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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2001-2002.

A new initiative for Season 2001-02 saw the introduction of the NEWHEY PLATE competition following a decision to incorporate 8 team fixtures in this and Wilkins Cup. This enabled all 1st XI teams to be included in "elite" competitions against like teams.

Naming of that grade, and the medal for the fairest and best player for the season, recognised Stuart Newey's considerable contribution to the Association in many roles (often simultaneous) over many years. An honour he undoubtedly deserves.

The other major innovation was the adoption of the Page Finals system; ensuring the top 2 performing teams in each grade were rewarded for their efforts throughout the season with a second chance in the finals.

Thankfully the inglorious weather of October gave way to a magnificent March and the finals series, with no spare days available, was completed with no interruption.

The Season's outcome was exceptional. The innovations introduced turned up trumps and the 8-team fixture is being considered for extension to other grades for the obvious reasons that:

- 14-match draws (7 x 2day and 7 x 1 day) offers more individual for involvement.
- More regular contact with other Clubs, hopefully, builds respect and rapport.
- 50% of teams participate in finals.
- More optimal use of facilities.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

We are keen to offer opportunities for players to participate in matches against other Associations, without placing too much pressure on individuals' family lives with too many such fixtures.

While disappointing that we don't always field our best team every match, it's great to see the enjoyment, honour and camaraderie individuals take from their participation.

UMPIRING

I copped a lot of flack during the season over the general standard of RDCA umpiring. This is a much-maligned occupation to which it is becoming more difficult to attract and retain additional participants each season.

My view is that the umpiring panel does a great job under difficult circumstances.

Problems stem from lack of numbers, with insufficient ex-players flowing through to umpiring ranks and the lack of respect afforded these gentlemen while officiating. Umpires are being driven from the game by unacceptable player behaviour and on-field pressure.

It's interesting to note that, almost to a man, those voicing the loudest complaints state their intention to never become an umpire because they could not put up with the way in which players behave towards umpires.

We get what we deserve and I say to all the detractors:

- Don't complain about it.
- Do something to improve the situation.
- Review your behaviour, don't try to unfairly influence a decision, accept the decision and move on.
- Encourage your teammates to do likewise.

Perhaps by accepting decisions without rancour and respecting this essential position, umpiring will once again be acknowledged as a means of individuals continuing their involvement in cricket and contributing to a pastime, that has given them so much in the past.

ADMINISTRATION

The imminent departure of Lindsay Trollope from his role as General Secretary was announced at the Annual General Meeting and, besides creating immediate panic, brought home how fortunate the RDCA has been with the longevity of its principal office bearers.

Over the past 40 years the RDCA has had only 3 people in the role of General Secretary. Similarly other major administrative roles have seen a few people give considerably of their time and provide facilities by opening up their homes for meetings and office space not available elsewhere.

It seems incongruous that an Association the size of the RDCA, in completing its 82nd year of competition, has never established a permanent headquarters that could be recognised by all as the centre of cricket administration in our area.

We rely so heavily on individuals and their knowledge of what needs to be done that, as in the case of Lindsay's impending retirement, we had no formal documents confirming what should be done, by whom and when. I'm sure it's the same at many of your clubs.

The need to review what got the RDCA to where it is today, where we want to be in future and how we intend to get there, led to the birth of RALF (The RDCA Administrative and Logistical Focus Group) This group has brought together a cross-section of cricket administrators from both within and outside the RDCA. Their challenge is to develop an administrative "Blueprint" to which RDCA and its member Clubs could aspire by formulating a 5 year rolling plan with specific goals to be strived for over time.

RALF expects a draft report to be presented to the RDCA executive members during the winter with the final report and recommendations available by the Annual General Meeting in August.

The future holds many challenges and during my tenure as President, I will be pursuing:

- A diverse competition with grading and fixtures, which will capture and maintain the interest of a growing number of participants in RDCA.
- A co-ordinated approach by all member Clubs to recruitment, development and promotion of cricketers of all ages, gender and background.
- Rectifying our deplorable progress to date towards being the principal feeder group that ensures Ringwood Rams become a power in a Premier cricket.

As your Association Executive we achieved much during 2001-02 and I thank each member for the dedicated service.

Their roles are advised earlier in the Annual Report and I have deliberately not singled anyone out in this report. I believe we work well as a team. All contribute diverse views to decision-making processes, which propel the Association forward.

At the time of writing, 2 of our ranks have advised their retirement from the Executive Committee after long periods which earned each of them life membership.

Eulogies are included elsewhere in this report so I won't comment further other than to thank both Lindsay and Ann for their unstinting work for the RDCA and wish them well in future pursuits.

Thank you to all Club officials, players and supporters for your contribution to yet another successful season.

Season 2002-03 is not far away and, working together with common goals, we can all make the 83rd season of RDCA cricket the best yet.

STEVE PASCOE

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Annual meeting of the Association, held in the social rooms of the Kilsyth Cricket Club on 20 August officially commenced season 2001/02. Special thanks to Lesley and Michael Watson for their assistance. Steve Pascoe accepted the decision of the clubs to continue in a third term as president, while yours truly decided the coming season would be my final one in the principal administrative position. Mooroolbark finished the season in great fashion to beat ladder leaders, East Ringwood, comprehensively in the battle for the coveted Chandler Shield. South Croydon will play in the top grade in 2002/03 after winning a close encounter against North Ringwood to take out the Wilkins Cup. The new finals system proved a winner aided by six perfect days.

Steve Pascoe continued his strong leadership and, as one consequence of my above decision, established the RDCA Administrative and Logistical Focus Group or more affectionately known as RALF. Please read Steve's report to obtain information on what are the objectives of RALF.

To all Executive members, I express my appreciation for your work and the assistance given to me throughout the year. Special thanks are given to Stuart Newey who has always provided that additional piece of advice when needed, particularly when the one's computer failed to do what one wanted it to do. The decision to name the previous B Grade and the medal awarded to the best player in that grade after Stuart is a most fitting reward. I would think that Stuart has given more of his time and expertise than any other person has in the 80 years of the RDCA.

Chris Willman again undertook the role of Vice President and was an original member of RALF. Towards the end of the year, Chris decided, due to ill health, to resign from the Committee. His input will be missed.

Joan Newey also kept the name in prominence at the RDCA with her work as Treasurer. In addition, Joan is able to give Stuart help in his role as registration secretary and Stuart reciprocates with financial matters.

The general improvement in player behaviour was again evident in the past season and it was necessary to call only one hearing of the independent tribunal. It was good to see two clubs take strong action against their own players and in both cases the executive was able to endorse the action taken without any further investigation. Perhaps if there is one matter that I feel we may have exaggerated in my years as secretary it is player misconduct. Of course there have been some serious incidents all of which have been dealt with accordingly, but when we consider the number of players playing cricket each weekend it is a most minute number of players who offend. On the subject of umpiring, we appreciate the work of Stuart Newey, Don Smith and Martien Pruyzers in their leadership of the Umpires Association. Also the role by David Rashleigh as adviser was important although David's employment took him interstate for some of the season.

Our social activities have been under the control of Ann Pascoe for many years and 2002 was no different. Both the Medals Presentation and the Presentation Dinner were successful. Ann has decided her time on the executive should end and some comments appear elsewhere in this report. Steve Flemming and the Ferntree Gully club hosted the medal function with their normal professionalism.

The VMCU operated under its new structure for the first time and Pat Meehan accepted the task of RDCA delegate. The Union is seeking to have a more decision making role in community (local) cricket. The Association is supportive of the VMCU, but has expressed some concern about any attempt to be a regulatory body.

Brian Gobbi took over as president from the retiring Ken Johnston who became patron. Michael Gavin continued as Secretary. Although weather interfered with the early part of the season, players enjoyed the games in the normal veteran manner. Bill Stafford represented the Veterans on the Executive.

