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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The season just gone saw a number of changes and innovations introduced in the Senior competition and, as can be seen, the off season was very busy in deed.

- There was a reduction in Affiliation Fees that resulted in an aggregate saving of almost \$13,000-for clubs.
- A 20/20 competition was introduced and was designed to allow clubs to encourage member and community involvement as well as provide a fund raising medium for clubs. We were fortunate that Paul Attfield from Saxon Sports agreed to sponsor this competition so that clubs only had to pay a nominal entrance fee that in turn was wholly donated to the Croydon and Lilydale RSL clubs on Australia Day.
- A new team based award known as the Spirit of Cricket award was introduced and covered teams in the top three grades where our professional umpires voted in each game on five aspects of behaviour. The winner of this award was the East Ringwood Newey Plate team and congratulations go to all involved in this team throughout the season.
- Working with Children requirements were introduced with a view to being prepared for the compulsory compliance with this legislation that is required from 1st July 2009.
- An EFL driven 'Summer Grasses Program' was embraced by our Association and the various Councils that cover our geographic area. This led to fixturing issues, especially during October, which saw Sunday play become necessary for a number of teams. The end result and the improvement in grounds included in the program is substantial and bodes well for the future. Thanks to the EFL, the local Councils and the clubs that participated in the program.
- Revised Tribunal and Investigation procedures were introduced and have worked well during the season, when required.
- A number of Rule changes were made and a new set of Rules was created for the 20/20 competition.
- New sponsorship agreements were negotiated with some of our valued supporters.
- We have obtained use of the Ringwood Secondary College library as our central meeting venue and hope that this will be the first step in finding a suitable home base for the Association.

Now to the playing season and a number of acknowledgements:

- The Junior and Veteran sections continued their habit of completing highly successful seasons with a minimum of fuss. The Junior section introduced a number of innovations that have improved their game day operations and the Veterans changed their structure to have all games being played on the same Sundays. Sincere thanks to Timothy Court and Daryl Stephens and their respective Executive members and numerous volunteers for their magnificent efforts during the year.
- Thank you to all those players who made themselves available to represent our Association in games against other competitions. The Under 21 team deserves special recognition in winning the Neil Wright Shield (Tier 2) competition and therefore gaining our Association a place in Tier 1 next year. Well done and thanks to Kevin Newman for his efforts with the squad. The senior competition teams had success against the ECA in two excellent games that resulted in a strong win for the Chandler team and a thrilling tie for the Wilkins/Newey team. The Veterans teams struggled at times but were no less enthusiastic in their representation of the Association. The various Junior teams were eager and enthusiastic and no doubt their players will take away lasting memories of their participation. Again, thank you to all those who played at the various levels.
- Our publicity department has again provided a comprehensive coverage of our season. Thanks to the White family (Clair, Tony, Di and Allison) and to Justin Nelson, Rod Paisley and Grant Campbell for their work on Eastern FM 98.1

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- Our Umpiring fraternity has again provided their services and expertise in a high class manner. A concentrated umpire training program, a new formal Umpires Association structure, and the suggestion and implementation of the Spirit of Cricket award are some of their achievements during the season. Thanks to Steve Pascoe, Graeme Lloyd, Don Smith and everyone involved.
- Thank you to the Clubs who assisted us in hosting representative games, final matches, charity games and functions your assistance is greatly appreciated.
- We must recognise a number of clubs that were involved in many charitable and community fund raising functions. There are too many to list but it is a pleasure to see organisations such as the Bush Fire appeal, the Childrens Hospital, Cancer and Leukemia charities, Interchange Outer East Group and a number of local needy organizations benefiting from the actions of members and clubs. Congratulations to all involved and it would be great if such ideals and activities continued to flourish.
- Recognition also to all our Premier teams across senior, junior and veterans competitions. I am sure a premiership is a valued result for a member of any successful team. Particular congratulations to Wantirna South for their win in Chandler Shield (coming from third last the previous season) and to Bayswater Park and Chirnside Park in Wilkins and Newey respectively. Both these clubs went one better than last year and both came through Preliminary Finals to win. Well done to Mooroolbark in winning the inaugural Saxon Sports.20/20 competition.
- Congratulations to our medal winners in the three top grades, Matthew Jonson winning the Bill Dean Medal in Chandler, James Davies winning the Steve Pascoe Medal in Wilkins and to Marc Steiner and Aaron Walter in their joint success in winning the Stuart Newey Medal in Newey Plate. Ouite a habit for Marc who has now won three in a row.
- Congratulations and well done to all the award winners and to members of the All Star team on their selection.
- Well done to Templeton in again winning the Club Championship award
- It would be remiss of me not to mention the performance of Ringwood Cricket Club. Back to back Premier Cricket Premiership winners, runners up for the Second Eleven and Premier Cricket Club Champions for the first time. An outstanding effort from our local Premier club and we offer our sincere congratulations. We also offer our thanks to Ringwood for their continued participation and commitment to our 20/20 challenge match that gives our players the chance to play against some of the best cricket talent in the State. This game also raises considerable funds for local charity organisations.

I must formally recognise and thank our major sponsors for their support and assistance over the season.

Paul Attfield from Saxon Sports has again provided excellent service and support in so many ways. The Bendigo Community Bank branches at East Ringwood, Mooroolbark and Warrandyte have also provided valued support and I thank them as well.

Kookaburra Sports continue as a valued supporter and we are fortunate to have negotiated their continued involvement for a further three years (including 08/09) on quite favourable terms.

Unfortunately, I have a couple of negative comments. Behavioural standards continue to be a problem, particularly in the lower grades. We were made aware of, and had to act against, several instances of unacceptable behaviour. Clubs are encouraged to report unacceptable behaviour and we will continue to take action, where it is considered appropriate.

The amount and number of Fines incurred by clubs is of concern to me. In fact, I wrote to clubs before Christmas expressing this concern but it appears little attention was given to improving the situation despite numerous reminders being issued. We will not be far away from doubling the previous years' amount collected and I am sure that these funds could be far better utilized at club level.

