tournament – a rarity for a Wellington domiciled teams.
- Recognising Ben Ward & George Ormsby making Wgtn Cricket Year 8 development team. Will Crombie was the leading Grade 7 competition bowler and Archie Sims and Charlie Baker were in the top 5 batsmen. Grade 7 Gold finished top of the Rep competition with Black a credible 5th.
- Increasing to three year end prizes rather than a sole player of the year award for each side. This was instigated to align with other codes and to give coaches more flexibility (over years) to recognise both performance and contribution.

I was meanwhile buoyed by a message that was sent to one of our parents involved in coaching a team. It read:

“Thank you so much for the coaching of the team this season. There are plenty of kids wanting to play a team sport, and plenty of parents encouraging them to do so. However, there are only a few parents who put themselves forward for coaching roles. Coaching takes commitment, great communication and also kindness. Deciding to coach also means that there is less time for your own priorities, with both work and family. The parents of the team are very grateful to you for making time to coach the team this season...”

The message above and reminder from our period of lock down is that we have the opportunity to embrace what is important to us. This includes family, friends and our communities. To this end, may we ask you to consider how you may best support your children within your cricket club? This includes by:

- Continuing to support with practice and game days – we love your involvement
- Committing the family early if your child is keen and available for tournaments – this aids the likelihood of selection
- Re-signing early to the coming season – including payment at registration to help our Treasurer
- Attending the second Hall of Fame likely in October 2020 – the first event was a sell out
- Encouraging your children to enroll their friends in our club – we welcome like-minded folk
- Sharing your skills through team managing, scoring, coaching or joining the Junior committee

There are the following roles coming available on the committee in 2020/21. We invite you to assess your skills and diaries to join our experienced board:

- A new Marketing role to attract children to cricket. Leading our effort to best connect with schools in our catchment. Co-ordinating with Cricket Wellington coaching in schools
- Events role to shadow and then take over from Nicky Ward who has spent 5 years on the Committee at the end of the calendar year
- Girls cricket Coordinator. Providing an overview to (primary school) Sunday cricket and the pathway to Youth (secondary school) cricket

- Nursery Grade Coordinator. Working in with Jimmy Hill (coach) and Dilip Deva (club captain) to welcome children and parents to skills training on a Sunday morning at Anderson Park
- Gear Coordinator. Ensuring our teams have the necessary gear, arranging caps and working in with our major suppliers

Finally, I would like to conclude by sincerely thanking our hard working committee members, coaches, managers, scorers, parents and of course our players. We wish everyone a successful and safe off season and look forward to welcoming you all back for the 2020/21 season.

Look after each other,

Stretch

Brian Steele

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On behalf of your Collegians Junior Cricket Committee

Nicky Ward – Events

Simon Wakeman - Registrar

Andrew Crombie – Hawkes Bay leader and reps

John Chandler – Girls Sunday cricket

Dave Dick – Grade 8 Coordinator, and previous chair (retired in December)

Mark Hargraves – Grade 7 and reps

Jason Lindsay – Grade 6 and Spring Training leader

Will Marshall – Grade 5 and Gear

Brian Steele – Grade 4 and Chair

Jason Familton – Grade 3 and Treasurer

Anna Armstrong – Grade 2

Clinton Geeves – Nursery Grade

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The Wellington Collegians Cricket Club would like to acknowledge several sponsors, contributors and suppliers over the 2018-19 season. Each has made a meaningful impression on the Club with their help, service, support and advice.

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CHAMPIONSHIP PLACINGS

Senior Men	2 nd (one day), 3 rd (two day) – Hazlett Trophy
Senior Women	4 th (Joy Lamason Trophy) 4 th (Maureen Peters T20 Plate)
Premier Reserve Men	8 th (One Day) 8 th (Timed)
Sparkle Legends (second grade)	3 rd (One Day) 2 nd (Two Day)
Falconhawk(e) (third grade)	4 th (One Day) 6 th (Two Day)
Chinamen (third grade)	5 th (One Day) 5 th (Two Day)
Axemen (fourth grade)	5 th (One Day) 4 th (Two Day)
Twenty-20	
One Tonne Dream (first grade)	7 th
Youth Women	3 rd (30 overs) 3 rd (T20)

TEAM REPORTS

COLLEGIANS PREMIER MEN

Sushant Balajee

We did not at any stage stamp ourselves with the label of being in a rebuilding phase. The make-up of a club cricket side is ever changing, and to apply that rebuilding phase label is an excuse to hold yourself back. For the Premier Men's, the 19/20 season was an absolute step in the right direction. The team did not make excuses, they did not hold back and the results they produced is a testament to that.