Neil Tull continued his oversight of the inter association matches and, aided by Russell Jenzen and Ken Trollope, selected teams for the games against Box Hill and Moorabbin. Details are featured later in the report. Russell also assisted in presenting player concerns to the Executive. David Beatty was once again in charge of the Under 18 and Under 21 squads and did his normal outstanding job.

Lesley Watson became only the second lady to be elected the senior executive. She undertook a number of administrative tasks and was, of course, in charge of the catering arrangements for the inter association matches at Kilsyth. We may have not have been successful on the field but Lesley's catering was, as normal, the highlight of the day.

The Junior Association was under the fine leadership of Stuart Minetti and Timothy Court. Stuart was the official representative on the Executive. Tim attended most meetings due to his employment with Sporting Pulse. Tim has announced he will not be continuing in the position of Junior Secretary next season. His input to both the juniors and the RDCA in general has been outstanding. (must be the time for secretaries to call it a day) Large numbers of players and parents attended the Presentation Night at Yarra Valley, a function that concluded another successful season.

Although not called on a regular basis John Macmillan undertook the important role of Tribunal Chairperson for the 13th successive season. John also made himself available to advise on a number of other matters affecting the RDCA. Peter Ricci and Neil Tucker continued their long association as members of the Tribunal.

To all Secretaries and other officials of all the clubs, I thank you for your assistance to me over the past season. In particular your speedier response to most of my email requests. This has sure has made the task of all administrators so much easier.

May season 2002/03 be a top one for the RDCA

LINDSAY TROLLOPE

It has been a pleasure

I attended the December 1985 meeting of the RDCA Executive in my position of Manager of the Kilsyth Indoor Cricket Centre. At the meeting, Steve Pascoe announced that, due to pressures of his employment, he was resigning as General Secretary. I left the meeting as the new Secretary. Not easy shoes to fill. Now almost seventeen years later it is time to "pull up stumps" and to use a football term handball the position to Ian Spencer.

In all those years, I cannot recall a time when I thought, "Why I am doing this job". I have made a number of friends due to my position and we have had great times together. It was a privilege to be associated with Bill Dean, although my close friendship with him blossomed after he retired as President.

The Association has gone through many changes in the 17 years and as I write, a significant change will occur in season 2002/03 with the abolition of bonus points. I find this quite ironical as most people have always been aware of my opposition to bonus points and now the year I leave they will disappear and I had nothing to do with it.

I take this opportunity to thank all past and present Executive members, Secretaries, Presidents and other club officials for the courtesy shown to me. The number of "real" disagreements was rare. There were many times I hated saying "sorry you can not do that, it is against the rules. However, there were times when I was able to say "I think we can work around that problem"

I wish the RDCA a great future and decisions will need to be made over the next few years regarding full time administration, own headquarters etc. However the most important matter is that we remember that the primary aim of the Association is to conduct a competition for people of all ages and all abilities who have chosen to play cricket in the area in which they live. Do that successfully and other matters will happen.

It really has been a pleasure.

Lindsay

THANK YOU - LINDSAY TROLLOPE

Lindsay Trollope rocked our comfortable world when at the 2001 Annual General Meeting he announced that the coming season would be his last as General Secretary of the Association.

17 years of unstinting service has seen Lindsay's common sense and no nonsense approach guide the RDCA through a period that saw the momentum of change gathering pace throughout.

And what change there was!

It is testimony to Lindsay's expertise as an administrator that he has been able to guide the introduction of many groundbreaking innovations both on and off the field without too much fuss and always to the betterment of cricket in our area.

The footprint of Lindsay Trollope on the RDCA is, and always will be, indelible.

On behalf of all those in RDCA circles who have been touched by the dedication of the man. I thank Lindsay for a job well done.

Steve Pascoe

Senior Registration Secretary's Report

From a registration and results point of view, the season was somewhat uneventful. I believe that this can be attributed to two main factors:

1. The request we made at the commencement of the season to all clubs to embrace computerisation and go "on line".
2. The diligent support given to the registration and results process by Sporting Pulse and in particular the support given by Timothy Court in this regard.

One of the failures of the system was that we were unable to supply reliable player performance averages data from the system and it is intended to address this matter as a matter of urgency. Unfortunately, this will require further significant support from club administrators but more of that latter.

For the record the RDCA administered our association to enable 31 clubs, 138 senior teams, 131 junior teams together with the players involved in all these teams to participate in the game of cricket during the 2001/2002 season.

There were of course the never-ending number of clearance applications received during the season and despite several initial refusals by the player's current club, in all but one instance agreement was reached by the clubs involved without redress to appeal.

This resulted in a significant saving of administrative time at both the club and association level and shows that clubs and players are prepared to talk through the issues – something that the association has been advocating for many seasons.

On behalf the RDCA, I thank the players and club administrators for their support during the past season.

Stuart Newey
Senior Registration Secretary

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

The season commenced with Stuart Newey being re-appointed as President with David Rashleigh continuing in his position as Umpires Adviser, and Don Smith re-elected to fill the position of Vice President.

Following the trend of the last two seasons the year again began with the Umpires Association being down on numbers from the previous season losing 12 umpires from last years list and another 4 during the season, but was fortunate to be able to recruit 10 new umpires leaving us with a list of 24. This allowed a number of the new and less experienced umpires to participate at the top level.

The umpires again officiated at inter association representative games in both senior and junior level, the IAJCC Junior competition over Christmas, the Neil Wright U21 competition and the Veteran finals.

I would like to thank the club volunteers who helped with the umpiring in the semi finals and grand finals.

Congratulations to all medal winners, trophy winners and premiers on their success this season. I extend our thanks to the captains, ladies and club members for their efforts and hospitality, before during and after the game. A special thanks to all the scorers for their dedication and assistance to the umpires.

Lastly, let me thank my fellow umpires for their dedication, enthusiasm and assistance during the season. Although players sometimes are critical of performances during the season we must consider how the matches would be without umpires. I urge all retiring players and/or officials to consider joining the umpire ranks in 2001/2002. In most instances retired players make good umpires as was shown this season when two first year umpires (both ex players) umpired in the CH1 and Wilkins 1 Grand Finals.

Martien Pruyzers
Umpires Secretary

Match Committee

Neil Tull(Chairperson), Russell Jenzen and Ken Trollope formed the committee charged with the responsibility of selecting the senior games against Box Hill Reporter and City of Moorabbin Associations and also in choosing the 2001/02 All Stars XI. David Beatty was the fourth member of the committee, but as in previous seasons, his energies were directed to the management of the under 21 and under 18 RDCA teams. The teams were not as successful as in past seasons, mainly due to the loss of several players from the previous year and the need to "blood" new players at this level. David expects both teams to be successful in season 2002/03. In the double headers against Box Hill and Moorabbin, Box Hill comprehensively beat the senior and under 18 teams. However, the reputation of the RDCA was restored with good wins in the away fixture v Moorabbin. Details of all matches are shown in the statistical section of this report.

Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union(VMCU)

The restructuring of the Union was completed and Kevin Hoy from Eastern Cricket Association was elected President at the AGM replacing Kevin Smith. John Jillard continued as Administrator although he has indicated he will not continue into the next season.

I was unable to continue as RDCA delegate and Pat Meehan accepted the role. The Union is seeking to be seen as the leader of community cricket. The RDCA gives it full support to the Union but has expressed concern at some of the directions in which it appears to be heading. Associations must have the autonomy of conducting its own affairs and this was strongly pointed out to the VCA at the time of the proposals put forward by the Task force in 1999.

The RDCA was saddened to learn of the death of ex President Jim Bietzel. Jim led the Union with great distinction for many years and was a tireless worker in all areas of Victorian cricket.

Outer Eastern Cricket Council

David Beatty continued to chair the Council. Representatives of the RDCA, Ferntree Gully and Yarra Valley are members of the Council. Andrew Garrett remained as the VCA manager on the Council.

Its Time to Say Goodbye

The Pascoe family has played a considerable role in the RDCA for some 30 years. Steve came into prominence in 1969/70 as he captained the RDCA to its first Under 21 CUOV Shield. In 1974 he became Secretary of the Association and held this position until 1985. After a few years recuperation he returned to the Executive, spending a number of years as vice president before assuming the Presidency for the 1999/00 season, following the retirement of Bill Wilkins.