My final thank you is to all the members of the RDCA Executive at Senior, Junior and Veterans level and to the members of their various committees. The number of volunteers needed to run an Association of this size is considerable and most of these people give their time freely and without seeking recognition. If we were to sit down and count the number of people who have been involved it would take considerable time and effort. We are always looking for more assistance so if you want to have an involvement then please feel free to make contact with us. It is very easy to have an opinion on issues but it is usually a challenge to get involved and have an influence. Particular thanks to Ian Spencer, we are so fortunate in having Ian as a stand-out Administrator

Looking forward, there are several issues and projects that are 'a work in progress'.

who also happens to have played more than 500 games of cricket within our Association.

- 1. Senior Grading Structure. I wrote to all clubs, earlier in the year, advising that a commitment made three years ago to review the current grading structure would be honoured. I advised that a Forum would be held to discuss grading structure matters and to give the clubs an opportunity to comment on the current or any alternative structure.
- 2. Rules every year we ask for proposed rule changes and every year we have comment through the following season that such and such a rule needs changing. Please take the opportunity to put forward proposals for consideration.
- 3. We are considering a re-structuring of the Senior competition administration set up in an effort to spread the work load more evenly and to give clubs a specific contact point for various issues. Most of these changes will be directed at placing more 'game day' issues in the hands of a re-styled Senior Committee. This review is part of the Strategic Plan.
- 4. Cricket Victoria continue to have an expectation that we will fully use the MyCricket data system. Further advices will issue over the off season.

Season 2008/9 was a successful one in many ways and I look forward to an even better 2009/10 competition.

Ian Dench

ADMINISTRATION MANAGER'S REPORT

The season kicked off with an Information Briefing for clubs in July. This exercise was well received when introduced the previous season and the agenda includes discussion of Rule Change proposals, Playing Dates, Insurance, Grounds and various other issues.

The 2008 Annual Meeting of the Association was held on 20 August in the change rooms of the Kilsyth Cricket Club, due to a double booking. Ian Dench (President and thus Chairman of the Board of Management), Ian Spencer (Administration Manager) and Stuart Newey (Finance Manager) were re-elected to their positions. Pat Meehan was the only nomination for position of Operations Manager and was duly elected. Timothy Court (Junior President) and Bill Stafford (Veterans Treasurer) were elected to continue, as representatives of those sections, on the Board of Management.

There were a substantial number of rule changes implemented for season 2008/09, most of which arose as a result of a re-vamp of the process emanating from a Report (Umpire) or a complaint from a club. The role of Investigation Officer (Keith Wilkins) was created to delve into club complaints/reports and the hearing path is now before a Tribunal (formerly Investigation Committee) and Appeals Tribunal, if need be.

Clubs decided that "bonus points" should no longer apply in Chandler Shield, Wilkins Cup and Newey Plate. Conditions were set down regarding applications to play a Limited/Extended Overs game on a Sunday (in lieu of Saturday), fines for forfeit/withdrawal of a team were upped and wording tweaked in various rules to provide clarification or cover loopholes that had come to light.

All clubs involved in the "summer grasses" exercise agreed that their ground (there were nine in total) not be used in any form for the month of October in order to allow the couch shoots some time to get established. Unfortunately, more than half the grounds did not come back into action until end of November and one was post Christmas. As such, nearly thirty matches were played at other grounds on Sundays and quite a number were re-scheduled to alternative venues on the Saturdays.

Insurance arrangements changed again with Cricket Australia taking a central role through its "My Cricket" computer system. Participant names from the old "VCR" system were migrated across by Cricket Victoria and clubs were required to follow some specific instructions in order to update the database and, in doing so, ensure that a discounted insurance premium per team was obtained. Some clubs did not complete every step or there were discrepancies in the detail entered and, despite our protests, Cricket Victoria played hardball in insisting that these clubs pay the standard premium rate.

When the season finally got under way there were 138 teams, but as the season progressed some fell away and new teams came on board. All was finally bedded down just prior to Xmas and the end tally of 134 teams (an increase of two on previous season) fell neatly into one grade of 12 (Chandler), 14 grades of 8 teams and one grade (K) of ten.

Most councils now appear to have a program whereby a selected ground undergoes a major renovation, which rules it out of action for the season. In 2008/09, East Ringwood and Montrose fell into this category but the clubs were fortunate to be allocated Griff Hunt Reserve and Mt Lilydale College, respectively, as temporary bases and thus avoid having to play matches on a Sunday. Four grounds that clubs had not previously had access to came into use and, if they remain so, it provides a little breathing space should more teams need to be accommodated.

Three clubs, naturally by agreement with the opposition, elected to play one of their Extended Overs (post Xmas) games on a Sunday to celebrate an occasion and/or generate additional income and these proved successful, save for an issue that arose a result of the RDCA Under 21's playing in a VMCU Grand Final on same day.

Whilst mentioned in Ian Dench's comments, I also add my thanks to the White family, in particular young Clair, who continued with media correspondent role and ensuring that scores appeared in newspapers.

Umpire numbers built as the season went on and the processes that have been put in place by the Umpires Association should assist in recruitment and training of new members to the ranks. It would appear that a number of volunteers who assisted in finals will join the panel for coming season and we would encourage past players to consider an extension of their involvement by joining the umpiring ranks.

On the website side of things, Timothy Court received valued assistance from Roger Copeland (SCR) and we are most appreciative of the time and effort they put into ensuring that the RDCA website remains at the forefront of those in the metropolitan area.

While on the website, it is pleasing to say that the response of most clubs, in relation to result input, was reasonably prompt but there still remains room for improvement. On the other hand, the number of "un-registered" entries, which appear after result input, increased and the "fines master" was called into action, when many were not addressed within the allotted timeframe.

The RDCA cricket show continued on the local radio station at 9.00 on a Saturday morning. The program was hosted by local media identity Justin Nelson, with significant input by Rod Paisley and Grant Campbell and we thank these gentlemen for putting RDCA cricket information to the listening audience.