Winning 5 games (2 abandoned, 3 losses) in the One-day competition ended us at 2nd position behind a strong and deserving Upper Hutt side. Two winning draws (1 losing draw, 1 abandoned and 1 loss) in the two-day competition ended us at 3rd position. The team also put out some extremely competitive performances against Pearce cup sides in the T20 competition with results not going our way in those final moments. From one win in the previous season to 8 wins in the most recent is an incredible feat; one that most people outside of the club never saw coming.

Notable performances:

1. **Nick O'Sullivan - 7/39 (one day), 105* (two day), 113 (two day), 489 runs @ 30.56, 20 wickets @ 20.85.** The self proclaimed Don Bradman of the squad gave us a taste of what he can do this season. A key all-rounder in this squad who has produced some outstanding performances, Sully will be an integral part of pushing Collegians into the Pearce cup next season.
2. **Tom McDougall - 5/60 (two day), 5/91 (two day), 29 wickets @ 21.55.** Just another day in the office (when he shows up). Hands down the easiest player to lead and play with. A combination of man and machine, you ask and he will deliver. His ability to run down 20+ overs in a day, still hit the same length and nick of quality players for fun while bowling at 115kmph, will never get boring to watch; the man is an artist.
3. **Akaashsivan Suresh - 110 (two day), 452 runs @ 25.11.** A great addition to our squad. Akaash made his debut season for Collegians with some impressive numbers, but we all know, there is a lot more of an impact he can and will make in this squad on his pursuit to higher honours. His hard work and intense drive to be the best he can be is an admirable quality and one that has rubbed off on many of our players.
4. **Shivang Choudhary - 448 @ 29.87, 13 wickets, 13 catches.** The team pest has finally made more runs than enemies this season. Another hard working individual who has worked his way up into the Premier squad and sealed a spot in our top-order. His fierce style of fielding and energy when he steps on the field is unparalleled. The coming season(s) will be vital for Shivang as he aids our cause to push into Division 1 and pursue his personal goals for higher honours.
5. **Sushant Balajee - 134 (two day), 613 runs @ 32.26, 16 wickets.**

Reflecting on a season is largely based on stats, but reflecting on wins can only be based on performances.

Our bowling attack which included Nic Bell and Euan helped us achieve a very necessary balance in our Premier team. Both players consistently put out match winning performances that weren't backed up (or required to be) by huge bags. Highlights included:

- Nic Bell cartwheeling the off-pole of a player who goes by the name Devon Conway, which started the events that led to a great victory over a full strength University side, to reclaim the Kerr-McHardy cup.
- Euan McNaught bowling no earlier than the 30th over in most one-day games, proceeding to deliver no less than 60 variations of slower balls, and maintaining an economy of 6 in the death overs.

The final core members of our batting order Jordan McDermott and Louis Worthington both played significant roles in the teams journey this season. You can't say the name Collegians and not talk about the nugget behind the stumps Jordan McDermott. In a similar fashion, you can't show up to a Collegians game and not notice Louis Worthington's hipster mates lurking in the shadows.

- Jordy was the fifth of our batsmen to reach the 400 run mark this season and takes out what is arguably the most prized honours - most bombs for the season (12 sixes). Owing his number 7 spot, he crafted three half-centuries and plays the finishing role that every team requires.
- Louis ended the season with 290 runs, but as an opening bat, for the rest of the team, every single one of these runs he scores and every ball he faces is priceless. He has developed into a Premier batsmen, and this past season, he has been fearless at expressing his style of batting in that opening spot. Highlights from Louis were his match-winning innings of 75 against Victoria University to reclaim the Kerr-McHardy cup and his dominant fielding in the covers.

I do not believe success and winning has a singular formula, but when a team of players unite with a single cause to win every game they play, the processes, the focus and the fight make success that much more achievable and desirable. Our senior squad has players with very unique motives for playing the sport. Acknowledging and respecting this in everyone with the understanding that when you play for Collegians, you make a commitment for each other, is the catalyst for consistent performances and absolute enjoyment of playing an entire season with a great bunch of lads.

Regards,
Sush

COLLEGIANS SENIOR WOMEN

Doug Martin / Des Boyer (Managers)

Overview: The Premier Women's team had a mixed season coming 4th in the Maureen Peters T20 competition and 4th in the Joy Lamason One Day competition. The team played six T20 games and ten 40 over games, with 5 wins and 7 losses (2 byes and 2 abandoned). The season ended prematurely and two games were lost when the country went into lockdown. A first for the team was playing a game at our home ground, Anderson Park.