Daughter Rachelle was probably taken off to cricket matches before she could walk or talk and it was only natural that she became part of the Pascoe RDCA partnership. Since her early teens, Rachelle has been the voice on the telephone taking the scores and providing assistance at the social functions for the same time.

In the middle has been Ann who has spent a considerable part of her life supporting Steve in his cricket career both on and off the field. Ann certainly allowed Steve to remain Secretary for such a long period with her tremendous assistance. In later years, she has proved to be an ideal Mrs President. Ann has also found time to help Rachelle with her telephone score duties.

However, Ann was not going to sit around and be nothing but an assistant. In 1988, she became the first female elected to the RDCA Executive. She was immediately appointed as Social Convener. The successful medals presentations and the presentation dinners have provided proof of her expertise in that area. In 1992, the executive recommended to delegates that Ann be honoured with Life Membership. This was enthusiastically endorsed at the AGM, again the only lady to obtain that recognition.

Ann has been an important part of the Executive and is not backward in presenting her views, even if it is different from those held by Steve. However as they are able to attend Hawthorn/Essendon matches and still talk to each other on the way home, a disagreement on a cricket issue would not even cause a ripple.

Outside of the Executive Ann would certainly hold the record for the longest period anyone has scored in the history of the RDCA. She initially scored for Norwood and then for Warrandyte in a career lasting 35 years. Ann has also scored for veterans and association teams. It is unlikely there would be many scorers throughout the cricket world with greater longevity.

However all good things must end and Ann has decided it her time on the Executive will cease at the AGM. She will be missed both for her input to the decision making body of the Association and for the friendship given to her colleagues. I understand she has also decided to retire from scoring duties.

Lindsay

RINGWOOD AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION INC

JUNIOR ADMINISTRATION

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SECRETARY **TIMOTHY COURT**

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COMMITTEE **KEVIN DAWSON**
 MICHAEL DUKE
 JOHN SPRINGETT

RDCA JUNIORS 2001/02

Season 2001/02 proved to be yet another successful and interesting season. In it's never-ending endeavour to improve junior cricket the Junior Committee implemented a number of changes and initiatives, which were warmly received and will assuredly see the junior competition continue to grow.

One such change was the moving of the non-competitive grades to Friday evenings. This was an overwhelming success and as well as the addition of a number of new sides, both players and parents warmed to the concept of twilight cricket. Many more families were seen on these Friday evenings with increased enjoyment for all.

A round robin tournament was introduced for our non-competitive grades, which incorporated a number of local Milo Have-A-Go Clinics. The concept was engineered by Jeff Luscombe through his love for cricket and in particular his passion for the development of junior cricket. Thanks Jeff for the idea, the planning and organisation and your fantastic efforts on the day of the tournament. This inaugural tournament will now be expanded in the coming season to be the climax to the non-competitive season. Something for our most junior cricketers to really look forward to!

The Juniors again entered three sides (U/12, U/14, & U/16) into the Inter Association Junior Cricket Carnival and one side into the Mitchell Shield Carnival. Once again the RDCA demonstrated the strength of its junior talent with the Under 16s and Under 14s winning their competitions, the Under 12's made it to the semi-finals, while the Keith Mitchell Side also made it to the semi-finals. Many thanks must go to John Higgins, John Springett, Phill Lovell, Graeme Merrett, Chris Foden, Keith Smith and Michael Duke for ensuring the success of these representative sides. This junior talent also came to the fore with eight of the Ringwood Under 16 Dowling Shield side coming from RDCA clubs – this team finished runners-up.

Presentation Night at Yarra Valley proved to somewhat different this year. Although the format was similar to past seasons, the audience was kept much more involved and interested through all the seasons highlights being presented via a multi-media presentation on a large screen. This drew all round praise and will continue to be developed with a number of new ideas already being considered for our next Presentation Night.

Unfortunately the season did not pass without a number of incidents that make life very difficult for the volunteers who give up their time to run the Junior Association on behalf of the clubs. We must remember that the clubs appoints these "officials". As time goes on it is becoming increasingly difficult to find volunteers to help run the Association, simply as a result of the actions of a very small minority of Junior Coordinators and parents who can only see one point of view. If this persists then the cost of running the Junior Association is going to escalate in our attempts to attract enough people to assist to run the association. Whether this happens is ultimately up to the clubs and parents. This is children's sport after all!

The Junior Committee has not been idle in the off-season and a complete review of last season has taken place. A number of initiatives are planned and will be presented to clubs at our next AGM. Tim Court has announced that he will be stepping down from

the role of Secretary, which he has so ably filled for a number of seasons now. Tim won't be lost to us completely, but the demands of the busy secretarial role must give way to the development of his own career. Tim, thanks for a fantastic job – there were many initiatives introduced into the RDCA, Juniors and Seniors, for which you were either directly responsible or played a significant role in developing. Again, well done and thanks. To the other members of our hard working committee, thank you and well done. The same thanks must go to the majority of Junior Coordinators who do an excellent job in maintaining and developing our great game of cricket at junior level in Melbourne's outer eastern suburbs.

Stuart Minetti
Junior President

Tim Court
Junior Secretary



RDCA Inc. VETERANS CRICKET ASSOCIATION
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What a season it was, with weather being a major factor pre Christmas! Two rounds cancelled and other games not able to be played due to unplayable grounds!!!

Along with the appointment of Brian Gobbi to the role of President, **two major initiatives came from our August 2001 Annual General Meeting.**

- ❖ The first being the nomination and unanimous endorsement of Ken Johnston to fill the role of patron of the RDCA Veterans, previously held by the Late Bill Dean.
- ❖ The second initiative approved by Club Delegates was to expand the season to 9 rounds, in an endeavour to provide more cricket to all Veterans. To accommodate both the Masters and Legends competition, this meant starting early October and scheduling of games over traditional long weekend periods. The latter inconvenienced a number of clubs, with at least one forfeit.

The beginning of the season was a debacle due to inclement weather washing out the round or preventing a number of games from proceeding. Post Christmas necessitated the reorganisation of the draw to ensure in most Divisions, all teams got to play one another, at least once. The intention was to expand the season and have more cricket, but in the end the maximum number of games played by most teams was the same as previous seasons.

This season we saw our Association return to more of a locally based competition. This came about with the formation of the Diamond Valley Veterans Competition, with 10 teams. Representatives from the following Division 2 & 3 Clubs from last season – Lower Eltham, Research, Riversdale, Macleod were the key representatives in establishing a local based competition after a number of seasons in the RDCA.

We saw the return to the competition a side from South Croydon, however East Ringwood and Wantirna South failed to nominate sides. This brought the total of number of Clubs to 23, with 37 teams nominated across the Masters four Divisions and the Legends competition. 50% of the participating teams came from 11 Clubs - Four Clubs had three teams and another seven clubs had two sides.

The Legends competition continued to prove very successful for the second season, again with seven Clubs participating. The Clubs participating were Croydon/Croydon Ranges [composite], Mt. Evelyn, North Ringwood, South Warrandyte, Templeton, Warrandyte and Lower Eltham. It was great to see the continuation of many "Legends" players to playing Veterans cricket every weekend in both competitions, at times with a range of Legends Clubs. This enhanced the camaraderie amongst the Clubs and players overall.

The competition across all four Divisions continued to be very keen and even throughout the season, with many match results going down to the last over or two. Often the ladders did not project the evenness of the competition, as a number of Clubs failed on the points basis, however were often only beaten in the last over. Positions 3 and 4 in most divisions, were decided in the last round - percentages determining positions in the four in a number of Divisions. With the exception of "The Legends" competition, which did not have finals, the Semi-Finals were keenly played.