As also mentioned by Ian Dench, breaches of the Code of Conduct remain an issue and the following statistics evidence same:

- The Investigation Officer was called upon to delve into four complaints arising from lower grade matches, which resulted in some charges and suspensions.
- Two hearings (a Tribunal and an Appeals Tribunal) were held
- Five players (6 the previous season) were "named"
- Six (3 in 07/08) players elected to accept the penalty offered to them, under new procedures and another two were suspended as a consequence of hearings.
- Three clubs were placed on Good behaviour bonds.

We trust that there will be an improvement in the behaviour pattern in seasons to come.

On the social front, Vote Count night was held at the Wantirna South cricket club social rooms and attendance at this event seems to be waning. Maybe, time to review the format and perhaps combine it with Presentation Night. It was back to the York on Lilydale Resort for Presentation Night, on a Friday, but it was disappointing that a number of clubs held their own on the same night when the RDCA date had been publicised some eight months earlier.

The weather god did not smile on us over the course of the season. In November, the Executive abandoned play on the second day, of a two day game, much to the chagrin of some. In December, heavy rain saw the abandonment of a day and, in February, the heat rule was invoked on what turned out to be "Black Saturday". That was not the end of it, as we encountered a wet Preliminary final weekend, which prevented a result in some matches and, for the first time in many seasons, teams progressed into the Grand Final by virtue of being higher ranked side.

It would seem that it is not overly beneficial to win the major semi-final and have the next weekend off. This season, only seven of sixteen, who won direct into Grand final, went on to win the premiership and that follows six doing so the previous season. Congratulations to the clubs who won premierships and to the individual trophy winners.

I take this opportunity to reiterate that the RDCA relies heavily on "royalties", from the sale of balls, as a major source of income in order to defray the level of fees imposed on clubs. The agreement to use "Kookaburra" balls was renewed for a further three years, prior to the season, and we were able to negotiate flexible components that will not only generate cash but provide all finals balls for the three sections, practice balls for the junior squads and sets of stumps, practice equipment etc. for clubs.

Ian Dench has also touched on the requirements of the Working With Children Check, which became law on 1 July 2009. In 2008/09, clubs were asked to be pro-active and arrange for those involved in activities with juniors to obtain the accreditation card and thus avoid a mad rush in the months leading up to the start of this coming season.

Clubs were provided with a copy of a register that they need to maintain and were asked to provide me with another register showing names of those who had obtained clearance. Despite a number of reminders, only 11 clubs (of 30) provided information and this leads us to suspect that many clubs have yet to take any action in this area. If your club falls into this category, it is running the gauntlet should anything go wrong or the relevant government department conduct a random audit and we urge you to take immediate action.

Best wishes to all for a successful and enjoyable season in 2009/10.

Ian Spencer

SENIOR REGISTRATION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Enhancements to the RDCA computer system continued during the season with the ongoing support of Timothy Court, and Sporting Pulse, in supplying and maintaining the system at minimum cost to the RDCA and clubs.

Again we ask for your continued support in this matter, in particular that all clubs make a concerted effort to meet the timing deadlines established to allow timely production of meaningful results and ladders during the season.

For the record, the RDCA administered the association to enable 33 affiliated clubs, 134 senior teams, 30 veteran teams and 132 junior teams, together with the players involved in all these teams, to participate in the game of cricket during the 2008/2009 season. The total of active members on the RDCA player database was 6179.

There was again a reduction in the number of clearance applications received during the season and despite several initial refusals by the player's current club, in all instances 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 Registration Secretary

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION REPORT

In the off season the Umpires body decided to take a new direction in the way that it operated.

The RDCAUA (Ringwood District Cricket Association Umpires Association) formed an executive committee to deal with issues on a monthly basis and, in so doing, it permitted the normal monthly meetings to have an emphasis towards training and addressing any issues that had arisen during the preceding month.

STEVE Pascoe was elected as President, John Springett was re-elected as Secretary, and the panel was again fortunate to have the services of Graeme Lloyd as Umpires Adviser.

During the year there was a meeting with Captains, which was very successful, from Umpires point of view, as umpires got some good feedback from the captains who attended and, likewise, the captains received a better insight as to where the umpires were coming from.

It is planned to hold at least one and maybe two meetings with the captains each season and it is hoped that the attendance will be a bit better in coming seasons.

Graeme Lloyd also organised four separate meetings, whereat Umpires were taken through all the Laws of cricket and this provided all attendees with an opportunity to obtain first hand direction of each rule in a study group format.

This information was greatly appreciated by the umpires that attended but unfortunately there were a few that missed out so maybe we can catch up with those this season.

It is pleasing to know that we have five new umpires wanting to get involved in the coming season and a number of meetings will be organized, relative to rule interpretation, before the start of the season for these and any others wishing to join this year, It is planned that this will become standard procedure at the start of each season.

From captain/umpire communication during the season it appears that there has been an across the board improvement on performance against previous seasons and we, the umpires, are happy with the way that officiated games were played. It appears that where no umpires were appointed, games sometimes did not run so smoothly. We ask that clubs/players remember that, when a club umpire is officiating, he should be treated no differently than if he was a professional umpire.

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to assist in the finals. Without your help, the numbers would be spread a bit thin.

John Springett Umpires Secretary

MATCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Unfortunately BHRDCA continued to show a lack of interest in participating in these games.

An approach was made to the Ferntree Gully Association to play late November but we were advised that they already had a full schedule.

As such, this left us with only the one representative match against the Eastern Cricket Association (ECA). Given that we were hopeful of playing FTGDCA in November, the timing of the ECA fixture was changed to February.

Again, it involved the fielding of a Wilkins/Newey group as well as a side selected from Chandler players. The games were hosted by the RDCA and played at Silcock Reserve.

Some last minute shuffling of players was necessary to cover late withdrawals but the Chandler side reversed the previous seasons result with a very comfortable victory and fortunes fluctuated with the Wilkins/Newey group before that game ended in an exciting tie.

The annual 20/20 charity match between RDCA All-Stars and Ringwood Rams returned to Jubilee Park, which had undergone a renovation to the playing surface. Unfortunately, the RDCA players were unable to adapt to a slowish, low wicket and Ringwood reeled in a moderate total with plenty of overs to spare.

On this occasion, the beneficiary charity was "Interchange Outer East" and the representatives of that organization were most appreciative of the donation generated from the event.