Seventeen players contributed throughout the season, which included Caitlin King and Beth Molony, who are part of the wider Blaze squad and played a number of games for us when they weren't required for Blaze duty. This season, the team did not have the services of its fulltime Blaze players as Cricket Wellington instructed that they could not turn out for their clubs. The team, however, was very fortunate to have the services of senior players, Elizabeth O'Connor-Scurr and Amanda Cooper.

T20 competition: The Maureen Peters T20 competition started on 9 November. Because there were 5 teams in the region, the competition format contained back-to-back games to remove the need for byes. Six T20 games were played prior to Christmas. The game against North City / Johnsonville was the highlight of this competition. Conditions were perfect for cricket on a glorious afternoon at Karori Park, when captain Beth Molony won the toss and elected to bat. Anna Martin opened the batting with Nicole Baird. They went on to post an opening partnership of 133 when Anna was caught on 41 in the 19th over, while Nicole was left holding her bat on 69*. North City/Johnsonville were all out for 108 in the 19.4 over, unable to chase down Collegians' score (134/1), as Isla Shanks claimed 4 wickets, and Beth Molony and Gretchen McAleer both taking 2 wickets each.

40-over competition: After the holiday break, the season resumed with the 40-over Joy Lamason One Day competition. Following a bye on 18 January, Collegians was scheduled to play Hutt Districts on 25 January. On a cloudy morning, captain Beth Molony won the toss and elected to bat. Collegians went on to post 238/7 which Hutt Districts were unable to chase, only managing to achieve 188/7 in their 40 overs. Nicole Baird (51) and Beth Molony (50) were the pick of the batters with wickets spread amongst the team. Hutt Districts eventually went on to win the competition (on points). The season came to a premature end with the last game on 14 March as Covid19 was taking hold. Again it was a calm summer's day and we were playing at Petone Rec Ground. Petone-Eastbourne won the toss and elected to bowl and Collegians was sent in to bat. Anna Martin opened the batting with Amelia Harland (6 Runs), then partnered with Caitlin Laurie (0), and Maddy Boyer (17). When the score was 52/3, Anna was joined by Caitlin King. Together they put on a 67-run partnership before Anna was judged out on 44 with the score at 119/4. Zoe Wishnowsky came to the crease and notched up 45 runs in a 113-run partnership with Caitlin, who went on to achieve the first century (104 runs) of her senior cricketing career. Petone were unable to chase down Collegians 239/8 and were all out for 194 in 38.4 overs. Nicole Baird stopped their momentum with a 4 wicket bag.

Throughout the season Isla Shanks, Kahlyss Boyer, Katie Mackenzie, Lucy Edwards, and Nicole Baird all claimed 3 wicket bags

Team environment: The Premier Women's team prided itself on its supportive team culture and mixture of senior and younger players – a culture that appeared to be lacking at other clubs. Des Boyer, a long-standing coach and manager at Hutt Districts, was a valuable gain for the club, a Level 1 coach and currently working towards Level 2. Des's move to the club attracted players from other clubs to join Collegians: Zoe Wishnowsky, Maddy Boyer, Kahlyss Boyer, and Gretchen McAleer. The 2019/20 season also saw Ellen Smith and Nicole Baird join the club – both keen to rekindle their desire to play cricket again. Ellen and Nicole signed on to play in the Premier P2 Woman's grade with the Victoria University club but were looking to play more competitively and moved into our P1 team. This was fruitful for Nicole who went on to be selected to play for Wellington A.

Joint club Initiative: This season our Premier Women formed a partnership with the Victoria University Club (VUWCC) with both clubs working together to offer a full pathway for female players. Both teams trained together at Anderson Park from 5:30-7pm. There was also an overlap created with Youth Girls training (5-6:30pm), which was preceded by the Junior Club's Year 5-8 girls' softball grade training from 4-5pm. So all our women trained together on the Monday night at Anderson Park. The younger Premier Women players, Anna Martin and Amelia Harland helped at the Year 5-8 training sessions then moved onto their own training with the women's team. Sam Mycock, funded by the Cricket Wellington ambassador program, coached and ran the Year 5/8 and youth girls training sessions, which worked really well. This joint club initiative resulted in no defaults for either of the senior women's teams.

Achievements and Awards

- Ina Lamason Cup for the most women's runs – Anna Martin (304 runs, Av 20.2 and S/R of 62.8. most 6's in Premier Women grade) 6 wickets.
- Ina Lamason Cup for the most women's wickets – Isla Shanks (15 wickets, BBI 4/18, Ecn 4.07)
- Penny Kinsella Cup for the Best Women's Contribution: Isla Shanks
- Team award Batter: Nicole Baird (274 runs, Av 24.9 S/R 82.5)
- Team award Bowler: Nicole Baird (12 wickets, BBI 4/27, Ecn 5.23)
- Best and Fairest: Gretchen McAleer
- Wellington A - Nicole Baird.

