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RDCA FINALS



BILL WILKINS

In 1972 Bill Wilkins was asked to nominate for a position on the Senior Executive. He was elected and so began a period of 27 years official service to the RDCA which will conclude tonight (18 August) when Bill steps down as President after replacing the retiring Bill Dean at the AGM of 1988.

After performing a number of activities for the senior Executive, Bill accepted Bill Dean's invitation to be the first President of the Junior Association prior to the start of the 1977/78 season. Bill held this position for 11 years and in that time he oversaw a tremendous growth in the under age ranks. It quickly became the largest under age body in Victoria and, arguably, in Australia. At one stage the RDCA was putting into the field well in excess of 200 under age teams each Saturday morning. Along with Steve Pascoe, good progress was made with the entry of girls into RDCA junior ranks until they were able to move into the women's cricket area.

When Bill Dean decided it was time to retire into the background, Bill replaced his junior presidency with the senior job. He has led the Association in a time when other sports were attracting both the young and the not so young, but in 1999 the Association remains a strong viable body ready to step into the next century as one of the best local associations.

Bill has been able to combine his presidency with his great desire to continue playing. His expertise in the Local Government area has helped considerably in our dealings with the respective councils, particularly after the mergers which took place in the early days of the Kennett government.

Bill will be missed in the decision making area of the RDCA but he has said that, after a reasonable break, he will be happy to assist as the Association sees fit.

On behalf of all clubs in the Association I thank Bill Wilkins for his service.

Lindsay Trollope

PRESIDENTS REPORT

1998 – 1999 SEASON

Grading & Team Entries

Despite some excellent pre-season work by the Executive in seeking to stabilize the grading system, the crop of team withdrawals in September and October which have become commonplace over the last few seasons, resulted in last minute changes to five grades.

These changes certainly created a great deal of extra work for our Secretary, but they also resulted in a number of grades having only 8 or 10 competing teams – a situation which is of great concern to the Executive and to all cricketers in the affected grades.

I appeal to all clubs to make sure that they can consistently field a team in all the grades that they have applied for. It is nice to be optimistic before the start of the season, but late withdrawal of teams always creates confusion and bitterness, whereas a late application to field an extra team is a good indication of a strengthening club and, if the application eliminates a bye, is far more acceptable to all.

Wilkins Cup

I was greatly honored when the Association chose to rename the A Grade competition to the Wilkins Cup, and I thank the Executive and the delegates of the Association for the vote of approval.

Congratulations

My personal congratulations to the Ferntree Gully Club for their success in the Chandler Shield final, after being so close in the previous seasons.

My congratulations also to the Lilydale Club, who won the Wilkins Cup, and promotion back into the Chandler Shield competition.

The two major grades once again provided a fairly even competition between the top 7 or 8 clubs and the composition of the final four was uncertain until the final ball of the home and away series.

Congratulations are also due to the Templeton Club, which had all of its senior teams in the final series and won the Club Championship award in their first year of competing in the Chandler Shield Grade.

The individual efforts of Mark Unternahrer of Kilsyth were recognised when the votes of the umpires declared him to be the winner of the Bill Dean Medal for Chandler Shield Champion Player for the season.

Chad Rogers of Montrose took out the Steve Pascoe Medal for the Best & Fairest Player in the Wilkins Cup.

Umpires

A Code of Conduct for cricket umpires was approved early in the season, and this proved to be a great help to both the newer umpires and the "old hands".

David Rashleigh was once again our Umpires Advisor and Steve Pascoe was Chairman of the Umpires meetings.

Umpires also volunteered their services for many inter Association and other games in addition to their normal duties in our Association, and they all deserve our thanks for a job well done.

In particular I was pleased that senior umpires willingly offered their services in the final of the Junior Competition, and these games were very much better for the professional involvement.

Grounds Upgrade

It was pleasing to see that our local Councils now have a firm policy of substantially upgrading at least once oval in each municipality each year.

While this is upsetting for that season for the Club involved, the long-term benefits to the Club and its players, as well as their opponents, in having a properly drained and irrigated oval for their top side is well worth putting up with playing on an inferior oval for one season.

I urge opposing cricket teams to be a little more tolerant in their attitude towards this situation, because their turn will certainly come in the future.

Association Functions

The Captains Night organized for captains of our top teams prior to the season was an opportunity for them to meet socially and discuss rule changes etc.

In particular we discussed the necessity for the captains to submit the "Report on Umpires" as this report was really the only way that umpire performance could be measured and the umpires appropriately graded.

I was disappointed to learn that, over the entire season, we received only about 50% of the reports that should have been made, and this made the job of accurately grading our umpires so much more difficult.

Perhaps we need to evolve a better system in future years!

The Vote Count Night was once again hosted by the Ainslie Park Club who provided an excellent venue and atmosphere for this important function.

However, attendance was extremely disappointing and has prompted the Executive to consider an entirely different format in future seasons.

Our Presentation Night was once again an outstanding success, and special thanks must once again go to the Pascoe family for their very hard work in organizing the night and to our Master of Ceremonies, Lindsay Trollope for his interesting and factual introduction prior to each presentation.

Discipline

The application of the Player Code of Conduct seems to be having the desired effect on player behaviour in the top grades of the Association, as players are mindful of the penalties to be applied if they continue to misbehave.

The Investigation Committee has only had to meet on one occasion and the Tribunal work has also been reduced since the mandatory suspension system was introduced.

Cricket Balls

The Executive decision to change our cricket ball to the Kookaburra brand has resulted in significant sponsorship gains, while the quality of the balls supplied has not suffered compared to our previous supplier.

Perhaps we have been fortunate with the weather over the past few seasons but the number of complaints about the quality of the balls has certainly decreased.

The Executive has noted that complaints mainly arise from those grounds that have hard surfaces such as concrete drains, pipes near the boundary, and clubs are advised to seek out these ball destroyers and take steps to minimize their effect.

Junior Competition

One of the features of our Association that we can all be really proud about is our Junior Association. Yet again in this past season the Junior Association was a delight to all cricket lovers in the district, as cricket of a high quality and excellent sportsmanship was enjoyed by our young people.

How fortunate we are to have such a dedicated and enthusiastic Junior Committee so ably led by Chris Willman.

Those who attended the Junior Presentation Night must have been impressed by the wealth of talent that is in the under-age teams, and this must auger well for the future of cricket in our district.

Finances

The Treasurer's Report elsewhere in this Annual Report indicates that the Association is in a sound financial position.

Thanks to some excellent management by the Newey family we were able to complete the season on budget despite some last minute unexpected expense.

The result was achieved despite the Association not strictly applying fines that were incurred by clubs incorrectly or incompletely filling in Match Result Sheets. We preferred to remind you of your mistake and only after a couple of reminders did we apply the penalty. This situation may not apply in the future.

Special thanks to Joan and Stuart Newey for their good work in keeping our financial affairs in such good order.

Executive

The Executive has worked well together with our new members contributing their knowledge and experience into the discussions.

Our Secretary, Lindsay Trollope, is a real tower of strength to the Association and his great love of our game shines through all the heavy work load that he bears on our behalf. We are very fortunate that we have a person of his background and availability to fill this position (which some people think is part-time only) and be available constantly to listen to our problems and act upon them.

Lindsay is well supported by his wife, Bev, and family so that, despite many family problems and illnesses, the Association continues to run most efficiently.

My personal thanks to Steve Pascoe who has frequently deputised for me at functions that I have been unable to attend.

Every member of the Executive has generously given of their time to assist in the smooth running and progress of the Association and, on your behalf, I thank them all for their efforts.

The Future

As you are aware, I announced at the Presentation Night that I would not be seeking nomination to the President position next season.