This year selection assistance came from Andrew Downs, Andy Wu and Ben Beech with Harry Sandford continuing to do a great job with scoring. Thanks to all these people for their ongoing support.

Many thanks to Croydon Ranges for the facilities provided to make the ECA matches a successful day and special thanks to Ringwood C.C. for helping to make the ongoing challenge a great spectacle.

Further details of games played this season appear in the statistical section of the report.

Neil Tull Convenor of selectors.

VMCU (Victorian Metropolitan Cricket Union) REPORT

Pat Meehan continued to represent the RDCA as our delegate to this body.

The VMCU consists of a Board made up of the 8 Directors of each Metropolitan Regional Cricket Council, together with delegates from every Metropolitan Cricket Association.

Over the past season the main cricket activities have related to the management and implementation of the U21 Neil Wright Shield, and the Junior Shield & Cup Competitions for U16, U14 & U12 in January.

This latter competition comprised of a record number of 70 teams from 19 Associations. The RDCA was well represented in the management of these Competitions and was successful on the playing field with Association representative sides. The CV "My Cricket" computer package for all results, ladders, etc, was used successfully for the Carnival's administration.

The most significant matters dealt with during the season were:

- * The Umpires Sub-Committee is undertaking a review of the need and format of further Umpires Training Seminars which have been undertaken by the VMCU in recent years. This incorporates reviewing CV and Associations training and accreditation programs and processes to determine the best means for future training of novice umpires.
- * Drought and water restrictions impacts on cricket, particularly turf grounds for the finals series.
- The amended Member Protection Policy was issued to all Associations in early 2009, which incorporated the "Working with Children" requirements. The implementation date for WWC checks for all cricket bodies is 1 July 2009. (Note: RDCA Board of Management has requested all clubs to meet this date for all WWC checks). Also the first independent Tribunal Hearing on a racial vilification issue under the Member Protection Policy was held in early 2009.
- The Rules Sub-Committee completed and published policy guidelines on suspect bowling actions, and is reviewing the rules of all Associations on compliance matters.
- The VMCU Board prepared a submission to CV in November 2008 for consideration of a review of Metropolitan Cricket Regions. As a result the CV Game Development Committee has established a Sub-Committee, comprising of representatives of CV and the peak cricket bodies, to undertake the review to be completed by mid 2010.
- VMCU endorsed and supported the CV Anti-doping Guidelines for Clubs.

The VMCU is also the body, which deals with club or player appeals against penalties imposed by an Association and after consideration by its independent Tribunal.

The VMCU Administration Manager, Dennis Crook, has advised that he is not seeking re-election for next season after 7 years in office. The RDCA thanks Dennis for his contribution to the Association and cricket and wishes him well for the future.

Pat Meehan RDCA Delegate

REGION REPORT – OUTER EAST

Pathway (Male & Female)

- > Male Pathway Selection was held on Wednesday 1st April 2009 & squads for 2009/10 are finalised.
- > Girls from OE Pathway Squads participated in 2 games vs. SE Country Sharks in the annual "Shargles Shield" matches at South Croydon CC. This is a great opportunity for the girls to continue playing competitive cricket once the Pathway program has finished.
- > U/14's played in Gippsland Girls Cricket tournament in April

Milo In2cricket

- > School clinics have been carried out.
- > Re- branding "In2cricket" for Season 08/09.
- > 45 Clubs signed up for 2008.09 (up 2 on 2007/08)
- > Participation numbers throughout the Region have increased approx. 5%
- > Club Support Program mentor visits are being conducted throughout the region. 2007/08 43 centres 1590 participants

2008/09 - 45 centres – 1630 participants

Super 8s

> Participation numbers for 2008/09 have more than doubled. Through negotiations, VSSSA clusters (Knox & Dandenong Ranges) have adopted Super 8s cricket as their cricket format for Year 7 & 8 boys & girl's cricket. 2007/08 - 9 Girls 20 Boys teams 2008/09 - 20 Girls 46 Boys Teams

Introduction to cricket

> Can now be completed online at http://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/page/introduction_to_cricket_course.html
The region is still prepared to run face to face skills sessions for Associations on request; however the online component must be completed to receive accreditation.

93 Level 0 Coaches accredited in 2008/09 from the Region.

Level 1 Coaching

> 310 Coaches within the region

Level 2 Coaching

> 8 coaches have been assessed as part of their Level 2 Coaching requirements.

Junior Leadership Program

> Mitchell Daniels (Ringwood CC) is the 2008/09 winner of the award & spent a day as the Bushrangers 13th Man. During the day, Mitch took part in the pre game meeting & warm up, carried the drinks on to the MCG & chatted with players throughout. He also received a playing shirt, cap & other souvenirs from the players.

Junior Girls Program 08/09

> Program ran over 8 weeks (Wednesday Nights) at Knox Gardens CC. Girls were taught the basic skills of the game which led to games being held in fun & keenly contested atmosphere. Over 40 girls participated in the program, which is a great result given that 15 of last season's group played club cricket this season. Also 20 of our Female Pathway squads have been through the program. Many thanks to all at KGCC.

All Abilities

- > The Outer East All abilities carnival was held on February 20 at Croydon Ranges (Silcock Reserve). In excess of 30 participants played various formats of cricket, had a BBQ (put on by CRCC) and were presented with their own cricket bats. Many thanks to members of Johnson Park, Seville, Croydon North and Croydon Ranges clubs for their outstanding support of this program.
- > Members from Interchange Outer East participated in On-Field action at the One-Day International on Jan 16 as part of the Community Cricket Day. See Regional website for story & video of the day.

Bushfire Relief

> The Region has donated 2 x Bushranger signature bats to YVCA to assist in fundraising for clubs in need.