RDCA Inc. VETERANS CRICKET ASSOCIATION

2001/2002

Inter-Association Games: This year three away games were played by RDCA Veterans on the 3 February 2002. Two representative sides for 40s and 50s+ played games against Ferntree Gully District Veterans at Ferntree Gully. Another representative side journeyed to Doncaster East to Box Hill Reporter Association Veterans on a "soft / spicy" turf wicket. The hosts were successful in all three games, with two of these being very exciting finishes.

A big thank-you to Jim Dean, our chairman of selectors, for his efforts in successfully putting three sides together. The three that went on the park, bore no resemblance to the originally selected sides. I think it was version 4 or 5, with the sides being finalised on the Sunday morning of the game.

Congratulation to captains – 40s - Barry Jacquier [Croydon], 50s - Alan King [Warrandyte] and Ian Spencer [Croydon Ranges] and all players who represented the RDCA. Positive comment is always received on not only the spirit, but also the standard of cricket that is played in these games. I would like to congratulate the captains for their match summary at our Presentation night – most informative and entertaining, all be at very short notice!!!

I would like to publicly thank the host Clubs of Ferntree Gully and Doncaster East and their respective Associations for the games, facilities and after-match activity.

Veterans Presentation Night: Our Presentation Night was again held at the *Karralyka Centre – East Ringwood* in the week following the Grand Finals. A very popular evening was enjoyed by approximately 130 attendees.

MC - Daryl Stephens of Croydon Veterans, again did an excellent job.

The organising committee of Vair Gobbi, Marg Stafford and Graeme Seymour are to be congratulated on their excellent job again and continue to surpass previous years' memorable nights.

Our raffles at this night, has enabled us to improve our bank balance. This will allow us to continue our ongoing financial support of RDCA junior cricket development through sponsorship – this year with covering carnival uniforms, as well as to assist cricketers that represent our Veterans Association either at interstate or overseas carnivals.

RDCA Touring Veterans - "Ringwood Possums" - Veterans Carnival Cricket

Vancouver – Canada July 2002

Planning has been finalised with much interest, especially by wives, for this trip. The "Possums" touring party, at this stage, consisting of 24 [10 players & 14 partners / supporters]. As well as 4 games of cricket, touring modules have been developed for pre and post the cricket week. Activities include bus and rail travel through the Rockies Mountains, Ocean cruise from Vancouver to Alaska, plus stop-over at Hawaii on return flight home.



RDCA Inc. VETERANS CRICKET ASSOCIATION 2001/2002

Grand Finals for all Divisions were moderate scoring affairs with the side batting first finishing with a score between 125 – 130 runs. All games were well patronised with supporters, which was great to see. Divisions 1 and 4 were most exciting Grand Final with the match determined in the last over.

Pennants were presented to the winning captains and teams following the Grand Final. Trophies were presented to Club Captains or Club representatives at our Presentation Night.

The premiers for 2001 / 2002 were:

- **Division 4 Premiers Max Brown Trophy – played at Norwood**
Croydon Ranges in a very see-sawing game passed **Parkwood** in the last over with their last pair at the wicket. The winning runs just going over the out stretched hand of a fielder.

- **Division 3 Premiers - played at Ainslie Park**
The top two sides played out this final. **Ainslie Park** through very tight bowling were able to account for **Boronia**. They were cheered on by their senior Club members who were present for their Medal count day .

- **Division 2 Premiers Ken Johnston Trophy- played at Lilydale**
Another top two sides played this final. **Lilydale** were able to restrict **Wantirna** to a moderate target following reining in the batting after the drinks break. **Lilydale** were then able to pass **Wantirna** with the loss of only a few wickets. **Wantirna** are to be congratulated on the supporter base that they have coming to provide a wonderful atmosphere at the game.

- **Division 1 Premiers Bill Dean Trophy - played at Parkwood**
Parkwood in a see-sawing and nail-biting finish, with their last pair at the wicket, were able to pass **South Warrandyte** in the last over. Congratulations to **Parkwood**, their first RDCA Veterans flag after participating in at least 5 Division One Grand Finals.

- **The Legends Premiers**
Mt. Evelyn remained clear on top, only losing one game being the last round against **South Warrandyte**.

All 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.

A big thank you must go to the RDCA senior Executive for their on-going support. Premiership pennants continue to be provided by the RDCA, as well as initiating successful submissions for financial grants for RDCA Veterans Cricket from the Victorian Cricket Association’s pool of funds, during the previous off-season.



RDCA Inc. VETERANS CRICKET ASSOCIATION
2001/2002

Milestones – 100 Veteran Club Games.

With the competition now in its 14th season, we have our first player to achieve **100 veteran's Club game milestone**. Congratulations to our Association President – Brian Gobbi, for achieving this milestone.

There are a number of players who have achieved 90+ Veterans Club games, and will more than likely achieve this milestone in the 2002 – 2003 season.

Executive Committee Efforts: Finally it would be remiss of me not to thank our hardworking committee for their efforts and commitment throughout the year Brian Gobbi (Chairman), Bill Stafford (Treasurer), Jim Dean, Graeme Seymour, Allan Duffus, Ken Johnston and Jeff Luscombe.

Additionally many thanks to Marg Stafford and Vair Gobbi, our Social sub-committee experts, with assistance and guidance from Graeme Seymour.

The Executive continues to look forward with great anticipation, that veterans cricket continues to be played in a friendly and positive spirit, with the renewing of many old friendships.

Aspirations of the Veterans' Executive would be to receive nomination from RDCA clubs, currently not represented in the Veterans competition, for the coming season/s.

Mick Gavin
Secretary

RDCA Veterans Motto:
Strive to do our best, never give up,
and treat people with respect

Treasurer's Report

It is pleasing to report that the financial result for the 2001/2002 season has improved from a loss of \$2,302 the previous season to a profit of \$410 this season.

I believe that this turnaround can be directly attributed to my request to the Executive Committee to exercise restraint in incurring expenses on behalf of the RDCA during the season.

If we are to provide a viable Association to support the playing of cricket in the RDCA, this restraint will need to be continued next season as I am sure you are all aware costs in general are on the increase – insurance costs are a prize example.

Not only the Association, but also club administrators have a role to play in this regard. It is pleasing to note that fines incurred by clubs for non-compliance with the rules of the RDCA dropped from \$1,600 the previous season to \$930 last season.

Unfortunately, several clubs have not totally met their commitments for last season which means that these clubs will start next season with debts that will impose an additional financial burden on these clubs prior to the start of the coming season.

Finally, let me thank all the clubs for their support during the 2001/2002 season that has helped make the treasurer's role easier to fill.

Joan Newey
Honorary Treasurer

PROFIT & LOSS
1st June 2001 to 31st May 2002

Income

Fees Income	
Affiliation Fees	\$41,140
Umpires Subscriptions	\$300
Total Fees Income	\$41,440
Fines Income	
Senior Grades Fines	\$730
Junior Grades Fines	\$100
Late Payment Fines	\$100
Total Fines Income	\$930
Donations/Sponsorship	\$5,198
Presentation Night	\$4,690
Vote Count Night	\$1,695
Interest	\$316
Sundry income	\$347
Total Income	<u>\$54,516</u>

Expenses

Administration Expenses	
Honorarium	\$12,500
General Secretary	\$1,290
Senior Registration Secretary	\$950
Match Result Secretaries	\$810
Treasurer	\$800
Umpires Secretary	\$254
Senior Executive	\$390
Other Admin Expenses	\$681
Total Administration Expenses	\$17,676
Operating Expenses	
Postage & Stationery	\$1,496
Telephone & Paging	\$2,247
Printing & Typing	\$3,034
Computer Processing	\$530
Bank Charges	\$253
Ground & Hall rental	\$1,518
Affil. & Registration Fees	\$48
Umpires Fees	\$2,395
Depreciation of equipment	\$2,170
Trophies & Shields	\$3,640
Pennant & Plaques	\$3,121
Junior Carnival	\$1,613
Total Operating Expenses	\$22,065
Insurance	
Player	(\$197)
Public Liability	\$683
Umpires	\$386
Total Insurance	\$873
Social Expenses	
Senior Presentation Night	\$5,573
Junior Presentation Night	\$1,270
Vote Count Night	\$1,622
Catering	\$1,525
Total Social Expenses	\$9,990
Equipment	
B F Medals purchased	\$148
Cricket Balls purchased	\$772
Caps purchased	\$726
Rule Book Covers purchased	\$80
Ties & Clothing purchased	\$960
Score books purchased	\$56
Premiership Medals Purchased	\$761
Total Equipment	\$3,503
Total Expenses	<u>\$54,106</u>
Net Profit / (Loss)	<u>\$410</u>