I have been playing cricket in this Association now for over 50 years and have been on the Association Executive for more than 30 years, so it is time for me to step down from the Association work, and let a younger person contribute their greater energy to the position.

It is timely though for me to remind you of some of the problems that I see before the Association at present and in the next few years, so that these problems may be confronted and overcome as we move into the future.

One problem that concerns me and the Executive greatly is the loss of cricketers in between the Junior Competition and Senior Grades.

While some players go on from Juniors to play top grade cricket in our Association, most of the others are lost to cricket entirely. Our lower grade teams do not have the 16-20 year olds they had in other years.

The Executive is considering plans for a "Colts" competition in the future, and I ask you to think about other solutions to this problems which may well cripple the future of cricket.

The second problem that concerns me and the Executive is the need update our information system. We need to make better use of the available modern technology to simplify and quicken the processing of Match Result Sheets, Umpire Reports, Registrations etc., so that information on ladders, mistakes in results etc., is made available to clubs within days of match completion.

The Executive is currently seeking information on how best to use the modern technology and your suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

I am acutely aware that we take advantage of the background and good nature of Lindsay Trollope in his work as our "part-time" Secretary, and we really must face up to the reality that Lindsay will not be in a position to do this work under the current conditions for ever and that eventually a more professional arrangement, involving higher costs to the Association, may have to be put in place.

However I am sure that cricket in the R.D.C.A. will continue to flourish, and that these problems will be overcome.

I thank you all for your support of me and the Executive and wish you, and your clubs, every success in the future.

BILL WILKINS



GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

I start my report with congratulations to the RDCA Under 21 team.

The Social Room at the Badminton Stadium in Kilsyth provided the venue for the 79th Annual Meeting of the Association held on 19 August. Bill Wilkins was elected to continue his presidency for the 11th consecutive year.

In recognition of Bill's leadership as President and his invaluable contribution to the RDCA over a 27 year period the AGM accepted unanimously the Executive's recommendation that the A Grade be renamed the Wilkins Cup. At the Presentation Dinner in April, Bill indicated that he would be retiring from this position and consequently informed the Executive of his decision not to continue as a member of that body. A tribute to Bill's 27 years of service is included elsewhere in this document.

One of the major decisions of the season was that taken by the Croydon Hockeyers and Croydon United clubs to merge under the banner of the Croydon Ranges C.C. This necessitated a reduction in the number of teams in Wilkins to 10 teams.

Except for the second day of the penultimate round, the weather continued the incredible run of great playing conditions in recent seasons.

Ferntree Gully was the top team for most of the season and when they passed Kilsyth's first innings total of 169 not long after tea on the second they had captured their second Chandler flag since returning to the RDCA in season 93/94. In the inaugural Wilkins Cup Lilydale, after being the most dominant club throughout the season, had to fight off a determined bid by East Ringwood to deprive them of the right to play in Chandler in season 99/00.

The contract for exclusive use of balls in RDCA games was awarded to Platypus after 3 years with the Kookaburra Company. The agreement with Platypus included the use of balls with the junior competition

Members of the Executive continued to give of their time and talent to assist the Association. Steve Pascoe was again Bill's deputy and occupied the top position on a number of occasions when Bill was absent. It is likely that Steve will put his hand up for the vacant President's position and it would be difficult to find a more suitable person to replace Bill. Steve also accepted the position of President of the Umpire's Association succeeding John Tynan who resigned at the end of the 97/98 season.

Ann Pascoe kept the family name to the forefront of the RDCA in continuing in her role as Social Convener and her efforts with both social functions assured their success. In relation to the Presentation Dinner it was good to see the highest attendance for a number of years. A tribute to Ann's work. Rachelle was also a willing assistant to her parents and was again the "collector of telephone scores".

Joan and Stuart Newey were to the fore in the roles as Treasurer and Registration Secretary respectively. Their reports on these areas of the RDCA administration are featured elsewhere in this document. Joan was called to assist above and beyond the call of duty following Stuart's operation for a hip replacement. Two complications following the operation saw Stuart spend a lot more time in hospital than anticipated. Stuart takes extra care these days when putting on his footwear and loading a tape into his VCR. Nevertheless the Association would be poorer without the contribution from the "Neweys".

Pat Meehan decided it was time to hang up his umpiring equipment and consequently retired from the position of the Umpires Association. Pat, however, remained on the Executive and was appointed as RDCA representative to the Eastern Zone Committee. This is a VCA initiative aimed at providing a forum for the exchange of ideas between Associations, District and Sub Districts clubs and Schools etc.

Bob Larter replaced Pat as the Secretary of the Umpires Association and provided the link between the Executive and the umpires. Bob was a relative newcomer to the RDCA, but he brought to it many years of experience with a number of other associations.

Neil Tull (Chairman), David Beatty, Russell Jenzen and Adrian Brush formed the match committee. This committee is responsible for the selection of Association representative teams and also of the All Stars team. David again took control of the Under 21 and Under 18 teams and his success with the Under 21 has been well documented. The team was victorious in taking out the prestigious Neil Wright trophy for the best Under 21 team in the CUOV. The under 18 team lost only one match in their games and this was the only defeat in the past 2 seasons. Due to a number of matters beyond any person's control, details of the senior game against Box Hill Reporter were not finalised until a few days prior to the match and this was complicated even further when Box Hill were forced to change the venue on the eve of the match. However, the game itself was a thriller when for the second successive year, we were beaten by one run when looking to be in a winning position for a good part of the day. We need to look at the timing of representative games to ensure their success.

Chris Willman was elected to the position of President of the Junior Association and joined the Executive as its representative. Chris is a strong supporter of the need for a successful junior group to ensure the future of the RDCA. Chris' passion for the juniors was quickly evident and with a great committee under his leadership, one can only see the Association going from strength to strength in the years ahead. Chris was also an invaluable member of the senior committee in all its deliberations.

The Tribunal was only called to meet on one occasion and it handed out a 6 match penalty for umpire abuse and misconduct. Four players accepted a 2 match penalty as provided under the rules. The Investigation Committee also met on one occasion to investigate incidents in a B Grade match. Three suspensions were handed out for varying terms and bonds were applied to clubs.

Ken Johnston continued to lead the Veterans competition while Mick Gavin replaced Brian Gobbi as Secretary. As usual the season was an outstanding success and the Presentation Dinner Dance at Rembrandts was a great night.

The patron of the Association was once again our famous or should that be infamous former President Bill Dean OAM JP. Bill was a regular visitor at games each Saturday afternoon. He also continued as a keen supporter of both the junior and veterans competition. Bill's major complaint is that there is a gap between the conclusion of one cricket season and the commencement of the next season when many of us throw our weight behind "that other game".

Bill was unfortunately taken seriously ill in May this year but as I type this part of the report, I have just stopped talking to Bill on the phone and his progress has been quite remarkable. Bill has worked it out that his treatment for the illness will conclude just in time for him to be at his best for the start of the 99/00 season.

I express my sincere gratitude to the secretaries and other officials of all the clubs for their excellent assistance during 1998/99. My job as Secretary is also made easier by the combined expertise and enthusiasm of all Executive members.

To Beverley, who is extremely busy in her full time position as Administrator of the Mountain District Badminton Association, I thank her for putting up with me as I plead for assistance on a number of occasions.

We have perhaps some exciting years ahead as we look at other options to ensure that the RDCA remains as one of the top local cricket bodies in this country. A knock out cup competition is on the drawing boards along with the establishment of an Under 18 Saturday afternoon competition. In addition we are looking at creating a RDCA Web Site and providing clubs with the opportunity of forwarding match reports and other information by fax.

The book detailing the history of the Association is almost ready to be given to the printers. Functions are being planned to celebrate the 80th year and to launch the book.