PREMIER GIRLS

Doug Martin (Manager)

This season the Premier Youth Girls came 3rd in the Premier Girls pairs competition, 3rd in the Premier Girls T20 competition, and 3rd in the Premier Girls 30 over competition. They had a core group of 7 players, topped up with younger Year 8 players for their 8 a side competitions.

In the upcoming 2020-21 season Cricket Wellington has lowered the age limit for the youth girls grade from year 13 to year 10 which makes all but 2 of our current players ineligible for this grade. Our older girls will most likely play in the P2 women's competition, however forming a completely new team to enter in this grade will be difficult.

COLLEGIANS SENIOR RESERVES

Tom Rutherford

The Premier Reserve Team had a mixed season of results, but had an excellent season of camaraderie and team unity. We saw some excellent personal milestones made, and many close and competitive matches.

Whilst results on paper may show one side of the season, they don't reflect on the atmosphere in the changing rooms, or the fight out on the field. The Premier Reserve Team has created this season a strong and supportive environment, where players aren't just team-mates, but are also mates. We enjoyed many breakfasts together before matches, and many social beers after the games as well. We built an environment this season where players didn't want to miss a game, and where we celebrated each others success. All the boys in the team this season have both a genuine passion for cricket, and also for the Collegians Club, and there has been every indication that all guys from this season will be returning to the club for 2020/21 Season.

Largely, our bowling and fielding discipline was our strongest asset throughout the season. We often fielded a side of 7 – 8 genuine bowlers each week, and our support for them in the field matched the effort they were giving with the ball. Our batting often struggled, particularly the top and middle order, which often created additional pressure for the lower order. This also led to applying additional pressure to our bowlers to protect lower totals.

This season also led to the change in our red ball format of the game, away from two-day cricket to timed cricket. Cricket Wellington only made this change in the Premier Reserve Division, as a chance to see whether it can be rolled out to future divisions in the coming seasons.

As a team, we felt that whilst timed cricket gave some additional dimensions to the game, it was effectively a One Day match in white clothing. Some aspects encouraged negative cricket, and did not encourage patience and longitude, that we typically associate with the longer formats of the game.

I'm personally in favour of reverting back to two-day matches, and have passed this feedback onto Cricket Wellington.

Our most memorable match of the 2019/20 Season was our win in March against Petone-Eastbourne, in Petone.

We scored an impressive 274 in the first innings, with strong contributions from Lachie Robertson (71), Ben Bridgman (57) and Tom Rutherford (47*).

We then backed this up, by bowling Petone-Eastbourne out for 182, with Carne Ashworth and Ani Chitre taking the bulk of the wickets. This match emphasised the style of cricket that we could play, when the team played collectively and cohesively.

One personal performance that needs to be highlighted, was an innings from Lachie Robertson in what was our final game of the season.

Lachie opened the batting and scored 137 off just 81 balls, which included 14 fours and 9 sixes. Quite a few cricket balls were lost down Bowen Street during this innings and for us as teammates, it was an awesome innings to watch and be a part of.

On a personal note, this was my first season captaining the team. I spent a large part of the first half of the season away for work, so I am hugely grateful for Ani Chitre stepping up and captaining the side in my absence, along with Jesse Lusty-Winter.

I've enjoyed the extra responsibility this season, both on and off the field. We have created a team and environment that I am extremely proud of. We have the hall marks of a squad, that will - with some additional time playing alongside one another - be able to be extremely successful for the club. It was a privilege to be asked to captain, and whilst it was challenging at times, it was something I became hugely invested in and really enjoyed.

There are a few BIG thank yous that I need to give:

Graeme Sugden - Our dedicated and loyal Team Manager and Club Treasurer. Graeme is with our side week-in-week-out. He's our scorer, kit man and occasionally 12th man. Graeme continues to play a huge roll in the organisation of our team and his ongoing support for the Club is hugely appreciated. Thank you Graeme, for your reliability and commitment.

Sushant Balajee – Sush stepped up this season to be both the Captain of the Premier Side and also Club Coach. The Prems and Prem Reserves trained together on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the season, and Sush led a focussed and structured training regime throughout the season, whilst also offering personal support to any players who needed it. Thank you Sushant, for your leadership and support throughout this season.

Sam Grayling – Sam took on the role of Club Manager this season and ensured that we did not resort to 9pm Friday night phone calls, because we were short for the game on the Saturday. Sam organised our Tuesday Selection Meetings, which allowed us to name our sides on the Wednesday. Having Sam in this role really provided certainty around player availability and ensured that no teams were ever short, and no players were left without a game on the weekend. I believe moving forward that it is imperative that we as a Club have someone in this role on a permanent basis, as it provided a huge amount of support and certainty.