BALANCE SHEET
As at 31st May 2002

Assets

Current Assets	
Cash On Hand	
Cheque Account	\$131
ANZ Trustees	\$9,000
Debtors - Clubs	\$1,858
Total Current Assets	\$10,989
Equipment	
Best & Fairest Medallions	\$259
Cricket Balls	\$77
RDCA Caps	\$750
Rule Book Covers	\$500
Umpires Counters	\$6
Umpires Badges	\$25
Premiership Medals	\$93
Total Equipment	\$1,709
Fixed Assets	
Computer and Printer	\$2,500
Total Fixed Assets	\$2,500
Total Assets	\$15,198

Liabilities

Creditors - Clubs	\$110
Total Current Assets	\$110
Non Current Liabilities	
Bonds Held	\$200
Guarantee Monies	\$3,300
Total Non Current Liabilities	\$3,500
Total Liabilities	\$3,610
Net Assets	\$11,588

Equity

Retained Earnings	\$11,178
Current Year Earnings	\$410
Total Equity	\$11,588

2001 / 2002

**THIS WAS THE
SEASON
THAT WAS!**

Position of your team round by round

Chandler 1

TEAM After round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
EAST RINGWOOD	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	1	1
VENUE PARK	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	2
FERNREE Gully	6	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	3
MOOROOD BARK	9*	5	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	4	4
KILSYTH	4*	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	7	5
WONGA PARK	9*	6	6	6	6	10	6	6	6	5	6
LILYDALE	-	-	-	-	8	-	8	-	-	-	-
TEMPLETON	5	8	8	8	-	4	-	8	8	8	8
MONTRUSE	2	10	9	9	9	9	11	9	9	9	9
WANTIRNA SOUTH	8	12	10	11	10	8	9	11	11	10	10
SOUTH RINGWOOD	9	9	11	10	11	11	11	10	6	11	11
CROYDON NORTH	9	11	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12

WILKINS

TEAM After round	1	3	5	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
SOUTH CROYDON	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1
NORTHERINGWOOD	4	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2
ST ANDREWS	3	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	3
WARRANDYTE	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
BAYSWATER PARK	5	6	6	6	6	5	6	5	5	5	5
CROYDON RANGES	-	-	8	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
NORWOOD	8	8	-	8	8	8	8	8	5	8	-
PARKWOOD	6	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	8

NEWY

TEAM After round	1	3	5	6	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
SOUTH WARRANDYTE HAWKS	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
NORTH UNITE D LYONS	6	-	-	5	4	5	5	5	3	3	2
CHURNIDGE PARK	3	3	3	2	2	2	4	4	2	2	3
WANTIRNA	2	2	2	1	3	3	2	5	5	5	4
EASTFIELD	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	3	4	4	5
OLINDA	5	5	5	6	-	-	-	-	6	6	6
KNOX CITY	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	-	-	-

GRAND FINALISTS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>PREMIER</u>	<u>RUNNER-UP</u>
Chandler 1	Mooroolbark	East Ringwood
Chandler 2	Wonga Park	Mooroolbark
Chandler 3	Mooroolbark	Ainslie Park
Chandler 4	Mooroolbark	Wonga Park
Wilkins 1	South Croydon	North Ringwood
Wilkins 2	North Ringwood	Croydon Ranges
Newey 1	South Warrandyte Hawks	North United Lyons
Newey 2	Eastfield	South W'yte Hawks
C Grade	Norwood	Parkwood
D Grade	South Warrandyte Hawks	Croydon Ranges
E Grade	Wantirna	Mooroolbark
F Grade	Wonga Park	Ainslie Park
G grade	Lilydale	Wonga Park
OD 1 Grade	Templeton	Wantirna
OD 2 Grade	South Ringwood	South Croydon

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 – 2001/02

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CHANDLER 1</u>	<u>WILKINS</u>	<u>B GRADE</u>
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
99/00	Ainslie Park	Montrose	Olinda
00/01	Ferntree Gully	East Ringwood	Fastfield
01/02	Mooroolbark	South Croydon	Sth W'dyte Hawks

JUNIOR PREMIERSHIPS

	<u>UNDER 16</u>	<u>UNDER 14</u>	<u>UNDER 12</u>
1.	Croydon North	Templeton	Ringwood
2.	Wonga Park	Mooroolbark	Templeton
3.	North Ringwood	Croydon North	Wantirna South
4.	North Ringwood	North Ringwood	North Ringwood

Inaugural Under 18 Premiership was won by Templeton

VETERAN PREMIERSHIPS

<u>SECTION 1</u>	<u>SECTION 2</u>	<u>SECTION 3</u>	<u>SECTION 4</u>
Parkwood	Lilydale	Ainslie Park	Croydon Ranges

Chandler Shield Final

Mooroolbark 1st Innings

J Barnett	c	Stock	b	Jenzen	1
M Ross	c	Stock	b	Kennedy	0
B Ricci	c	Stock	b	Barrett	57
B Guan	c	Tsiotinas	b	Kennedy	2
L Grigg	c	Stock	b	Barrett	35
R Ellisdon	c	Buzaglo	b	Nicholl	64
K Trollope	c	Kennedy	b	Nicholl	20
A Freeman			b	Jenzen	4
T Jackson	c	Stock	b	Jenzen	7
B Mullett	not out				7
M Darcy			b	Jenzen	4
1 bye, 9 leg byes, 2 wides, 2 no-balls					215

FOW 1-3,2-3,3-12,4-72,5-129,6-189,7-192,8-196,9-211

	O	M	W	R
Jenzen	20.3	5	4	52
Kennedy	11	0	2	42
Nicholl	15	3	2	40
Barrett	17	3	2	45
Stringer	16	6	0	26

East Ringwood 1st Innings

N Tsiotinas	LBW		b	Guan	18
S Nichol	c	Trollope	b	Darcy	3
M Buzaglo			b	Freeman	14
D Carratelli	c	Trollope	b	Mullett	8
S Hill	c	Grigg	b	Darcy	14
N Stewart	c	Ricci	b	Darcy	17
G Stock	c	Barnett	b	Darcy	4
W Barrett	c	Barnett	b	Darcy	0
R Jenzen			b	Guan	0
J Kennedy			b	Jackson	2
C Stringer	Not Out				10
0 Byes, 1 Leg Bye, 1 Wide, 1 No-balls					94

1-9, 2-31, 3-46, 4-46, 5-75, 6-81, 7-81, 8-82, 9-82

	O	M	W	R
M Darcy	16	5	5	20
A Freeman	11	4	1	24
B Mullett	10	3	1	23
B Guan	15	6	2	25
T Jackson	1.1	0	1	1

Wilkins Cup Final

North Ringwood

D Hustwaite	LBW		b	T Degenhardt	2
S Hustwaite			b	Dench	11
D Garoni	c	Stewart	b	T Degenhardt	6
L O Connor	c	D Degenhardt	b	T Degenhardt	0
MJ Bellizia	c	Smith	b	Wheeler	5
B Ianson	c	T Degenhardt	b	Viney	9
M Harvey	c	Dench	b	T Degenhardt	45
MS Bellizia	c	D Degenhardt	b	Dench	15
D Tucker			b	Dench	7
I Donaldson	c	Smith	b	Mathias	21
P Ridgwell	Not Out				0