As season 98/99 fades into the memories and the history books we look forward to some great cricket in the season ahead.

Lindsay Trollope



Senior Registration Secretaries Report – 1998 / 1999 season

It is pleasing to report that the Permit Committee did not have to meet to make a determination on any contested Clearance applications. I will admit that we did arrange several meetings however reason prevailed and any problems re the granting of permits were resolved without recourse to the Committee.

From my point of view, another successful season with a minimum of fuss once some early season computer problems were ironed out.

The accuracy of data provided as input to the computer continues to be a problem which will only be overcome with scorers and home registers taking a little more care in the preparation of data, particularly the spelling of players names and initials.

Again I ask that scorers and home registrars use the club block lists provided at the start of each season and during the season -- even if you think you know how a persons name is spelt, look it up at the start of the season – you may get a big surprise and as a result save your club some money by way of fines.

Now some statistics regarding the season:

- 5667 Players registered to play
- 32 Clubs registered with the Association
- 59 Clearances processed during the season

Finally, thank you to all the players, delegates and club office bearers for their support during the year and to my wife and family for their help.

Stuart Newey
Senior Registration Secretary.



UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

The year began with the Umpires Association losing some very experienced Umpires but was fortunate to be able to recruit a number of new umpires who showed enough promise to be a decided advantage to the Association for a number of years in the future.

The Umpires performed their duties quite admirably during the season and generally were able to control most situations that arose during competition matches. For the first time in a number of years, all Umpires officiated at a Final Game which was a pleasing outcome, this was due to Junior Finals being umpired by Senior Umpires who thoroughly enjoyed the experience and judging by the comments their performances achieved, this practise will be followed in the future.

Twenty-three (23) Umpires officiated at Inter-Association Matches and this was the most for a number of years and they gained admiration and respect for the way that they carried out their duties at these important functions.

The Umpires were strongly opposed to the three (3) scales of payment that were in vogue during 1998-99 and their reservations were passed along to the Executive who will be looking into the matter with a determination to set a new and fair scale for season 1999-2000. Umpires strongly believe that the different pay scale causes disharmony in their ranks; and with only thirteen (13) Umpires appearing at the top level it created a gap between "top level" and the remaining Umpires.

Umpires were disappointed in the way that the "Chandler Shield" and the "Wilkins Cup" Final matches seemed to lose the great atmosphere that the games were played in and suggestions have been made to the Executive with ways to improve the After-games procedure that we all hope will curtail this imbalance of atmosphere that surrounds the spectacles these matches provide to all in attendance.

Congratulations from the Umpires go to all Premiership Winners, Medallists and all winners of Club Trophies for Season 1998-99.

Robert Larter

Secretary

MATCH COMMITTEE

Neil Tull continued his lengthy term as Chairman of the Match Committee. Russell Jenzen, Adrian Brush and David Beatty were the members of the Committee. David, as in the past, was the sole manager of the Under 21 and Under 18 teams and the success of the Under 21 team in winning the Neil Wright Shield as the best team in the CUOV. If any one deserved success it was David who has nurtured both teams over the past few years.

There is no doubt that David's development of the Under 18 squad has led to the success of the Under 21 team this season. Continued success by the RDCA in this competition is almost guaranteed due to this commitment by David to both squads.

The senior team lost by one run for the second successive season in its match against the Box Hill Association. The support for the team was not good due to delays in confirming the date by the Box Hill Association for reasons that were beyond their control. As the last moment the venue had to be changed thus causing some additional problems.

It is becoming evident that if we wish to continue with regular representative matches we will need to play them away from the busy late January/February dates.

Details of all matches are shown in the statistical section of this report.

Lindsay Trollope

CRICKET UNION OF VICTORIA

The Union which is the parent body for all metropolitan local associations, has as one of its main charter, the need to make cricket's higher authorities aware of the valuable role played by its members in the advancement of the game. In addition it plays a most important role in the development of under age cricket with its promotion and sponsorship of the carnivals played over the holiday period in January.

Once again the Union provided scorebooks at a most competitive price and the junior division of the RDCA continued to make the scorebook for all under age teams and is used by the large majority of the senior teams. However with many associations opting for either their own book or leaving it to clubs to choose their preferred book, it is unlikely that the books will be available after the 99/00 season.

The RDCA welcomed Kevin Smith and Kevin Murphy as the new President and Secretary of the Union and also congratulated our own David Beatty on his appointment as Minute Secretary.

At a meeting of the Union held in July it was moved, seconded and carried that the Union change its name to the Metropolitan Cricket Union of Victoria. Probably a better name but perhaps the change was made for reasons which may not be supported by many of its members.

Lindsay Trollope

**JUNIOR
ASSOCIATION**

JUNIOR PRESIDENT

Season 1998/99 was again supported by dedicated Volunteers, Officials and Parents, of Junior Cricketers playing and enjoying the game they love so dearly called "Cricket".

Junior Administrators, Team Managers, Mums and Dads have contributed to the success of their Junior Competition and the everlasting existence of the Association. Clubs must be congratulated for their efforts in fielding and representing themselves with Competitive and Non-Competitive Sides making their Junior Association one of the most popular and largest in Victoria.

Our Youngsters continue the tradition, and along the way learn the Rules, Ethics and Techniques of Cricket, hopefully leading them to bigger and better futures. Team building, Accountability, Attitude and Choice is being taught by responsible Clubs and their Officials, and this can be seen by the growth and performances within their own environment, and by Players proudly representing Clubs and their Junior Association by being selected to play, Dowling, Hatch, Mitchell Shield, and I.A.C.C.

Congratulations to the I.A.C.C. representative sides competing in the Christmas/New Year Carnival 1998/99. "U/16's Premiers, U/14's Semi Finalist, and U/12's Premiers". Well done to the "Mitchell Shield Boys" only failing to make the Finals by a percentage. Thank you to Shane Harrop, John Higgins, Timothy Court, Graeme Merrett and their assistants (Parents), in the voluntary help given during such a successful Season.

Presentation Night was well attended by all Clubs and their Trophy winners, with Teams proudly receiving their hard earned R.D.C.A. Junior Premiership Flags. Thank you to our Patron, Senior Executive, Sponsors and Distinguished Guests in joining and sharing with us the delight of presenting these accolades to some great young Cricketers, at a venue ideally designed and highly commended by all.

Affiliated Clubs must be congratulated in the election of this Season's Committee. Four new Clubs contributed to assist and be involved in the direction and future of their Junior Association with total responsible attitudes and constructive energy. Outstanding efforts by Timothy Court, Tony Gawne and Jeff Luscombe exceeded way beyond the expected and their huge efforts must be applauded and thanked by all. Next Season hopefully we will be expanding our Junior Committee to introduce even more Club representatives to enable some of the workload and responsibilities to be distributed evenly amongst all to help and lighten the burden of so few.

May I assure Club Administrators and Officials that in proposing new Rules, Policies, and Procedures by the way of Surveys and Circulars is only done with the sincere intentions of the Association to assist, advise, and help Clubs to ease the excess pressure and valuable time needed to perform their own honorary duties correctly.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 1998/99 season has been a very interesting and enjoyable one. Taking on the role of Junior Secretary was not really what I had in mind when it was suggested that I should join the committee at the end of last season. Despite this I believe that I have learnt a lot, which can only provide for improvement next season.

Having spent the past two seasons on the so called 'other side' as a Junior Coordinator for Bayswater Park, this season has been a real eye opener to the difficulties that the Junior Committee experiences. I believe that these difficulties are not fully appreciated and most likely not considered by most clubs. If the Juniors are to operate efficiently and effectively for the benefit of all clubs, then it is necessary that clubs sit back and take a look at the bigger picture and try to understand where the executive is coming from. This of course applies equally to the Junior Executive.