David Beatty - Chairman

JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

The 2008 / 2009 Season has again been a successful and exciting season in the RDCA Juniors. The season started with the AGM where the Junior committee welcomed newcomers to the committee in Rebecca Sheen and Justin Hansen with the remaining committee members from the previous season all continuing. With Timothy Court leading the way as a very capable President, John Springett remained in control of the Secretary job with Rebecca and Ryan Wilmott assisting him in the positions of assistant secretary and records secretary respectively. John Kilby remained as the Representative teams co-ordinator with Paul Cardwell, Glen Wilson, David Brush, Justin Hansen and Tim Sweeney forming the general committee. The junior committee was supported and assisted by a number of Ex Officio members including Hayden Hill, Josh Browne, Kevin Dawson, Stuart Minetti and Tony Gawne whose support was greatly appreciated.

As part of the introduction of a new rule into the Junior rule book stating that each team must have at least one person who has attended a Team managers meeting and one person who has attended a Level 0 coaching course or higher the majority of the preseason was spent organising and running these nights which were all very successful. The Junior committee would like to thank Kevin Dawson for his assistance in running the Team managers nights.

With the start of the season came the grading and regrading process which always results in someone being unhappy. This year there were very few problems as the process of grading and re-grading was made very clear to all junior co-ordinators and with their help the process was made easier. Yet again Stuart Minetti took on the dreaded roll of creating the fixtures handling it in his usual extremely competent way.

There were 108 teams competing in the competitive fixtures with a further 22 teams playing in the non-comp fixture allowing for over 2200 young cricketers to enjoy the game. This year the RDCA was able to again run an under 18 competition with 5 teams playing some very impressive cricket. Congratulations to the following premiership teams and major award winners.

Under 18	South Warrandyte Hawks
Under 16-1	Ringwood
Under 16-2	Croydon
Under 16-3	Croydon Ranges / Kilsyth
Under 16-4	North Ringwood
Under 14-1	Ringwood
Under 14-2	Templeton
Under 14-3	Wantirna South
Under 14-4	Wonga Park
Under 12-1	Mooroolbark
Under 12-2	Wonga Park
Under 12-3	Bayswater Park
Under 12-4	Olinda

Best Non-Comp Side - Wantirna South

Jess Luscombe Volunteer of the Year – Christine Phillips (Boronia)

Bill Dean Memorial Trophy for best player leaving under 16's – Jackson Freeman (Ringwood)

Clive Fairbairn Shield Club Champions - Wonga Park

This season we had six representative sides compete in the VMCU carnival. John Kilby spent many hours organising the RDCA sides including organising coaches and team managers, selection of teams, training and more. We would like to thank the following people who volunteered to coach and team manage our rep sides: Steve Oluc, David Smead, Len Hayes-Rosario, Matt Murphy, Shane Curley, Wayne Hartley, Brett McKane, Russell Ludgater, Wayne Ferguson, Rick Cattanach, John Beale and Andy Wright. Of the six sides, three teams reached finals. The 14-1's side made the semi finals before bowing out to a better team on the day in the Russell Allen Shield. The under 12's Josh Browne plate team also made it to the Semi final while the under 12 Keith Mitchell team came runners up in the cup finals.

The Non-Comp fixture was given a boast this year with the return of a round robin. It was terrific to see almost all clubs participate in the very successful night. Justin Hansen, in particular, took the lead in organising the event which resulted in over 200 young cricketers coming together at Silcock Reserve one Friday night to play in at least 3 games using modified rules. There are many ideas floating around on how to expand on the event for next year.

The season finished with another very successful presentation night. Holding the night in the week after grand final seemed to result in almost 100% attendance by award winners. Justin Nelson again fulfilled the role of MC ensuring in the nights success.

The Junior committee would like to thank all club junior co-ordinators for their hard work throughout the season. Communication between clubs and the association is highly important and this season the committee found the communication lines opened and hope that the introduction of some new initiatives in the coming season we can open communication between all club members and the association even further.

The junior committee are looking forward to the coming season and with the plan to build on some of our new initiatives and introduce some new ones will allow the junior association to continue to strength each season.

Timothy Court Junior President John Springett Junior Secretary

FINANCE REPORT

Those members who were present at the last AGM will recall I mentioned that the Board of Management were considering ways in which donation and sponsorship monies could be returned to clubs and ultimately to players by way of reducing the cost of playing cricket in the RDCA.

The action taken was to considerably reduce Affiliation Fees for Senior and Junior teams and as a consequence of this, together with some increases incurred regarding equipment purchases, I have to report that the financial result for the 2008/2009 season is a loss of \$7,593.

Reduction in Affiliation Fees accounted for \$12,880 and this reduction has been added to and reduced by income and expenditure variations in a number of areas. It is my intention to provide further explanation at the AGM.

Nevertheless, based on our Balance Sheet figures, the RDCA is in a sound financial position as we move into the 2009/10 season and embrace the proposed administrative changes aimed at providing further support to clubs and players.

You will note from the Balance Sheet included in the Annual Report that at the end of the season, several clubs have not totally met their commitments for last season. (16 clubs with a total amount outstanding of \$3,209)

Should it not be cleared in the interim, this means that these clubs will start next season with debts that will impose an additional financial burden prior to the start of the coming season.

Again I thank all the clubs for their support during the 2008/2009 season that has helped make my role easier to fulfill.

Stuart Newey Finance Manager

RDCA INC. BALANCE SHEET as at 31st May 2009

Assets

Assets	_				
	Current Assets				
		Cash On Hand			
		Cheque Account	\$20,297		
		Veterans Bank Account	\$17,545		
		Sandhurst Trustees	\$24,895		
		Total Cash On Hand		\$62,738	
		Debtors - Clubs	\$3,209		
	Total Current Assets			\$3,209	
	Non Current Assets				
		Best & Fairest	\$1,250		
		Medallions RDCA Caps & Clothing	\$636		
		Score Books			
			\$136 \$070		
		Premieship Medals	\$270		
		Life Membership Medallions	\$1,254		
	Total Non Current Assets			\$3,546	
	Fixed Assets				
		Computer and Printer	\$1,600		
	Total Fixed Assets			\$1,600	
Total Assets			_		\$71,093
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Liabilities					
	Current Liabilities				
	Current Liabilities	0 12 011	\$1,037		
		Creditors - Clubs	\$12,650		
		Veterans Tour	¥ :=,000		
	Total Current Liabilities Non Current Liabilities			\$13,687	
		Bonds Held	\$1,700		
		Guarantee Monies	\$3,500		
	Total Non Current Liabilities			\$5,200	
Total	Liabilities		=		
Liabilities					\$18,887
				_	
Net Assets			\$51,950		\$52,206
Fauits.					
Equity		Members funds	\$50 7 00		
			\$59,799		
		Current Year Earnings	-\$7,593	_	
Total Equity					\$52,206