Nathan King – Kingi, as many will know him as, was really encouraging both for me personally as Captain, but also for our team. Kingi would often turn up for the first couple of hours of our matches, gives us a pre-match team talk and laugh, all before heading off to his own game later in the afternoon. Kingi has been a really supportive figure and someone I could personally speak with, discuss ideas and challenges, and always know he would give a well thoughtout and justified response. Clubs like ours do not succeed without members like Kingi.

Scott Ryland – Thank you Scott for your ongoing support and efforts as our Club President. We appreciated both yours and the Board's backing throughout the season, and we appreciate that a lot of the work you do is behind the scenes and is often not thanked, so thank you, Scott.

Dilip Devia – Dil, our Club Captain. Thank you Dil for your ongoing service to the club. The number of hours you spend behind the bar each week and out on the field with junior cricket is greatly appreciated by many.

Finally a big thank you to Ani Chitre. This season was Ani's last full season with the club, as fatherhood awaits him in the coming weeks. Ani has been a regular fixture at the Club for a number of years, and this season he spent it playing for the Prem Reserve side. Thank you Ani for your leadership both on and off the field, for your Mamba Mentality and for ensuring that all of us enjoyed our Saturdays. You stepped up at times when the team needed you the most and you are leaving a large gap in our team. Thank you, Ani!

Big thanks to everyone involved in our team this season. Looking forward to seeing everyone back at the clubrooms for the 2020/21 season.

1st GRADE SPARKLE MOTION (AFASF)

Sam Grayling

2019-20 a season with many highlights and an abrupt ending, cruelly crushing our final chance to push for season honours and promotion. Such a season comes with many memorable moments including:

- Come from behind victory against Easts Roosters – with the opposition requiring 30 runs to win and 6 wickets in hand, victory was slipping away. Keiran Vane saw things differently with 2 wickets in 2 balls (just for the record, the next ball was plum). Mastery from Damo Grant at the other end and we managed to bowl the Roosters out, 8 runs short of our 183.
- Chasing Stokes Valley's 218 first innings effort Sparkle were 3/3 in the 3rd over. Step up Ravi Thakur who's 185 to give us first innings points, and then some.
- Ravi taking his 50th wicket in what turned out to be the final day of the season, becoming the first Collegian ever to make the honours board for season performance with both bat and ball.



And the season's efforts mean a number of names will be etched into history over the off season with honours board performances including:

- Ravi Thakur 7/21, 7/18, 185, 585 runs in the season, 50 wickets in the season.
- Scott Oldham 137.
- Keiran Vane hattrick.
- Sam Grayling 5 Catches.

Bring on summer 2020-21!

2nd GRADE FALCONHAWK(E)

Alan Wightman

Falcon Hawk(e), denizens of Division 6, also known, rather awkwardly, as Second Grade.

Captain's Report 2019-20

In the previous season, under the competent and determined leadership of Daniel Cumming, Falcon Hawk(e) had excelled themselves in winning the grade. This season, we resumed our more customary mid-table position. In one-day cricket, we finished fourth out of eight. In two-day cricket, fifth or sixth out of eight.* In all, we won five matches and lost six.

I judge our lower position on the table to be primarily due to two factors:

- The “promotion” of Young Nic Bell to the premier team. Young Nic had been our man of the year for the last two seasons, capturing more than 30 wickets in each of those seasons, and being, it could possibly be argued, very slightly too fast and slippery for our grade.
- The “promotion” of this writer to the captaincy. This brought with it a fascination with distractingly complex theories about how the game might be played, a tendency towards valuing participation in roughly equal measure to victory, and a profound inability to win tosses.**

In the absence of Young Nic, our attack was spearheaded by Drew “Boots” Delaney, who is nearly as quick, not quite as accurate, and much more excitable (17 wickets at 27). Old Nick Clark trudged in for another full season of deliveries pitching on a length and nipping in, and snared another bunch of victims (20 wickets at 19). Indeed, Old Nick brought up the 250 wickets / 2500 runs double for Falcon Hawk(e), achieved in only 13 short seasons. He is the



second man to achieve this exhausting feat, the other being the redoubtable Owen Mann (“active” again this season –his 60 at Te Whiti was one of the dullest and most valuable innings of the season).