5 Byes, 2 Leg-Byes, 2 Wides. 5 No-Balls 135

1-2, 2-8, 3-8, 4-17, 5-58, 6-100, 7-100, 8-107, 9-135

	O	M	W	R
T Degenhardt	17	8	4	22
M Dench	16	6	3	24
T Wheeler	9	4	1	23
M Viney	11	4	1	23
D Mathias	6	2	1	21
A Hood	2	0	0	12
L Davies	2	0	0	3

South Croydon

T Wheeler	LBW		b	Donaldson	4
A Hood	c	MS Bellizia	b	O'Connor	60
L Davies	c	Donaldson	b	Donaldson	4
D Degenhardt	c	Tucker	b	Harvey	0
L Smith	c	Ianson	b	MJ Bellizia	26
R Stewart	c	MJ Bellizia	b	O'Connor	7
M Dench	Not Out				17
T Degenhardt	Not Out				13
G Paswon					
M Viney					
D Mathias					

5 Byes, 1 Leg Bye, 0 Wides, 0 No-balls 6-137

1-17, 2-37, 3-38, 4-103, 5-103, 6-111

	O	M	W	R
I Donaldson	13	4	2	27
MJ Bellizia	8	0	1	39
M Harvey	9	0	1	39
L O'Connor	5	0	2	21

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) 1966/67 – 2001/02

Wonga Park	25	[4]	Boronia	7	(0)
East Ringwood	24	(5)	Eastfield	5	(2)
Mooroolbark	22	[7]	Parkwood	5	(2)
Croydon North	20	(8)	Scoresby/Ferndale	5	(1)
Wantirna South	19	(0)	South Croydon	4	(2)
Ainslie Park	18	(2)	Knox City	4	(2)
St Andrews	17	(4)	Aquinas	3	(3)
Kilsyth	16	(1)	Chirnside Park	3	(2)
Croydon Ranges	15*	(3)	Croydon	3	(0)
Montrose	14	(4)	Olinda	1	(1)
Templeton	13	[2]			
North Ringwood	12	(4)			
Warrandyte	11	(3)			
Bayswater Park	11	(1)			
Norwood	10	(2)			
Lilydale	10	(1)			
Wantirna	9	(2)			
Sth Warrandyte Hawks	8	(3)			
Ferntree Gully	7	(3)			
South Ringwood	7	(2)			

Figures in [brackets] are premierships won by first eleven teams

** includes premierships won by Croydon United & Croydon Hockeyers.*

Senior Representative Matches

3 February 2002 v Box Hill Reporter at Kilsyth

Team

B Ricci	RDCA
S Foulis	153(S Foulis 51 T Plose 35 B Ricci 20)
A Luckman	Box Hill 7/207M Unternahrer 2/20, T Plose 2/29
J Walsh	
T Plose	
S Brasher	
G Stock	
C Parker	
M Unternahrer	
S Toohey	
S Arbuckle	
T Jackson	

18 February 2001 v City Of Moorabbin at Kilsyth

Team

A Luckman	RDCA
S Nichol	8/198cc (M.Buzaglo 82 J.Disney 39 w. Barrett 27*)
J Walsh	
M Unternahrer	CMCA
M Buzaglo	112 (S.Nichol 4/29 J. Disney 2/27)
J Disney	
G Stock	
S. Brasher	
W Barrett	
P Payne	
R Jenzen	

RDCA U/18's 2001/02

Jim Driscoll	BOP	GAME 1	BHRDCA 150 def RDCA 84
Cameron Barlow	BYP		K.Runge 42
Eugene Komissarenko	CNT		M.Cathie-Smith 3/19
Michael Edwards	CRR		E.Komissarenko 3/32
Craig Muddsley	CRR		D.Gale 3/37
Steve Dinnell	CFR		
Darren Fuller	CSP	GAME 2	RDCA 6/161 def CMCA 155
Marc Cathie-Smith	CSP		H.Shakespeare 77
Mark Teofalo	FTG		D.Walker 24 & 3/8
Brendan Adams	KIL		R.Wilson 2/17
Steve Lindsay	KIL		B.Mullett 2/31
Kennar Runge	MOO		
Dave Gale	MOO	GAME 3	VTCA 8/179 def RDCA 138
Danny Walker	MOO		R.Wilson 32
Ben Mullett	MOO		B.Mullett 27
Hagan Shakespeare	WOP		D.Gale 2/25
Ryan Wilson	WOP		M.Cathie-Smith 2/30
Shaun Wilson	WOP		

RDCA U/21's 2001/02

Ash Moore	APK	GAME 1	DVCA 6/189 def RDCA 8/155
Ben Beach	BYP		J.Swanton 70
Eugene Komissarenko	CNT		L.Bowyer 25
James Swanton	CNT		F.Komissarenko 3/34
Marc Cathie Smith	CSP		R.Mullett 2/47
Nothar Stewart	EAR		
Luke Bowyer	FTG	GAME 2	RDCA 7/194 def BHRDCA 176
Steve Lindsay	KIL		L.Bowyer 53
Chris Piggott	MOO		J.Swanton 47
John O'Donnell	MOO		G.Coutts 33
Luke Fainter	MOO		T.Degenhardt 20 no & 2/30
Ryan Mullett	MOO		R.Mullett 3/35
Ben Mullett	MOO		C.Piggott 2/47
Danny Walker	MOO		
Dan Tucker	NRI	GAME 3	CRUSADERS 8/158 def RDCA 119
Travis Degenhardt	SCR		J.Grumont 32
Joel Grumont	STA		D.Walker 2/16
Hagan Shakespeare	WOP		
Greg Coutts	WOP		

INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES

<u>BATTING</u>			<u>BOWLING</u>		
Andrew Downs	FTG	83	CHANDLER 1	Steve Nichol	EAR 11.1
David Tucker	APK	76.8	CHANDLER 2	Stuart Gibb	KIL 9.9
Barry Dawson	EAR	60.7	CHANDLER 3	Michael Piggott	MOO 6.4
Jason Rowe	LYD	95.8	CHANDLER 4	Greg Hassan	WOP 10.9
Darren Garoni	NRI	53.4	WILKINS 1	Ian Donaldson	NRI 11.7
Dan Hustwaite	NRI	48.9	WILKINS 2	Roger Leahy	NRI 9.4
Scott Brasher	SWT	57	NEWHEY 1	Dean Meridith	CSP 8.9
Brad Greer	SWT	68.5	NEWHEY 2	Brad Greer	SWT 10.8
Brian Patterson	NOW	64	C GRADE	Mark Wainwright	NOW 12
Luke Nelly	STA	72.4	D GRADE	Mark Sanderson	CRR 8
Troy Behm	WAN	51.8	E GRADE	Tim Hale	WAN 9
Ian Dell	WOP	78	F GRADE	Tony White	CRR 8.3
Adrian Gillespie	LYD	68	G GRADE	Gavin Gillespie	LYD 4.5
Barry Mealings	TMP	36.9	OD 1 GRADE	Paul Doevalaar	WOP 7.4
Guy Hart	WDT	55	OD 2 GRADE	Jason Hutchieson	SCR 9.1

CHANDLER CHAMPION PLAYER

Chris Anderson Ainslie Park

UNDER 18 BEST PLAYER

Ben Mullett Mooroolbark

UNDER 21 BEST PLAYER

Luke Bowyer Ferntree Gully

ALL STARS TEAM

Stephen Foulis	APK	Chris Anderson	APK
Steve Nichol	EAR	Geoff Stock	EAR
Stephen Jones	APK	Jason Disney	TMP
Brendan Ricci	MOO	Russell Jenzen	EAR
Andrew Downs	FTG	Sean Toohey	LYD
Mark Unternahrer	KIL		

Best and Fairest Awards

Bill Dean Medal(Chandler)

Andrew Downs Ferntree Gully 15

Steve Pascoe Medal(Wilkins)

Greg Moorhouse St Andrews 22

Stuart Newey Medal(Newey)

Steve Garrett Sth W'dyte Hawks 15

Wayne Ross North United Lyons 15

Club Championship

1 Wonga Park

2 Mooroolbark

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The following statistics have been taken from information received from Sporting Pulse. Their accuracy depended on the information provided to the company by the clubs. Due to this, some performances may not have been recorded.