RDCA INC. Profit and Loss Statement Year ended 31st May

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income				
	Fees	Affiliation Fees	\$32,280	
	. •••	Umpires Subscriptions	\$990	
		Veterans	\$1,500	
	Total Fees			\$34,770
	Fines			
		Club Fines	\$5,135	
		Late Payment Fines	\$260	
	Total Fines			\$5,395
	Donations/Sponsorship			\$19,791
	Vote Count Night			\$253
	Interest			\$4,176
Total				\$64,385
Income				ψο 1,000
Expenses				
•	Administration			
	Expenses	Hana ana sirina	\$20,200	
		Honorarium	\$20,200 \$815	
		General Secretary	\$200	
		Senior Registration Secretary	φ200	
		Match Result Secretaries	\$3,200	
		Treasurer	\$500	
		Senior Executive	\$400	
		Junior Secretary	\$379	
		Junior Executive	\$37	
		Junior Carnival Expenses	\$326	
		Representative Match Expenses	\$960	
		Fines Officer Expenses Advertising	\$200 \$700	
	Total Administration	Advertising	Ψ <i>1</i> 00	¢27.017
	Expenses			\$27,917
	Operating Expenses			
		Postage & Stationery	\$1,178	
		Telephone & Paging	\$3,071	
		Printing & Typing	\$242	
		Computer	\$280	
		Maint/Programming Bank / Gov't Charges	\$5	
		Ground & Hall rental	\$4,000	
		Affil. & Registration Fees	\$157	

	Score Book Sales	\$384	
	Donations	\$1,600	
	Umpires Fees	\$3,150	
	Depreciation of equipment	\$1,203	
	Trophies & Shields	\$4,544	
	Pennant & Plaques	\$4,620	
	Club Refunds 20/20 Competition	\$1,650	
Total Operating Expenses			\$26,084
Social Expenses			
	Senior Presentation Night	\$3,121	
	Junior Presentation Night	\$1,293	
	Vets Expenses	\$825	
Total Social Expenses	-		\$5,239
Equipment Expenses			
	B.F Medals purchased	\$435	
	Cricket Balls purchased	\$1,235	
	Caps & Clothing purchased	\$10,414	
	Umpires Manuals purchased	\$654	
Total Equipment Expenses			\$12,738
		_	\$71,978
		_	-\$7,593

Total

Expenses
Net Profit
/- Loss



VETERANS COMPETITION REPORT

Another milestone was achieved this season in veteran's cricket with Wonga Park winning all three Masters divisions and North Ringwood successful in Legends.

This season saw the introduction of both Masters and Legends playing on the same Sunday.

A number of grounds were renovated with summer grasses and not available for play until November or later and this resulted in many senior Saturday games being played on Sundays.

Due to team numbers, Masters 3 and Legends had a bye in their fixture so a 'friendly' game was available between the teams on the day of the bye. Only one round was played.

The Masters and Legends divisions all played 7 games + 2 finals.

Masters 1 – Bill Dean Trophy

Wonga Park (3/255) defeated Croydon (5/252), played at Wonga Park.

Masters 2 – Ken Johnson Trophy

Wonga Park (8/168) defeated Templeton (9/148), played at Silcock Reserve (Nth).

Masters 3

Wonga Park (2/163) defeated Bayswater Park (6/161), played at Silcock Reserve (Sth).

Legends

North Ringwood (1/157) defeated Warranwood (9/153), played at Quambee Reserve No.1.

Inter-association matches were again played against Box Hill and Ferntree Gully.

Due to wet weather on 14 December 2008, the matches against Box Hill Reporter were rescheduled for 11 January 2009 and hosted by Box Hill at Kew Cricket ground. This year the results were not in favor of the RDCA and Box Hill regained the trophies in both Masters and Legends.

On 25 January 2009, games were played against Ferntree Gully, with the Legends at Cheong Park and Masters at Fred Geale oval and subsequent presentations Cheong Park. Unfortunately, Ferntree Gully was too strong for the RDCA and successfully defended their trophies in both games.

The veterans newsletter in its colorful format, continued to be well received and the accessibility on the RDCA website allowed for a greater readership.

Thanks to Chris Allan and Bill Stafford for co-ordinating and editing this publication and to all the club coordinators and players who contributed a rundown after each game. Your efforts were greatly appreciated.

The Annual Presentation Night Dinner was held at the Ringwood Bowling Club on Wednesday 11 March with entertainment provided by 'Rick the Magician'. Thanks to Margaret Stafford for her efforts in organizing this event and to all those who attended.

During the season, 30 clubs participated in the RDCA competition from which 17 contributed 31 Veterans teams and it is the hope of the committee that more clubs will nominate teams for the coming season. In theory, as the population ages the veteran's age bracket should be increasing.

For the statistically inclined, 4 clubs had three teams, 6 clubs had two teams and 7 clubs had one team in the veterans competition. Norwood and Olinda were new teams to the competition in Masters 2 and Masters 3 respectively.

The committee met 6 times during the season and comprised:

Ken Johnson (Patron) ex officio

Daryl Stephens (Chairman), Bill Stafford (Treasurer), Gregor Mason (Secretary), Marg Stafford, Ian Leach, Garry Walles, Nat Young, Chris Hartrup and Chris Allan.

On behalf of all Veterans our thanks to the RDCA Senior Executive for their continued support through the provision of pennants, representative player shirts, balls for finals and caps plus financial support in the hosting of the inter-association games.