*Back: Chapman, Duffy, Clayton, Wightman, Varghese, Lee.
Front: Mann, Crocker, Kerr, Bent, Delaney*

Our batting was wildly inconsistent, even by our usual not particularly consistent standards. Those holding it together the most often included Rob Paterson (262 runs at 33), recently arrived from England, who played with a grace and calmness not often witnessed at Mac 3, the field with a ditch full of water just a small hit away. Also frequently amongst the runs was Hamish Clayton (245 of them at 31), who was

returning to Falcon Hawk(e) after several seasons away from Mother Bird. He swatted through extra cover and flashed backward point like he was 28 again.

Our man for all seasons, our jack of all trades, the treasure of our nest, is Ben Stephenson. He made pressure runs at Ngati Toa to help us win in a tight run chase, he wiled down off breaks with satisfactory economy, he took catches that no one would have attempted, he even kept wicket when this author's knees couldn't take it anymore. At Mac 3, he held three sensational catches, and led the lead the team off the field after not bowling a single ball. Ben also arranges the team each week, a task he accomplishes with the flourish of a raconteur and the enthusiasm of a masochist, and for which I am eternally grateful.

At times our heads dropped this season, usually when we were being flayed in the field, which happened on three occasions substantially. However, our heads usually came back up, as we have a spirit that produces fine team performances, my favourites this season being:

- Victory at Ngati Toa against the Sikhs in a one day match just after Christmas. We had been easily beaten by the Sikhs earlier in the season, so this was a fine effort. Tight bowling from Stephenson, Clark, Cumming, and T-Bone Bartlett (with his first wicket for the Great Bird) held Sikhs to 163 all out. Trench warfare batting from the top order Cumming, Patterson & Wightman edged us towards our target, before Mann and Stephenson saw us home gloriously, thanks in no small part to 5 wides at a critical moment from the Sikhs' captain, with an over to spare.
- Nearly Not Defeat against Petone. The eventual grade champions Petone didn't lose all season, and they didn't lose this match either, but they nearly didn't win. Set a laughable 319 to win in 57 overs, we surprised them by batting 50 of them. Losing Cumming off the first ball, everyone else dug in for a gutsy effort that nearly paid off.
- Victory over Hutt District Deccan Chargers at Mac 2. Under sun lubricated skies, and with a first innings deficit of 8 runs, we employed the time honoured tactic of trying to roll them, which worked surprisingly well. Delaney was fast and accurate, Duffy simply accurate, Stephenson worked his three miracles (see above), and the Chargers were dismissed for 104. Cumming & Paterson ensured there would be no dramas, and we won by nine wickets.

Although not so much a team effort, I will also remember fondly Clark and Delaney's brutal partnership of 125, late in the season at Mac. Following on 177 behind, and six down for hardly anything, Delaney took the sensible approach of slogging everything out of the park, while Clark batted with serene and feline grace, something he treats us to just often enough for us to wonder why he doesn't treat us to it more often.

It is tradition to fire the Falcon Hawk(e) captain at the end of every season, and I can hear my would-be successors sharpening their knives even now. It is therefore one of my last acts to acknowledge how pleased and proud I have been to lead, or at least gently direct, this band of charming, pleasant and physically attractive men. Good luck to our next captain. All hail the Great Bird.

Alan Wightman

April 2020

*For reasons I don't understand, bonus points from our last match (incomplete due to Covid cancellation) were not included in the standings, whereas they were for other teams. The table shows us finishing sixth, but had our points been included, we would have finished fifth. No matter.

**I did win the toss at Te Whiti just before Christmas. I sent our opposition into bat. Three minutes later, the opposition captain apologised to me, and said they were on the wrong pitch. They were playing the other Collegians team. I found the correct captain, lost the toss, and was sent into bat. We were swiftly 40/7.

2nd Grade CHINAMEN ALMANAC

It was written as the biggest transfer in Collegians Cricket Club history. Now, when I say that I imagine you assume either 1) the premier squad have secured an overseas pro or 2) the transfer from another club to Collegians. WRONG. Matthew “Sheeves” Stephen (Collegians Premier Captain 2018-2019) joined the 2nd grade Chinamen for an exorbitant fee of a 11pm Friday night jug of Sangria from ‘The Horn’ (Formerly El Horno)! Scenes below as 2019-20 skipper Nick ‘Big Dog’ Appleby secures the signing:



Now, the season was relatively standard for the Chinamen so I will save you the same old story. Highs, Lows, Hangovers, Player recruitment etc..etc...

Results went as such:

1-Day Grade: 2 wins, 3 losses. (1 Day cricket is only for money chasing mercenaries)

2 Day Grade: 2 wins, 2 losses, 2 draws and 1 abandonment (I’ll get to that later)

Results were sporadic due to the struggle to maintain a consistent squad of players – somewhat traditional to Chinamen values however, along with the belief catches **do not** win matches.