On the whole I believe the 1998/99 season was very successful. With a number of new members joining the committee at the start of the season it was always going to be a challenging season, while we tried to administer and learn at the same time. Much praise should be directed to Chris Willman for taking on the role of Junior President and for the fine job he performed throughout the season. Jeff Luscombe returned to the role of Registration Secretary where he as usual performed beyond and above the call of duty. Ian Letson was another new face on the committee this season and has brought a lot of new ideas with him and we will hopefully see the implementation of a few next season. Tony Gawne took on the role of Assistant Secretary this season and has been of great support to me in reducing the workload of the Secretary and he cannot really be thanked enough.

One person I have yet to thank for their efforts for the past season has performed a very important role for the Junior Association for the past ten seasons. This person of course is John Higgins and I have left him for last as he will not be standing for the position of Records Secretary this season. He is going to remain on the Committee, but he should be strongly congratulated for his efforts as Junior Records Secretary over the last ten seasons.

Once again in January the Association fielded sides in the IAJCC competition and as usual performed at a very high level. The Under 12's winning the Grand Final without having lost a game in the Carnival. The Under 14's were knocked out in the Semi Finals, but the Under 16's also went on to win the Grand Final. Many thanks must go to John Higgins and Shane Harrop for their efforts with these teams.

As well as participating in the IAJCC we fielded a side in the Mitchell Shield, which also performed exceptionally well. Unfortunately they missed out on a place in the finals by the narrowest of margins, but are still the most successful side to have represented the RDCA in the Mitchell Shield Competition. Congratulations to Graeme Merrett for his continuing efforts with the Mitchell Shield side.

In closing I would like to congratulate all award winners and premiership teams. I strongly believe that a lot has been learnt from the season and as a result next season is going to be even better.

Timothy Court

VETERANS

ANNUAL REPORT 1998/99

Veterans Cricket in the RDCA has been growing in strength over the past 11 years, now boasting 25 Clubs and 32 teams competing across 4 Divisions. We welcomed the following new Clubs - North Eltham, and Croydon Ranges along with the return of Montrose.

Overall the weather was kind to the season; with predominantly blue skies the order of the day. The only exception being the Grand Final round, which was interrupted with a tropical downpour at/near the tea break or at the commencement of the second innings. The top three divisions co-operated and played the game out to obtain a decision.

The Inter-association game against Ferntree Gully District Veterans continues to be a much sought after game to participate in. Selection this year saw the nomination of two very keen and talented sides, with many new faces. Inclement weather overnight again forced the relocation of both games from the turf at Bayswater to alternate facilities at The Basin. This was a disappointment as many players were looking forward to a game on turf - memories of the past!! Captains Steve Pascoe and Ian Spencer led their charges to resounding wins in both the over 40s and over 50s, with high standard performances across the teams. Thanks must go to team managers and selectors for their efforts - Bill Stafford, Alan Duffus, David Stickels and Jeff Luscombe.

The Veterans Dinner Dance and Presentation Night this year was held at Rembrandts - a very pleasant venue, with many of the cricketers and their partners demonstrating they have not lost their nimbleness on the dancefloor. Approximately 180 attended and all had an enjoyable night. Unfortunately we still have a number of Clubs who did not have any representation at this night. The organising committee of Vair Gobbi, Marg Stafford and Graeme Seymour did an excellent job, along with David Stickels for his MC role. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to:

- Lloyd and Norma Callen Support through donation of cricket bats for annual raffle
- Brian and Vair Gobbi Dedicated long term commitment and efforts to the development of the RDCA Inc. Veterans Assoc.
- Bill and Marg Stafford Dedicated long term commitment and efforts to the development of the RDCA Inc. Veterans Assoc.

Our raffles at this night, especially the bat raffle - again kindly donated by Callen Sports, has enabled us to improve our bank balance. This will allow us to continue our financial support of RDCA junior cricket development through sponsorship towards Coaching accreditation program, as well to assist crickets that represent our Veterans Association either at interstate or overseas carnivals.

A representative side of 13 players, and some partners, travelled to Albury to participate in a Golden Oldies carnival in mid March. An enjoyable time was had by all, with 2 wins and a loss being achieved. Thanks to Graeme Seymour for co-ordinating this trip.

Planning arrangements are underway for an RDCA Veterans side to go to Rotorua - New Zealand in March 2000, plus options to take in the sights of New Zealand before or afterwards.

With the introduction of semi-finals this season and a number of pre-season team promotions/relegations, the competition within the 4 divisions of 8 teams was very keen and of a high standard. The difference between the top 6 teams within each division was very marginal and depended on player availability on the day.

Division 4 Premiers Max Brown Trophy

Winner of the trophy was Ainslie Park following a draw due to inclement weather preventing a decision being obtained.

Division 3 Premiers

Lower Eltham came out on top of Kilsyth, in a keenly fought game.

Division 2 Premiers Ken Johnston Trophy

Warrandyte were successful, though not without some worries, in chasing Norwood's very sporting declaration following a very heavy rain interruption.

Division 1 Premiers Bill Dean Trophy

Croydon Ranges went through the season undefeated and carried the same form through the finals. This new club is carrying on the tradition established by one of its former founding clubs —Croydon Hockeyers, in not knowing how to lose, irregardless of the size of the target it sets or has to chase.

Most Clubs are providing after match hospitality, and this provides an excellent way of renewing and building friendships amongst players and partners/supporters. All clubs are encouraged to maintain this facet of Veterans cricket..

All players of the Association over the coming months, are to be canvassed on the development of a Division for an over 50s competition. With many of the founding clubs and limited recruiting, a number of clubs can already put such a side together. This is possibly a way of keeping many of our players involved in Veterans cricket for a much longer time.

Finally it would be remiss of me not to thank our hardworking committee for their efforts and commitment throughout the year. Ken Johnston (Chairman), Jeff Luscombe (Registration), Bill Stafford (Treasurer), David Stickels, Graeme Seymour, Allan Duffus, Harry Sandford (Newsletters), as well as Marg Stafford and Vair Gobbi on sub-committees. Special thanks to Brian Gobbi for his guidance and support to me, as I attempted to fill his shoes in this secretary role. Additionally Bill Dean, our Patron, for his support and availability of advice and assistance.

The Executive looks forward with great anticipation, as RDCA Veterans cricket goes forward into the new millennium, playing cricket in a friendly and positive spirit.

RDCA Veterans Motto:

Strive to do our best, Never give up, and treat people with respect



Treasurers Report – 1998 / 1999 season

Perusal of the financial statements will identify that we returned an operating profit for the year of \$518.

Items which contributed significantly to this profit were:

- Receipt of \$4,005 as sponsorship monies.
- Senior fines incurred by Clubs to the amount of \$1,889.
- Junior fines incurred by Clubs of \$2,396.
- Late payment of account fees incurred by Clubs of \$540.

As I have said before, the last thing we want to collect are fines for non performance in accordance with the Rules of the Association and from the Clubs point of view these fines represent additional running costs which with a little bit planning and coordination could be avoided.

IT IS UP TO EACH AND EVERY CLUB DELEGATE TO TAKE THE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

It is a matter of some concern that, at the end of our financial year, there were twelve clubs who were unfinancial with the Association to the amount of \$2,519. These clubs are identified in the financial statements and they are reminded that they will not be permitted to vote at the Annual General Meeting if they are still unfinancial at that time. In the interim these Clubs continue to incur monthly late payment fees.

In the main, I have received excellent support from clubs during the season and I take the opportunity of thanking Clubs, Delegates and Treasurers for their support.