HIGHEST SCORE FOR THE SEASON

GRADE	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
Ch 4	G. Semple	South Ringwood	236

SCORES OF 180+

NAME	CLUB	SCORE	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
G. Semple	Sth Ringwood	236	B. Guan	Mooroolbark	195
L. Nelly	St Andrews	226	A. Beaton	Bayswater Park	194
A. Gillespie	Lilydale	204	D. Tucker	Ainslie Park	191
J. Rowe	Lilydale	202			
L. Buzaglo	East Ringwood	199			

BEST BOWLING PERFORMANCE IN SINGLE INNINGS

GRADE	NAME	CLUB	PERFORMANCE
Chandler 4	A. Malcolm	East Ringwood	9/66

EIGHT WICKETS OR MORE IN ONE INNINGS

Name	Club	Performance	Name	Club	Performance
A. Malcolm	East Ringwood	9/66	C. Piggott	Mooroolbark	8/89
S. Brasher	Sth W'dytc Hawks	8/19	S. Anderson	Templeton	8/105
A. Fider	Bayswater Park	8/28			

BATSMEN WHO SCORED TWO OR MORE CENTURIES

NAME	CLUB	NAME	CLUB
A. Downs*	Ferntree Gully	J. Barry	Templeton
Stephen Foulis*	Ainslie Park	S. Kear	Wonga Park
Stephen Jones*	Ainslie Park	I. Spencer#	Croydon Ranges
D. Garoni*	North Ringwood	G. Stock	East Ringwood
S. Brasher*	Sth W'dytc Hawks	C. Eustice	Ainslie Park
B. Neagle	Sth W'dytc Hawks	V. Evans	Wonga Park
T. Behm	Wantirna	A. Beaton	Bayswater Park
M. Moyes	Parkwood	B. Patterson	Norwood
B. Garrington	Lilydale	S. Archer	Mooroolbark
N. Groot	Ainslie Park	B. Dawson	East Ringwood
C. Rowe	Wantirna South		

* three centuries

might make a good RDC A secretary

CENTURIES SCORED IN EACH GAME

Chandler 1	27	C Grade	12
Chandler 2	17	D Grade	13
Chandler 3	18	E Grade	13
Chandler 4	25	F Grade	11
Wilkins 1	10	G Grade	4
Wilkins 2	6		
Newey 1	12		
Newey 2	6		
Total	173		

SIX WICKETS OR MORE IN INNINGS IN EACH GRADE

Chandler 1	8	C Grade	6
Chandler 2	12	D Grade	8
Chandler 3	11	F Grade	8
Chandler 4	9	F Grade	6
Wilkins 1	8	G Grade	2
Wilkins 2	8		
Newey 1	6		
Newey 2	3		
TOTAL	95		

SIX WICKETS OR MORE ON TWO OR MORE OCCASIONS

NAME	CLUB
L. Barley	Wonga Park
G. Gribbin	Wantirna South
P. Payne	Templeton
M. Dench	South Croydon
G. Cook	South Croydon
C. Marshall	Wantirna

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

No. of 50's 61 No of 4wickets + 44(including two 6wickets)

By the Way

- Eight teams which headed the ladder at the end of the home and home games went on to win the premiership. Five teams won the flag from second place
- Mooroolbark(Chandler1) and South Ringwood (OD2) won flags from fourth place.
- The difference in points between first and last in Chandler 1 was 58 compared with 57 in 2000/01.
- East Ringwood and Ainslie Park were in the four for the whole season. Premiers Mooroolbark highest position during the home and home fixtures was fourth. In Wilkins, South Croydon led the ladder for all but 3 rounds. South Warrandyte Hawks assumed the leadership at the end of the first round and did not relinquish the position for the entire season. They were undefeated for the year while their second eleven suffered their only defeat in the Grand Final. (by one run)
- East Ringwood was only the second team to lead the ladder at the end of the fixtured games in its first season following promotion from Wilkins. Croydon Ranges(United) performed the feat in 1990/01. Both were defeated in the Grand Final.
- Andrew Downs continued his dominance of the best player award with his fourth Bill Dean Medal. Greg Moorhouse scored one of the easiest wins in the Steve Pascoe Medal, while the inaugural Newey medal ended in a tie between Steve Garrett and Wayne Ross.
- Croydon North's move to Wilkins next season means that all clubs who comprised Chandler Shield in its inaugural season of 1966/67 will have suffered demotion to Wilkins.
- Trevor and Mark and their guests entertained us at 7.30pm each Saturday morning on their radio program. The show will continue in 2002/03 with a possible return to Friday evenings.
- With the change in 2002/03 from four to two Chandler grades, Croydon North and Mooroolbark were the only clubs to have participated in the 21 seasons of the four grades. Mooroolbark has the distinction of winning the first and final Chandler four pennants. In Chandler 3 the initial flag was one by Montrose while Mooroolbark will also hold the final Chandler 3 flag.
- South Croydon's previous first eleven premiership was in 1988/89, while South Warrandyte broke an 18 year drought with their Newey Plate win
- South Warrandyte Hawks first eleven finished 49.3 points ahead of the second team on the ladder and as far as can be ascertained this is a RDCA record for a first eleven grade. (and probably for all grades).

The Grandest Game of All

As with all games, the Chandler 1 Grand Final was played in perfect weather. The start by Mooroolbark in their endeavour to upset favourites East Ringwood was anything but perfect. Three wickets were down with only 12 runs on the board. However over the next three hours a series of solid partnerships saw the Barks finish with a most competitive 215. On the second day East's batsmen found themselves under pressure from a tight Mooroolbark attack and were never really in a position to win the game. After the tea interval, Mooroolbark took over completely and Mooroolbark were able to celebrate its first Chandler 1 title since 1993.

Cheong Park was at its best for the Wilkins Grand Final between South Croydon and North Ringwood in a match, which the added reward to the winner, is promotion to Chandler in 2002/03. South took the initiative very early in the game but North fought back to be still in the game at the end of the first day. Some sensible batting early on day 2 saw control of the game firmly with South Croydon and for the first time since 1989, the Wilkins Cup pennant will fly from the Cheong Park flagpole

The first battle for the Newey Plate saw Sth Warrandyte Hawks come into the match probably as the hottest favourites in the history of the RDCA. Undefeated throughout the season and not really challenged in any game it seemed to be a case of "how far". North United Lyons were only in their second year and it was a marvellous performance to be in a Grand Final. However the Hawks were simply "too good" and won a well deserved premiership, its first since 1984 and promotion to Wilkins in 2002/03 where they are very confident of continuing their winning streak.

In Chandler 2, the semi final between Wonga Park and Mooroolbark had been a high scoring match with Mooroolbark probably missing a great opportunity to win in the final over of the game. They came to the lush Alan Smith oval at Kilsyth very confident of reversing the earlier result. Wonga Park's bowlers had different ideas and literally destroyed the game as a contest in the time before tea. Mooroolbark fought hard but Wonga were able to clean up the game early on the second day to finish as premiers and champions

In perfect batting conditions, Mooroolbark's Chandler 3 batsmen took full advantage and scored an impressive 6/293, the highest total in the Grand Finals. Ainslie Park's early batsmen put them on track for a great win, but veteran spinner Michael Piggott had other ideas and in a wonderful spell turned the match enabling the Mooroolbark to claim pennant No 2 for the afternoon.

In 2001/02 Mooroolbark and Wonga Park played for the Chandler 4 flag and Mooroolbark scored an upset win against the hot favourites. The same two teams met this season with Mooroolbark probably very slight favourites. This time the favourites prevailed and Mooroolbark made it back to back premierships and number3 for the day.