A few key highlights for me:

- **Game 1 & 2: Matty Sheeeeves debut.** Now, I must admit, I was not present for 1.5 of these games due to scouting the French Riviera in search of the finest French cut in Europe. Reports were feeding through of the Chinamen in a relatively dire situation first game of the season. 2/6 was the score in chase of 173. If you’re Australian who refer to the cricket score incorrectly, the situation isn’t great. If you read it like the rest of the world, the situation is diabolical. Despite Sheeves’s best efforts to recover the situation – we were bowled out for 103. Game 2 was an event of grade cricketer beauty. Chinamen stacked on 290/8 from their 45 overs. Largely thanks to a Sheeve’s unbeaten 141. Not enough though as the opposition chased it down within 37 overs to secure a century in a losing game – well done.
- **Derby Days: FalconHawk(e).** As you may recall, Chinamen secured a memorable victory against the honourable FalconHawk(e) last day of the 18-19 season at Anderson Park. This season, Chinamen continued their fine form securing a 2-day* and 1-day victory against their interclub rivals. The 2-day game turned in to a 1-day game due to weather leaving the Chinamen still searching a full 2-day victory. Bragging rights will remain at Chinamen HQ this winter.
- **Final Game: vs Naenae.** When I say Chinamen struggle for players, this game was the epitome of this. Come 10:30am Saturday morning. 2 Hours away from first ball of a

2day game the Chinamen had 7 players and had exhausted all recruitment fill-in avenues. 10:48 we are at 9 inclusive of two players who had not played cricket in x amount of years. 11:49am 'Lord' Nathan King slides on into my DM's to advise he has secured two further players for us. We have 11. Boomfa! To add to the mix, there had been murmurs of an ex-prems player dropping down to the Naenae side recently and had been banging runs around the ground (yes yes yes...we are one to talk). Okie doke. Nick Appleby banged in a quick honors board of 101 as bit-part Chinamen stacked on 287/8. Hmmm. The boys took the field and out walked the ex-prems boy. Big fella who looked like he had hurled a bit of leather at Naenae park. Daunting. First ball he faced was top edged to a height of approx. 93,000 ft. Under stood Guy Newton who shakily screamed "Mine!". Breadbasket! Old mate is gone for a golden duck. And the Chinamen proceed to bowl Naenae out for 122 to enforce the follow on..."WHAT ON EARTH JUST HAPPENED" we all screamed in silence struggling to comprehend the idea that we are about to enforce a follow on despite 12 hours ago having 7 players. Anyway, COVID-19 took out Day-2 preventing potentially the greatest Chinamen victory of all time.

Other small highlights for me:

- Spearhead Danny Clarke finally securing honors board bowling figures after numerous 6fa's.
- Cop bowling 17 overs on the trot with a self-described worst hangover in history taking 4 wickets only for fellow hangover partner Luke Vincent attempting to eat his fifth wicket and splitting his lip instead.
- Early Feb Sclarkey confirming he won't be getting involved in pre-season footy training this year to Early March Sclarkey ditching the boys to chase the dream of Capital Premier Footy.
- Sheeves securing a small bag AND a golden duck in 2nd grade cricket.
- Ryan 'Jonesy' Jones finally scoring runs and falling in love with the game again despite saying he will never play again in 2018-19
- Playing against Justin Lester weeks after losing Wellington Mayoralty. We kept it PC in a good/bad way 😊.
- Bunsu Hira dropping a planned attack on a Falconhawk(e) batsmen and breaking his thumb on the process. Usually we shy away from these highlights but come on Buns – it was a dolly.

Once again, a huge credit to the boys, it was a real game of two halves and cricket was the winner at the end of the day. Oh, and thanks to the ladies in the kitchen!

That's enough from me, Kiwi's. Enjoy the winter and see you all again for 2020-21!

Cops

Honors Board:

- **Matthew Stephen 537 Runs for the season**
- **Matthew Stephen 141* against Sikhs**
- **Danny Clarke 7-33 against Jville**
- **Nick Appleby 101 against Naenae.**

4th GRADE AXEMEN

Jono Reid

This season has been a crazy, but overall successful one for the Axemen. After a number of retirements, overseas movements and players deciding not to play this season; we were left with approximately seven regular players from last year committing to a full season this year. However, with support from the Club (thanks Sam!) we pressed on and after 16 Axemen debutants and 30 players donning the whites ('sponsored' by various clubs across the country as many of us are still waiting on club shirts), we are looking in a much better place for next season.