Joan Newey
Honorary Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET - 31st MAY 1999

ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u>		\$
ANZ Trading Account		6,597
ANZ Investment Account		5,089
ANZ Guarantee Account		3,400
Aquinas	X	77
Chirnside Park		224-
Croydon Ranges		370-
Eastfield		7
Heathmont	X	114
Kilsyth		156-
Lilydale	X	597
Parkwood		166-
Scoresby	X	192
South Ringwood		241-
Wonga Park		205-
Best & Fairest Medallions		170
Cricket Balls		252
RDCA Caps		375
RDCA Rule Book Covers		955
RDCA Ties		125
Scorebooks		2,240
Umpires Counters		6
Umpires Badges		45
		\$ 21,603
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Computer & Printer		1,000
		\$ 1,000
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 22,603</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

<u>Current Liabilities</u>		
Bayswater Park		70
Croydon North		153
South Croydon		5
Templeton		70
		\$ 304
<u>Long Term Liabilities</u>		
Bond Monies		500
Guarantee Monies		3,400
		\$ 3,900
<u>Equity</u>		
Retained Earnings		17,880
Profit for year		519
		\$ 18,399
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		<u>\$ 22,603</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st May 1999

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>\$</u>	
Affiliation Fees	35,820	
Computer Fees	6,531	
Fines - Senior Grades	1,889	
Fines - Junior Grades	2,396	
Interest	94	
Donations/Sponsorship	4,004	
Late Payment Fees	540	
Umpires Subscriptions	320	
Cricket balls	127	
Scorebooks	751	
Total Income		\$ 52,472
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Honoraria	13,850	
General Secretary	1,500	
Registration Secretary	1,500	
Umpire's Secretary	99	
Match Results Secretaries	720	
Treasurer	1,000	
Senior Executive	168	
Junior Executive	395	
Training Courses	390	
Printing & Typing	4,460	
Computer processing	8,516	
Computer programming	1,140	
Junior Carnival	443	
Ground & Hall rental	790	
Umpires fees & expenses	2,884	
Telephone / Paging	702	
CUOV / Legal	48	
Trophies & Shields	3,000	
Pennants & Plaques	2,484	
Insurance	620	
Bank Charges	280	
Sundry	80	
Senior Presentation & Vote Count	1,925	
Junior Presentation	1,750	
Catering	336	
Best & Fairest Medals	98	
RDCA Cricket Caps	1,641	
RDCA Rule Book Covers	36	
RDCA Ties	88	
Umpires Badges	10	
Depreciation of Equipment	1,000	
Total Expenditure		<u>\$ 51,953</u>
Net Income for Year		<u><u>\$ 519</u></u>

1998 - 1999

**THIS WAS THE
SEASON
THAT WAS!**

FINAL LADDERS

CHANDLER 1

Ferntree Gully	111.3
Templeton	101.4
Kilsyth	96.1
Ainslie Park	94.9
Mooroolbark	94.0
Croydon North	93.4
Wantirna South	86.2
South Ringwood	78.5
Warrandyte	77.7
Wonga Park	76.9
Parkwood	61.1
Norwood	57.5

CHANDLER 2

Wonga Park	115.4
Templeton	111.6
Croydon North	105.1
Ainslie Park	94.6
South Ringwood	85.0
Ferntree Gully	82.5
Mooroolbark	81.6
Kilsyth	68.6
Norwood	67.8
Warrandyte	65.6
Parkwood	44.4
Wantirna South	43.0

CHANDLER 3

Ainslie Park	121.4
Mooroolbark	119.2
Templeton	100.5
Wantirna South	98.7
Wonga Park	96.7
Croydon North	83.3
Ferntree Gully	71.7
Kilsyth	70.3
Parkwood	66.7
South Ringwood	53.7
Norwood	51.8
Warrandyte	45.1

CHANDLER 4

Croydon North	122.8
Wonga Park	118.7
Ainslie Park	109.9
Templeton	105.1
South Ringwood	98.7
Wantirna South	89.7
Norwood	85.2
Mooroolbark	84.4
Kilsyth	66.3
Parkwood	45.5
Ferntree Gully	45.4
Warrandyte	32.0

WILKINS

Lilydale	116.1
East Ringwood	97.3
Montrose	94.0
South Croydon	85.9
North Ringwood	84.9
Croydon Ranges	78.0
St Andrews	73.9
Chirnside Park	62.9
Knox City	56.1
Bayswater Park	49.8

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South Croydon	108.6
East Ringwood	101.8
Wantirna	100.9
Lilydale	96.2
Croydon Ranges	94.4
Olinda	91.0
North Ringwood	69.6
South Warrandyte	66.1
St. Andrews	61.6
Knox City	53.1
Bayswater Park	51.7
Eastfield	48.7

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East Ringwood	126.8
South Warrandyte	100.3
Croydon Ranges	99.7
Chirnside Park	98.6
Montrose	91.6
Boronia	87.4
South Croydon	75.2
Bayswater Park	63.1
St. Andrews	61.3
North Ringwood	56.1
Knox City	52.8
Wantirna	48.5

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Lilydale	129.2
East Ringwood	115.1
Montrose	113.2
Olinda	98.3
St. Andrews	85.8
South Warrandyte	77.2
Croydon Ranges	72.3
Knox City	67.1
Chirnside Park	62.3
South Croydon	58.3
Bayswater Park	50.7
North Ringwood	29.1

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Boronia	130.5
Lilydale	114.3
Eastfield	113.4
East Ringwood	104.4
Croydon Ranges	83.0
Montrose	76.7
Knox City	46.7
St. Andrews	18.0

F

Templeton	133.8
Wonga Park	126.7
Croydon North	120.2
Mooroolbark	97.7
Wantirna South	86.3
Ainslie Park	71.4
Parkwood	69.3
Kilsyth	56.0
South Ringwood	51.2
Norwood	17.8
South Croydon	3.4

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Wonga Park	103.0
Boronia	102.4
East Ringwood	102.4
Templeton	99.3
Mooroolbark	88.9
Wantirna South	70.5
Croydon North	66.8
Croydon Ranges	50.8

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Croydon Ranges	112.0
Kilsyth	104.0
Olinda	96.0
Wantirna	96.0
Wonga Park	88.0
Ferntree Gully	64.0
Chirnside Park	64.0
South Warrandyte	36.0
Bayswater Park	32.0
Parkwood	24.0
Croydon North	24.0

POSITION OF YOUR TEAM ROUND BY ROUND

CHANDLER 1

TEAM After round >>>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
FERNTREE GULLY	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
TEMPLETON	11	9	10	8	8	5	4	5	4	4	2
KILSYTH	2	5	4	4	4	6	5	3	5	5	3
AINSLIE PARK	6	4	2	3	3	4	6	8	7	7	4
MOOROOLBARK	8	7	5	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	5
CROYDON NORTH	1	1	3	5	5	3	3	4	3	3	6
WANTIRNA SOUTH	10	10	12	11	11	8	7	7	6	6	7
SOUTH RINGWOOD	4	6	9	9	9	11	10	9	8	8	8
WARRANTDYTE	12	12	8	7	7	7	8	6	9	9	2
WONGA PARK	3	2	6	6	6	9	11	10	10	10	10
PARKWOOD	7	11	7	10	10	10	9	11	11	11	11
NORWOOD	9	8	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12