Gregor Mason	RDCA Veterans Motto:
Secretary	Strive to do our best, never give up,
veterans@rdca.com.au	and treat people with respect

STATISTICAL INFORMATION FOR SEASON 2008/09

CHANDLER SHIELD

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 6	Pts Rd 11
NORWOOD	28.00	68.00
WANTIRNA SOUTH	36.00	68.00
NORTH RINGWOOD	36.00	60.00
TEMPLETON	36.00	60.00
MOOROOLBARK	28.00	44.00
CROYDON RANGES	36.00	44.00
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	24.00	40.00
WONGA PARK	12.00	36.00
CROYDON NORTH	12.00	36.00
WARRANWOOD	20.00	36.00
SOUTH CROYDON	12.00	20.00
KILSYTH	12.00	20.00

In the run up to the Christmas break, North Ringwood and Templeton continued their winning ways of the previous season to sit in the top group. Newly promoted Croydon Ranges got off to a flying start, Wantirna South was going along nicely to be in fourth spot, followed closely by Norwood and Mooroolbark. At the other end of the scale, Croydon North, Wonga Park, South Croydon and Kilsyth had some work to do to get away from the relegation zone.

After the completion of Rd.10, the finalists had separated themselves from the pack, Croydon Ranges had dropped into the middle group and Wonga Park and Croydon North had lifted themselves into that bracket. The real interest in the last round lay in the relegation battle, with South Croydon and Kilsyth playing each other, and the order in which the finalists would finish. South, needing to win, narrowly carried the day and finished the season the slightest margin above Kilsyth, to consign the latter to Wilkins next season.

Templeton stumbled and this left them to participate in the elimination final, where their season was ended by North Ringwood. In the qualifying final, Norwood, after winning every game following the break, were on the end of a resounding loss at the hands of Wantirna South.

In a weather interrupted preliminary final, Norwood utilized the circumstances well and held out North Ringwood to set up a Grand Final rematch.

The big game turned out to be a fizzer, as the Wantirna South bowlers again cut a swathe through Norwood (82) and the opening batsmen then achieved the target (0/88) with overs in hand on the first day, at which point Norwood conceded the game.

Members of premiership team: Darren Hill (Capt), Matthew Ott (Vice Capt), Sam Barnes, Scott Charles, Adam Gawne, Paul Henry, Andrew Jones, Andrew Jorgensen, Troy McGown, Paul Payne, Brendan Sharpe, Damian Sullivan (12th man)

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Liucoln Grigg (MOO) 478, Brendan Ricci (MOO) 459, Adam Parker (TMP) 424, Ben Hanley (TMP) 405, Matt Jonson (NOW) 396, Adam Gawne (WSO) 394 and Sean Humphrey (CRR) 393.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Steve Garrett (SWT) 32, Leigh Rigby (NRI) 32, Paul Payne (WSO) 30, Stuart Dunk (WOP) 28, Matt Jonson (NOW) 28, Matthew Whittaker (MOO) 28, Michael Ross (SCR) 25 and Carey Arthurson (NRI) 25.

WILKINS CUP

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
BAYSWATER PARK	32.00	72.00
MONTROSE	56.00	72.00
ST ANDREWS	48.00	64.00
MOOROOLBARK	32.00	56.00
AINSLIE PARK	24.00	48.00
WARRANDYTE	32.00	48.00
EAST RINGWOOD	40.00	48.00
LILTDALE	24.00	44.00

Montrose and St Andrews were out of the blocks early and headed the table midway. East Ringwood was close behind and Bayswater Park, after an indifferent start, was beginning to show some form. Whilst all teams remained in contention for a finals spot, Ainslie Park and Lilydale needed to lift to get away from the danger zone.

Entering the last round, Montrose and Bayswater Park were certain finalists, St Andrews and Mooroolbark, seemingly, had to win to be assured of a place and Ainslie Park and East Ringwood had a chance if they won, and other results went their way, but none of that happened. At the other end of the table Warrandyte, a finalist the previous season, needed to win, which they did to remain in the grade. Lilydale was one win back and, despite winning the last game outright, was not able to move up the table, hence the club will play in Newey Plate next season.

The semi-finals saw St Andrews eliminate Mooroolbark in less than a day and Montrose bounced back to form to comfortably defeat Bayswater Park. The Preliminary final was marred by wet weather, being reduced to a limited overs affair on the Sunday. It was further interrupted by rain and resulted in a draw, which saw Bayswater Park go through as higher ranked side.

Fortunes were reversed in the Grand Final, with Montrose crashing (71) and, after a short period of play on day two, Bayswater Park (4/100) had earned the right to progress to Chandler Shield for the first time.

Premiership team members:

Ben Beech (Capt), Mat Parker, James Davies, Adam Waite, Steve Craigie, Andrew McKenzie, Jamie Devenish, Marcus Adams, Simon Varone, Andrew Burke, Tom Fay, Brendon Trump (12th man)

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Mathew Parker (BYP) 445, James Davies (BYP) 423, Michael Edwards (MTR) 425, Adam White (WDT) 385, Cameron Skermer (WDT) 370, Nathan Croot (APK) 359 and Matthew Harvey (STA) 356.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Mathew Sazenis (WDT) 33, Chad Rogers (MTR) 31, James Davies (BYP) 31, Tomas Fay (BYP) 28, Steve Evans (STA) 27, Sean Toohey (LYD) 26, Daniel Crowe (MTR) 25, Hagen Shaw (STA) 25 and John Moulder (LYD) 25.

NEWEY PLATE

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
OLINDA	56.00	88.00
CHIRNSIDE PARK	52.00	88.00
TEMPLETON	36.00	76.00
NORTH RINGWOOD	56.00	64.00
WANTIRNA SOUTH	36.00	52.00
WONGA PARK	28.00	44.00
SCORESBY FERNDALE	16.00	32.00
EAST RINGWOOD	8.00	8.00

Olinda, North Ringwood and Chirnside Park were the dominant teams in the first half of the season and, by midway, had forged well clear of Wantirna South, Templeton and Wonga Park, with Scoresby Ferndale and East Ringwood seemingly off the pace and in a battle for the relegation stakes.

Olinda and Chirnside Park continued to roll on after the break and entrenched themselves in the top two spots. Templeton won every game to come through to third and North Ringwood, despite only winning one game, comfortably held on to fourth place, whilst Scoresby Ferndale grabbed a couple of wins to edge clear of East Ringwood.