North Ringwood and Croydon Ranges journeyed to Ainslie Park to do battle for the Wilkins 2 flag. A great game of cricket followed with the fortunes swinging from one team to the other over the two days. When the final wicket fell on the second day and the umpires called stumps, North Ringwood had secured another premiership by the narrow margin of eight runs.

In Newey 2 South Warrandyte Hawks came into the game undefeated and only marginally longer priced favourites than their first eleven. At the end of the first day, nothing suggested that the Newey 2 Pennant would be going anywhere but the Coleman Reserve flagpole. However Eastfield captain, Rob McLeod, mustered his team to great heights. In a finish where those with high blood pressure and weak hearts were advised to leave, Eastfield took the last wicket and the premiership with one run to spare.

Clearly, the top teams for the season, Norwood and Parkwood came together in a battle to decide the C Grade premiership. Parkwood posted a most competitive total that required the Norwood team to mount a great effort to overcome. The team rose to the occasion and the premiership medallions were presented to Norwood.

In a low scoring game to decide the D Grade flag, South Warrandyte looked to have the game well in hand, but a determined fightback by the Ranges made it a tight battle. In the end the Hawks were able to retain their composure for a good win

Mooroolbark scored a surprise win over Wantirna in the E Grade second semi final. Wantirna regrouped for the Grand Final and proved their top position at the end of the home and home series was no fluke. They played at the top of their form to score an outstanding win to take out the pennant for 2001/02

Undefeated for the whole season, Wonga Park had a meeting to ensure that all players were focused on the winning of the F Grade premiership. Whatever was discussed at the meeting motivated the players to face Ainslie Park with extreme confidence. They were able to exert pressure at the right time and the players will enjoy the unfurling of the flag at the first home game next season.

Early in the season, it came apparent that to win the G Grade premiership you would have to overcome the Lilydale eleven. Not one team was able to do that and despite a valiant effort from Wonga Park in the Grand Final, Lilydale was able to celebrate a much deserved premiership.

In the first of the grades where player prefer to get the result over in the one day, Templeton's players rose to the occasion to defeat the favourites, Wonga Park, to take out Templeton's only pennant for the 2001/02 season.

A good battle ensued in the OD2 game, but South Ringwood were able to restrict the free scoring South Croydon team to a moderate total. Sensible batting then took them to their first one day flag.

Some Blasts from the Past

- Steve Flemming produced some information from copies of the Lilydale Express published after the conclusion of the 1922/23 season. The A Grade (equivalent to Chandler) batting trophy was won by A Beatty of Mooroolbark with an average of 54 while Gib Chandler of Bayswater took out the bowling with 6.9. Another Mooroolbark player Harold Tomkins was the recipient of the best all rounder trophy. We thought the first all rounder (now called Champion player) was awarded in 1971. The awards were presented at the RDCA Smoke Night by Australian captain of the time, Warwick Armstrong. Gib Chandler who was part of the family recognised by our premier award moved to the Boronia club and won a further four A Grade bowling trophies.
- Of the clubs that comprised the Chandler grade this season, Kilsyth with 10 and Croydon North with 8 have won the most premierships. The interesting thing is that Croydon North first premiership did not occur until 1971 whilst Kilsyth have not been successful since 1961.
- In the 25 years of the Bill Dean Medal, 14 winners have also been successful in being awarded the champion player trophy
- Presentation Dinners became the norm in 1961 and in 1964 it was changed to a Presentation Ball. The 1961 was attended by a large number of people but over 50% of the people came from the Heathmont club. The Social Secretary of the RDCA was Bill Dean and whom do you think was president of the Heathmont club?

Final Ladders

Chandler 1

East Ringwood	116.9
Ainslie Park	108.7
Ferntree Gully	105
Mooroolbark	96.4*
Kilsyth	92.1
Wonga Park	91.9
Lilydale	88.5
Templeton	78.9
Montrose	76.4
Wantirna South	60.9
South Ringwood	60
Croydon North	56.1

Chandler 2

Wonga Park	137.4*
Mooroolbark	123.1
Ainslie Park	109.5
Templeton	98.8
Ferntree Gully	98.6
South Ringwood	92.4
Kilsyth	80.8
East Ringwood	77.8
Wantirna South	73.2
Croydon North	68.1
Lilydale	47.1
Montrose	40.8

Chandler 3

Wonga Park	120.5
Mooroolbark	111.1*
Templeton	107.8
Ainslie Park	107
East Ringwood	90.1
Wantirna South	72.5
Croydon North	68.4
Lilydale	63.2
South Ringwood	52.4
Ferntree Gully	47.8
Kilsyth	47.1
Montrose	36.5

Chandler 4

Mooroolbark	127.3*
Wonga Park	125.6
Templeton	113.4
Lilydale	107.5
East Ringwood	92.9
Wantirna South	82.5
South Ringwood	73.5
Ainslie Park	70.4
Kilsyth	58.7
Croydon North	54.2
Montrose	37.4
Ferntree Gully	32

Wilkins 1

South Croydon	134.9*
North Ringwood	134.8
St Andrews	130.9
Warrandyte	101.6
Bayswater Park	91.1
Norwood	79.7
Croydon Ranges	74.9
Parkwood	71.9

Wilkins 2

South Croydon	138.3
North Ringwood	136.4*
St Andrews	118.5
Croydon Ranges	109.3
Norwood	106.3
Warrandyte	101.9
Parkwood	68.7
Bayswater Park	53.9

Newey 1

Sth W'dyte Hawks	156.3*
North United Lyons	107
Chirnside Park	98.7
Wantirna	90.5
Eastfield	79.2
Olinda	63.3
Knox City	61.3

Newey 2

Sth W'dyte Hawks	149.9
Eastfield	113.4*
Chirnside Park	99.2
Knox City	90.2
Wantirna	77.1
Olinda	50.6
Nth United Lyons	40.7

C

Norwood	103.6*
Parkwood	100.4
Boronia	88.7
St Andrews	81.4
South Croydon	80
Bayswater Park	79.7
North Ringwood	62.7
Croydon Ranges	57.7
Warrandyte	46.9
Eastfield	27.8

D

Knox City	107.7
Sth W'dyte Hawks	105.3*
Croydon Ranges	103.9
North Ringwood	95.2
Boronia	88
St Andrews	80.4
Bayswater Park	63.3
Norwood	58.4
South Croydon	51.7
Parkwood	19.5

E

Wantirna	133.3*
Mooroolbark	119
Croydon Ranges	99.5
North United Lyons	98.8
Chirnside Park	88.9
Bayswater Park	56.6
St Andrews	44.4

F

Wonga Park	120.7*
Ainslie Park	97.9
Templeton	96.3
Croydon Ranges	75
Mooroolbark	61.8
East Ringwood	58.8
Wantirna South	49
Croydon North	31.8

G

Lilydale	104.5*
Wonga Park	92.2
Wantirna South	75.4
Templeton	71
Croydon Ranges	57
Mooroolbark	36

OD1

Wonga Park	108
Templeton	99*
North United Lyons	82
Chirnside Park	72
North Ringwood	70
Sth W'dyte Hawks	67
Parkwood	22
Ferntree Gully	22

OD2

Aquinas	102
South Croydon	91
Warrandyte	87
South Ringwood	74*
Wonga Park	60
Boronia	39
Kilsyth	35

Let Us Remember

John Rooks

On May 30, John lost his battle with cancer. He was President of the RDCA Junior Administration from 1988 to 1990. He had previously been a member of the Junior Committee and assisted Bill Wilkins in the early days of the separate junior body. John was chairperson of the Junior Tribunal for many years.

At a club level, John was actively involved with Eastfield and his contribution to the club and the game of cricket will be missed.

Gary Tait

Gary passed away on June 14 following a long fight with cancer, one he appeared to have won a year or so ago. Beside his family, his great love was the Kilsyth Cricket Club where he was a player, committee person and for many years, President. Gary's presidency maintained the respect the Kilsyth club has always commanded throughout the RDCA.

A large crowd joined with the family to pay their last respects to Gary.

The Association expresses its deep sympathy to the families of both John and Gary.