We finished fourth points-wise in the grade with two wins and three losses in our one-day matches, and two wins, two draws and two losses in our two day matches. These results, however, don't reflect how well we competed throughout the season as we won first innings points in all but one of our two day matches, were in winnable positions at the end of our two draws, and nearly pulled off a miracle win in one of our losses (reducing the opposition to 51/8 in their pursuit of our self-inflicted target of 63 – we also played with 10 for the majority of the two days).

Key highlights for me in my first season as captain were:

- **increased confidence with the bat:** batting first (or second, third or fourth) and staying at the crease for a long time has not been our strong point during the last three seasons. It was awesome to see three players from those past seasons score more runs this season than those past three seasons combined. As a team, we also scored nearly as many fifties and more centuries than in those past three seasons combined. Our ability to bat in partnerships and support one another regardless of the conditions/match situation was immense and the team can be very proud of what they achieved this year.
- **big victories in tough conditions:** two come to mind here:
 - our nine man team (fielding only two players who had bowled a full one-day spell before, and one player who had never played cricket before) cantering to a nine wicket victory in the first one day match of the season. This was led by Nick "Welsh" Allan, who defied his earlier-raised concerns about creaky knees to concede 1/23 from his 9 overs and then score an unbeaten 110 off 70 balls in the chase. He was supported by a well-crafted 76* from Nick "Cymbals" Robertson in an unbeaten 228 run partnership.
 - our two day 95 run win over a team we were determined to crush after being (controversially) thrashed on an artificial wicket the month before. This was a team performance where we blocked, nurdled and nudged 247 runs across 103 overs in cold, hurricane-like conditions on a slow, sticky Te Whiti Park wicket and then rolled them with the ball in both innings. Our leading individual performer across that match was Matt Higham, who personally batted 27 of those overs for 71 runs (one innings unbeaten) and then took match figures of 6-66.
- **the team spirit and comradery across the season:** despite our ever-changing roster, we continued to have a positive environment and enjoy the cricket we played.

In terms of individual and team milestones, big congratulations go to Welsh and Matt Higham who both made the honours board this season and also to John 'Zombie' Laurence and Lewis Goodwin who both reached 50 career wickets for the Axemen this year. Also, a big thanks to Cymbals who is 'retiring' from Axemen duties to spend time with his newborn children – we wish him all the best!

I am really proud of the team's efforts in 2019/20 and am really looking forward to what we can do next season. We've already started our preparations, with between 6-8 attending weekend winter nets since late June and we have also added a couple of interested people into the Collegians ranks. Our English imports are also awaiting the outcomes of their Kolpak negotiations and we are hoping to see them back with the Axemen this year!

Key Award Winners:

Best Batsman: Nick "Welsh" Allan with 539 runs at 44.75 (High Scores: 135* and 110*). Honourable mention to Matt Higham with 519 runs at 47.09 (High Scores: 119* and 108).

Best Bowler: Matt Higham with 34 wickets at 13.56. Honourable mentions to John "Zombie" Laurence with 21 wickets at 22.39, Lewis Goodwin with 14 wickets at 8.07 and Josh Webb with 13 wickets at 21.62.

Best and Fairest: Rhys Muir

Best Fielder: KJ Dayal

Most Improved: Jono Reid

Hatchet Award (Rookie of the Year – all debutants eligible): Josh Webb

Axemen of the Year: Jono Reid



Yeah that's not out mate, good effort though champ.

TWENTY-20 ONE TONNE DREAM

Chris Bolton

To come.

INDIVIDUAL HONOURS

DOMESTIC REPRESENTATIVES

Wellington Blaze: Alex Evans, Wheturangi Charteris, Liz Green Perry, Caitlin King, Beth Molony

Womens Wellington A: Nicole Baird

CLUB AWARDS TBA at pre-season prize giving (due to disruptions in March)

Club Awards 2019-20 season

The Grey Cup for the most limited-over runs:

The Grey Cup for the most LIMITED-OVER wickets:

Grey Cup for the most Two Day runs:

The Grey Cup for the most Two Day wickets:

Phoenix Cup for Best and Fairest Senior Player:

Don Churchill Cup for Best Senior Reserve Player:

Ina Lamason Cup for Most Women's Wickets: **Isla Shanks (15)**

Ina Lamason Cup for Most Women's Runs: **Anna Martin (304)**

Penny Kinsella Cup for Best Women's Contribution: **Isla Shanks**

RC Pope Mug for Best Senior Player:

Norm Bibby Memorial Cup for the Most Promising Player:

Committee Cup for the Best Board Member:

John Rose Memorial Cup for the Hardest Working Player in the Club:

James Trophy for Senior Cricketer of the Year:

Larry Macer Memorial Cup:

Martin Luckie Trophy for Best Club Member:

TREASURER'S REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Graeme Sugden
TREASURER

To come