WILKINS

TEAM After round >>>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
LILYDALE	1	1	1	2	2	1	N	1	1	1	1
EAST RINGWOOD	8	6	4	3	3	5	O	5	3	3	2
MONTRCSE	3	4	3	5	5	4		3	2	2	3
SOUTH CROYDON	6	3	5	4	4	7	P	6	5	5	4
NORTH RINGWOOD	5	7	7	8	8	9	L	7	7	7	5
CROYDON RANGES	4	2	2	1	1	2	A	2	4	4	6
ST ANDREWS	9	8	6	6	6	3	Y	4	6	5	7
CHIRNSIDE PARK	2	5	8	7	7	6		8	8	3	3
KNOX CITY	10	10	10	10	10	8		9	9	9	9
BAYSWATER PARK	7	5	9	9	9	11		10	10	10	10

GRAND FINALISTS

GRADE

CHANDLER 1
 CHANDLER 2
 CHANDLER 3
 CHANDLER 4
 WILKINS
 B GRADE
 C GRADE
 D GRADE
 E GRADE
 F GRADE
 G GRADE
 O GRADE

PREMIER

FERNTREE GULLY
 WONGA PARK
 TEMPLETON
 CROYDON NORTH
 LILYDALE
 EAST RINGWOOD
 STH WARRANTDYTE HAWKS
 EAST RINGWOOD
 LILYDALE
 CROYDON NORTH
 WONGA PARK
 CROYDON RANGES

RUNNER-UP

KILSYTH
 CROYDON NORTH
 WANTIRNA SOUTH
 AINSLIE PARK
 EAST RINGWOOD
 LILYDALE
 EAST RINGWOOD
 OLINDA
 BORONIA
 MOOROOLBARK
 BORONIA
 KILSYTH

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 – 1998/99

YEAR	CHANDLER 1	A GRADE	B GRADE
81/82	Warrandyte	Sth Croydon	Bayswater Park
82/83	Croydon United	Sth Ringwood	Scoresby
83/84	Warrandyte	Ainslie Park	Sth Warrandyte
84/85	East Ringwood	Mt Evelyn	Johnson Park
85/86	Mooroolbark	Scoresby	Academy
86/87	Mooroolbark	Montrose	Templeton
87/88	Croydon North	Parkwood	Eastfield
88/89	St Andrews	Sth Croydon	Knox Gardens
89/90	Croydon North	Croydon United	Westwood
90/91	Croydon North	Wonga Park	Knox City
91/92	Croydon North	Wantirna Sth	Glen Park
92/93	Mooroolbark	Montrose	Chirnside Park
93/94	Ainslie Park	Kilsyth (A East)	Ferntree Gully (A West)
94/95	Croydon North	St Andrews	Aquinas
95/96	Ferntree Gully	Nth Ringwood	Knox City
96/97	Croydon North	Sth Ringwood	N/A
97/98	Croydon North	Templeton	East Ringwood
98/99	Ferntree Gully	Lilydale	East Ringwood

JUNIOR PREMIERSHIPS

	UNDER 16	UNDER 14	UNDER 12
1.	Bayswater Park	Wonga Park	Nth Ringwood
2.	Templeton	East Ringwood	Ainslie Park
3.	Sth Ringwood	Lilydale	Croydon Ranges
4.	Nth Ringwood	Heathmont	Chirnside Park

VETERAN PREMIERSHIPS

SECTION 1	SECTION 2	SECTION 3	SECTION 4
Croydon Ranges	Warrandyte	Lower Eltham	Ainslie Park

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) 1966/67 – 1998/99

East Ringwood	23	[4]	Croydon North	20	[8]
Wonga Park	19	[4]	Wantirna South	19	[0]
Ainslie Park	17	[2]	St Andrews	16	[4]
Kilsyth	16	[1]	Vermont	15	[0]
Mooroolbark	14	[6]	Montrose	12	[3]
Mt Evelyn	12	[2]	North Ringwood	11	[4]
Warrandyte	11	[3]	Heathmont	11	[2]
Bayswater Park	10	[1]	Templeton	10	[2]
Glen Park	8	[3]	Norwood	8	[2]
Wantirna	8	[2]	Croydon Ranges*	14	[3]
Lilydale	8	[1]	Boronia	7	[0]
South Ringwood	6	[2]	Scoresby	5	[1]
Parkwood	5	[2]	Ferntree Gully	5	[3]
Sth Warrandyte Hawks	5	[2]	Knox City	4	[2]
Aquinas	3	[3]	Chirnside Park	3	[2]
Sth Croydon	3	[1]	Knox Gardens	3	[1]
Croydon	3	[0]	Oxley	2	[2]
Eastfield	2	[1]			

Figures in [brackets] are premierships won by 1st eleven teams

- Includes premierships won by Croydon United & Croydon Hockeyers.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

SENIOR TEAM

RDCA	8/193	[Graham Salan 91, Jason Shepherd 37]
BOX HILL	9/194	(Greg Chamberlain 3/32)
Box Hill won by 1 wicket (Score in 97/98 game was Box Hill 8/193 RDCA 8/192)		

UNDER 21 NEIL WRIGHT CUOV COMPETITION

Round 2	RDCA	8/136	A Williams 38, L. Barley 30n.o.
	JIKA	91	C. Gunn 3/23
Round 3	RDCA	7/222	R. Coutts 90, C. Williams 66
	ESDCCA	68	C. Box 3/6
Semi Final	RDCA	180	R. Coutts 38, P. Henry 33
	WSCCU	115	
Grand Final	RDCA	5/153	L. Bowyer 79
	Dand Dist.CA	150	L. Barley 3/23

R.D.C.A. PREMIERS

UNDER 18 MATCHES

RDCA	6/176	I. Bowyer 61n.o., A. Williams 43
BOX HILL	165	M. Black 3/25
RDCA	3/218	A.Stevens 72, L. Bowyer 68n.o., A. Hill 35
YVCA	9/208	C. Cordwell 5/18
RINGWOOD	159	C.Cordwell 4/26
RDCA	80	

PARTICIPATING PLAYERS

SENIOR

G. Salan ©
 D. Jacquier
 L. Grigg
 J. Shepherd
 A. Luckman
 A. Downs
 M. Unternahrer
 S. Arbuckle
 G. Chamberlain
 R. Jenzen
 A. Brush

UNDER 21

R. Coutts ©
 L. Barley
 L. Bowyer
 C. Box
 J. Clyne
 C. Gunn
 P. Henry
 G. Wright
 S. Moore
 G. Stock
 A. Williams
 C. Williams
 S. Gruchy

UNDER 18

L. Bowyer©
 B. Springett
 M. Black
 S. Hustwaite
 A. Hill
 A. Williams
 J. Moulder
 B. Gainer
 C. Brownlee
 G. Coutts
 G. Laird
 P. Newell
 T. Degenhardt
 C. Cordwell
 J. Gibson
 A. Stevens
 L. Painter

INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES

<u>BATTING</u>			<u>BOWLING</u>			
Adam Luckman	KIL	56.8	CHANDLER 1	Andrew Downs	FTC	13.1
John Franchi	FTC	59.8	CHANDLER 2	Barry Mealings	TMP	7.2
Trent Sier	APK	81.2	CHANDLER 3	Scott Rowe	WSO	13.4
Ian Barrow	WSO	92.6	CHANDLER 4	Alan Laird	WOP	11.4
Chad Rogers	MTR	61.8	WILKINS CUP	Craig Staggard	LYD	9.9
Terry Gibbs	OLN	43.5	B GRADE	David Hoven	EAR	11.8
Wayne Campbell	BOR	81.3	C GRADE	Ken Taylor	KNC	12.0
Dan Crowley	MTR	51.0	D GRADE	Dan Crowley	MTR	7.4
Ritchie Sharp	ESF	87.6	E GRADE	Matthew Curtis	EAR	11.4
Tony Guy	MOO	60.7	F GRADE	Glen Barfoot	TMP	8.6
Matthew Ogden	EAR	44.3	G GRADE	Shane Cox	MOO	10.2
David Rochford	KIL	119	O GRADE	Brendan Lidgerwood	OLN	9.9

CHANDLER CHAMPION PLAYER

Mark Unternahrer KILSYTH

UNDER 21 BEST PLAYER

Ryan Coutts WONGA PARK

UNDER 18 BEST PLAYER

Luke Bowyer FERNTREE GULLY

ALL STARS TEAM

Graham Salan ©	★	FTC			Travis Rowe		WSO
Adam Luckman		KIL			Andrew Downs	★	FTC
Sean Arbuckle		APK			Matthew Thornhill		TMP
Paul Payne		TMP	★		Andrew Freeman		MOO
Mark Unternahrer		CNT			Jason Shepherd		MOO
Jason Walsh		WSO					

FAIREST & BEST AWARDS

BILL DEAN MEDAL (CHANDLER)

1. Mark Unternahrer KIL 17
2. Andrew Downes FTC 16

STEVE PASCOE MEDAL

1. Chad Rogers MTR 19
2. Glen Moorhouse STA 13

VOTES OBTAINED BY EACH CLUB IN FAIREST AND BEST AWARDS

BILL DEAN MEDAL (CHANDLER)

TEMPLETON	42
AINSLIE PARK	41
FERNTREE GULLY	39
KILSYTH	38
MOOROOLBARK	36
CROYDON NTH/WANTIRNA STH	35
WONGA PARK	33
WARRANTYTE	28
STH RINGWOOD	25
PARKWOOD	24
NORWOOD	20

STEVE PASCOE MEDAL

LILYDALE	49
ST ANDREWS	39
EAST RINGWOOD/MONTROSE	35
CROYDON RANGES	30
STH CROYDON	29
NTH RINGWOOD	26
KNOX CITY	22
CHIRNSIDE PARK	19
BAYSWATER PARK	16

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

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|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| 1. TEMPLETON | 10.25 | 4. WONGA PARK | 10.01 |
| 2. EAST RINGWOOD | 10.22 | 5. CROYDON NORTH | 9.37 |
| 3. LILYDALE | 10.19 | 6. AINSLIE PARK | 9.27 |

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

All care has been taken in compiling this information. It has been extracted from computer records, but no machine or person is infallible.

HIGHEST SCORE FOR THE SEASON

GRADE	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Chandler 4	A. Haines	Norwood	216

SCORES OF 180+

NAME	CLUB	SCORE	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
A. Haines	Norwood	216	G. Peter	Lilydale	203
D. Moore	East Ringwood	197	R. Sharp	Eastfield	194
D. Deiuho	Lilydale	193	M. Garthwaite	Croydon Ranges	192
A. Downs	Ferntree Gully	189			

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCE IN SINGLE INNINGS

GRADE	NAME	CLUB	PERFORMANCE
Chandler 1	G. Chamberlain	Wonga Park	10/76

8 WICKETS OR MORE IN ONE INNINGS

NAME	CLUB	PERFORMANCE	NAME	CLUB	PERFORMANCE
G. Chamberlain	Wonga Park	10/76	D. White	Croydon Ranges	8/22
P. Keatch	Montrose	8/47	J. Sansom	Montrose	8/49
P. Payne	Wantirna Sth	8/89			

BATSMEN WHO SCORED 2 CENTURIES

NAME	CLUB	NAME	CLUB
A. Lockman	Kilsyth	D. Goldsmith	Wonga Park
S. Bowyer	Norwood	I. Barrow	Wantirna Sth
B. Jennings	Croydon North	P. Coats	Norwood
W. Hartley	Wonga Park	B. Pendleton	Lilydale
D. Bree	Lilydale	M. Hanlon	Croydon Ranges
P. Harman	St Andrews	T. Guy	Mooroolbark

10 WICKETS OR MORE IN ONE MATCH

NAME	CLUB	PERFORMANCE
G. Barfoot	Templeton	12/54
S. Tasevski	Templeton	10/28
A. Humphries	Olinda	10/49
G. Chamberlain	Wonga Park	10/76

CENTURIES SCORED IN EACH GAME

CHANDLER 1	19	WILKINS	13	E GRADE	8
CHANDLER 2	13	B GRADE	12	F GRADE	6
CHANDLER 3	15	C GRADE	9	G GRADE	6
CHANDLER 4	17	D GRADE	10		
TOTAL	128				

5 WICKETS OR MORE IN 1 INNINGS IN EACH GRADE

CHANDLER 1	35[7]	WILKINS	38[4]	E GRADE	23[3]
CHANDLER 2	39[4]	B GRADE	26[4]	F GRADE	29[3]
CHANDLER 3	27[3]	C GRADE	24[2]	G GRADE	24[4]
CHANDLER 4	30[3]	D GRADE	25[3]		

Figures in [brackets] indicate 6 wickets or more.

In the one day grade, batsmen were compulsorily retired at 50 and bowlers restricted to a maximum of 7 overs. The following were achieved:-

No. of 50's	63	T. Hutchinson (Wantirna) scored 50 on eight occasions.
3 - 4 wickets	29	
5 wickets	4	

A COMPARISON

	<u>96/97</u>	<u>97/98</u>	<u>98/99</u>
Centuries	166	129	128
5 Wickets +	353	317	320
200+	4	0	2
More than 1 Century (no. of players)	8	13	12
8 wickets -	16	7	6
7 wickets +	4	0	1
Highest Individual Score	256	199	216
Best Bowling	10/56	9/22	10/16
Registered no. of players*	6704	5102	5667
Number of teams*	291	292	294

* Includes under-age teams and registered players.

LILYDALE'S SPECIAL EFFORTS

1. Jody Goodlet, the first female to play in the Lilydale Club had an outstanding year in E Grade. Jody took 28 wickets for the season at 15.2 to win the bowling average. Jody had hauls of 6 wickets and 5 wickets and in round three picked up a "Hot track". Jody was also part of the E Grade premiership side.
2. Glen Peters, First year at Lilydale broke the club record for the highest score in the senior grade. His 203 n.o. against Grimsdale Park in round three was a superb effort of concentration and skill. Dion De'Julio also broke the club record for the fourth XI highest score with 193 in the Semi Final against Eastfield.
3. Glen also along with Barry Pendleton broke the club record for the second wicket partnership in round 1 against Knox City with an amazing 227 with Barry scoring 155 and Glen 66 in what was a very successful year at Lilydale a total of 8 club partnership records were broken.

THIS HAPPENED DURING THE SEASON

OUR TURN THIS TIME

Ferntree Gully dismissed the disappointments of the two previous seasons with a strong win over a determined Kilsyth to secure their second Chandler 1 flag.

PREDICTION COMES TRUE

Last year David Beatty predicted his Under 21 eleven would win the title of the best CUOV team in 1998/99. He was right.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Templeron made RDCA history when a Chandler 4 eleven made the finals in their first year in the grade.

NO PLACE FOR WEAK HEARTS

Lilydale won a heart stopping Grand Final against East Ringwood to take out the inaugural Wicks Cup and promotion to Chandler Shield in 99/00.

ALL OVER BUT IT WAS NOT

Mooroolbark's first eleven were 7/187 needing only 3 runs from the remaining 20 overs to tie the game and ensure second place on the ladder in its Round 11 match against Templeron. Some interesting shot selection from the batsmen saw the side dismissed for that total. Mooroolbark, who had been placed either first or second on the ladder since Round 4 toppled out of the four. (Reminded me of my football team's last match v Melbourne in 1998).

IS THIS A WORLD RECORD

Paul Staples of Croydon North's Chandler 4 team hit 42 runs off one over. There were 9 balls in the over (3 no balls) (5 sixes and 3 fours).

NONE FOR OTHERS

Geoff Chamberlain decided to do it all himself when he took the bail in the Chandler 1 match against Ferntree Gully. The Wonga Park bowler took all 10 wickets in an outstanding performance.

BY THE WAY

- Of the 12 teams that headed the ladder at the end of the home and home series, 8 went on to win the premiership.
- The difference in premiership points between the top and bottom teams in Chandler 1 was 63.8 compared with 60.7 in 97/98
- Croydon North led the Chandler 1 after the first 2 rounds, but Ferrtree Gully assumed the ladder's role and, except for Round 8 when Mooroolbark took over the top spot, they stayed there. In Wilkins, Lilydale were on top for 8 of the 10 rounds. They were replaced in Rounds 4 and 5 by Croydon Ranges. Ranges frustrated their supporters as the only time they were not in the top four was after the completion of the final round.
- Lilydale was the only team in the top two grades who retained their spot in the top four for the whole season. In Chandler 8/12 teams were in the four for at least one week and in Wilkins 7/10 succeeded to reach the top four at some stage during the season.
- Templeton equalled South Ringwood's performance of 97/98 and finished second on the ladder in their first season in the top grade following promotion from A Grade.
- Norwood will play in Wilkins Grade in 99/00 for the first time since they were promoted to Chandler in 76/77

LET US REMEMBER THEM

The season was not without its sadness. Late in January Mooroolbark player Geoff Darcy died after a long fight with cancer. Geoff had previously played with Ringwood RSL and for the past 15 years or so with Mooroolbark. Only a few days later Les Knee a Wonga Park stalwart also succumbed to cancer and the Association was once again in mourning.

Both Geoff and Les were held in the highest regard and the huge attendance at both funerals testified to this

GREAT GRAND FINALS

In Chandler 1 Ferntree Gully were at the East Ringwood ground for the 4th successive year while Kilsyth were in their first top grade Grand Final since the mid 1950's. Kilsyth batted first and despite a wonderful innings from Adam Luckman the batsmen struggled to get on top of the Ferntree Gully attack. However a score of 169 was competitive when looking at the winning scores of grand finals in recent years. Ferntree Gully seemed to be in control until 3 wickets fell for 11 soon after the tea interval to leave then at 6/126. However a masterly 83no by 18 year old Luke Bowyer assisted by Dave Goodger saw a 6th wicket partnership of 46 take the Gully team to victory and help erase the disappointments of the two previous seasons.

Cheong Park was the venue for the Wilkins Cup Grand Final and for the second successive season the game turned the spectators weak at the knees. With the bowlers restricting the normal free flowing batsmen of both teams East Ringwood looking for their first top team premiership since 1984/85 finished with 9/179 after at one stage looking as though they would struggle to pass 100. In reply Lilydale seemed to be doing it easily until a rush of wickets saw the game swing East Ringwood's way. Lilydale were 8 wickets down with some 40 runs still required, but great determination and that necessary ounce of luck got them the coveted Wilkins Cup and promotion to Chandler Shield in 1999/2000 season.

Wonga Park fielded a very experienced team in their Chandler 2 Grand Final against Croydon on the spacious Alan Smith oval at Kilsyth and were clear favourites to take out the title. Croydon North had other ideas and the Northerners early batsmen got on top. However Wonga Park wrested control after tea on the first day and eventually ran out comfortable winners and the Chandler 2 pennant will fly from the Wonga Park flagpole next season.

Teams which finished third and fourth on the ladder played off for the Chandler 3 premiership after unexpected wins. Templeton proved that form right as they got on top of Wantirna South very early in the game. The hold was never released and Templeton club had scored a win in the Chandler grades in their first year in the top group.

Croydon North was favourite team to secure the Chandler 4 flag while Ainslie Park were trying to repeat their 97/98 success. Ainslie Park were dismissed for a competitive 174 but despite a number of anxious time the Barneong Croydon North boys were able to steer their team home for a 2 wicket win and the premiership pennant.

Those with weak hearts were in trouble at Hughes Park as East Ringwood and Lilydale unaware of the drama unfolding at Cheong Park carrying on their own B Grade show. In a desperate finish East Ringwood was still behind when their ninth wicket fell. However their last batsman was able to hit a four to record a thrilling Grand Final victory and the chance to receive the 98/99 B Grade pennant and trophy.

East Ringwood were hot favourites to topple Sth Warrandyte in their C grade Grand Final. After dismissing the Hawks for on 155 it looked good. However the boys from Coleman Reserve chasing their first senior flag since 83/84 lifted dramatically to dismiss East for 114. East Ringwood fought back but it was too late and the Hawks celebrated long and hard.

The tipsters were in some trouble picking the likely winner of the D Grade as both Olinda and East Ringwood looked evenly matched. And so it turned out and when the game was completed the East Ringwood team had scored a narrow but a most convincing win.

Lilydale's strong batting enabled the team to score a big total its E Grade Grand Final against Boronia and its bowlers then carried on the job for the club to score a comfortable victory.

In a game which at one stage looked early on the second day to heading towards an easy Croydon North victory turned to there all the smart money was on Mooroolbark, but the experienced Croydon North players fought back and snatched victory in a game which belied its F Grade rating.

Over at Lewis Road Knox City hosted the G grade Grand Final between Wonga Park and Boronia. In a low scoring game which see sawed from the start, Wonga Park were steady enough at the right time to record an 11 run victory over Boronia.

Before a huge crowd at the Ray Baldwin oval Croydon Ranges and Kilsyth did battle for the One Day Flag. Ranges who had received inspiration from their veteran teams premiership overcame last years premiers to win a highly entertaining game.

SOME FINAL NOTES OF INTEREST FROM NOW AND BEFORE

- Mark Unternahren joined Russell Hall, John Kirley, Ray Gale, Brad Guan and Nick Bole Brown as a dual winner of the Champion player of Chandler Shield.
- The first winner of this award was Lance Harvey of the St Andrew Club in 1970/71
- The longest serving secretary of the Association was Ted Sleeman who served in that position for 20 seasons (1926 – 1945). Yours truly is now the second longest secretary (unlikely to take over the top place).
- Bill Wilkins, who will be retiring at the AGM is the second longest serving President. This season saw Bill conclude his 11th season in the top job. Longest serving President was, of course, our present Patron, Bill Dean, who completed an amazing 21 years as “The Boss” when he retired at the AGM in 1988.
- Sth Warrandyte Hawk's “C” Grade premiership this season was exactly 50 years since the club's first RDCA pennant.
- In a letter to his club on his decision to retire from cricket after 25 years with the club, Ross Anderson, explained all the reasons why it is great to play local cricket.



THE PRESS WERE PRESENT

**Blazing Andrew leaves
'Dytes down and out**

**No luck needed as Adam
blazes a memorable ton**

**Chamberlain spins
a mesmerising web**

**Blazing bats help Gully
collect Shield crown**

FERNTREE GULLY

B Springett	c Fulton	b Unternahrer	7
C Springett	c Woolhouse	b Whelan	17
L Bowyer	Not Out		83
G Salan	c Andrewartha	b Eagles	6
A Downs	c Ralston	b Luckman	29
A Henry	c Fulton	b Luckman	1
K Howell	lbw	Taylor	2
D Goodyer	Not Out		16
		Byes	1
		Leg Byes	0
		Wides	3
		No Balls	7
Total			172

Fall of Wickets 24,38,58,115,121,126,

<u>Bowlers</u>	O	M	R	W
N Whelan	11	2	35	1
M Unternahrer	17.4	4	50	1
R Eagles	9	2	17	1
J Taylor	11	1	34	1
A Luckman	8	3	15	2
D Ralston	3	0	14	0