In the semi-finals, Templeton continued their good form to steamroll, and oust, North Ringwood whilst the young Olinda lads just held out Chirnside Park in a game of fluctuating fortunes. Wet Weather impacted on the preliminary final and Chirnside Park made the most of their higher ranking to bat Templeton out of the game.

The Grand Final saw Olinda, hoping for a fairytale rise after just avoiding relegation last season, claim the first nine wickets for just over a hundred but the last wicket partnership, ultimately a match winning one at that, pushed the Chirnside Park tally to 147. The Olinda batsmen (109) could not match that total and Chirnside Park will again return to Wilkins Cup next season.

Members of the premiership team: Nathan McFarlane (Capt/Coach), David Rochford (VC), Paul Bennett, James Bennett, Marc Steiner, Chris Springett, Mark Williams, Tom Wall, Stuart Lane, Rob Waghorn, Rob Clarke, Tyson Lehmann (12th man),

Leading run-getters (including finals):

Aaron Walter (OLI) 450, Shane Mcdonell (WOP)427, Nicholas Perger (SBF) 415, Blake Walter (OLI) 400, Nathan McFarlane (CSP) 390, Marc Steiner (CSP) 375 and Henry Cunningham (SBF) 361.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):

Rob Waghorn (CSP) 34, Marc Steiner (CSP) 34, Aaron Walter (OLI) 28, Craig Obrien (SBF) 26, Andrew Gellatly (WSO) 25 and Mikel Greenough (OLI) 24.

A GRADE

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
WARRANDYTE	79.00	139.30
CHIRNSIDE PARK	76.40	120.50
KILSYTH	75.80	109.20
WARRANWOOD	58.60	103.60
CROYDON NORTH	62.90	103.10
NORWOOD	54.50	98.00
EASTFIELD	60.40	95.40
AINSLIE PARK	48.70	76.90

By midway, Warrandyte, Chirnside Park and Kilsyth were closely bunched at the head of the table but 4th to 8th were separated by only one win and all still had some hope of a finals appearance.

It played out that the top three remained unchanged, Warranwood came through to 4th, a narrow margin ahead of Croydon North, with Norwood and Eastfield close up.

In the semi-finals, Kilsyth made too many for Warranwood and Warrandyte edged past Chirnside Park, who then ended Kilsyth's season in a tightly fought Preliminary.

The Grand final saw Warrandyte (3/134) easily chase down a moderate Chirnside tally (121).

Members of the premiership team: Cameron Day(Capt), Marc Centofanti, Jack Ellis, Brendan Zach, Daniel Barry, Dale Lander, Jake Sherriff, Steve Warr, Alex McIntosh, Adam Beardall, Stuart Haworth, Mitchell Gaffney (12th Man)

Leading run-getters (including finals): Chris Noy (CNT) 564, Glenn Synan (CSP) 462, Karl Buchmasser (CSP) 428, Matthew Rooks (WWD) 425, Marc Centofanti (WDT) 386 and Cameron Day (WDT) 376.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Chris Gunn (CSP) 33, Steve Warr (WDT) 32, Aydin Ahmet (CNT) 27, Ben Kelly (NOW) 24, Liam Barker (WWD) 23 and Luke Johnson (WWD) 23.

B GRADE

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	86.80	123.60
TEMPLETON	67.90	121.90
MOOROOLBARK	58.60	105.40
LILYDALE	67.70	101.30
MONTROSE	64.00	100.20
ST ANDREWS	50.10	94.50
BAYSWATERPARK	46.70	93.10
WANTIRNA	57.40	83.40

B GRADE (cont'd)

This was an extremely competitive grade with top having 8 wins and bottom winning 4 games.

South Warrandyte jumped out to a handy break over its pursuers, with Templeton, Lilydale and Montrose leading the rest of the pack, the last of whom was only a couple of wins back. In the end, South Warrandyte headed Templeton by less than two points, Mooroolbark had worked through to third, and Lilydale just snuck in ahead of Montrose.

The Semi-finals saw Lilydale just edge past Mooroolbark, in a low scoring affair, and South Warrandyte held Templeton at bay in a close, high scoring, match. Templeton then easily disposed of Lilydale in the Preliminary final.

In the Grand Final, Templeton posted an adequate tally (187) and then made early inroads before easily eclipsing South Warrandyte (76).

Members of the premiership team: Adam Dejager (C), Steven Dewar, Andrew Hathaway, Matt Dejager, Sam Bates, Chat Illeperuma, Brent McIlroy, Scott Gibson, Tim Aumann, Haran Gangatharan, Rob Horwill, Craig Henry (12th)

Leading run-getters (including finals): Paul Jones (MOO) 421, Matthew Dejager (TMP) 413, Dale Owen (SWT) 405, Adam Dejager (TMP) 357, Craig Henry (TMP) 326, Brent McIlroy (TMP) 313 and Bradley Mcleish (WAN) 309.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Craig Staggard (LYD) 30, Kevin Girola (WAN) 29, Cameron Sweeney (STA) 26, Adrain Smith (SWT) 26, Aidan Williams (STA) 26, Gareth Bailey (BYP) 25 and Ben Thomas (MOO) 24.

C GRADE

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
CROYDON RANGES	92.50	152.00
WANTIRNA SOUTH	72.20	101.70
WONGA PARK	65.60	98.70
KNOX CITY	55.80	95.10
CROYDON NORTH	55.00	90.40
WARRANWOOD	46.10	90.00
SOUTH CROYDON	45.80	79.80
KILSYTH	45.60	79.40

Croydon Ranges established themselves as the benchmark early in the season and reached the midway point undefeated. Wantirna South, Wonga Park and Knox City followed but all teams had won at least two games, so it promised to be an interesting battle for finals places.

Upon resumption, Croydon Ranges rolled on, to enter the finals having not lost a game, Wantirna South won only one game but held second, whilst Wonga Park and Knox City struggled but held their spots.

In the end, 2nd and 8th were separated by only two wins so, aside from the leader, it was an extremely even grade. Wonga Park held Knox City at bay, to end their season, and Wantirna South dented Ranges hopes with a narrow win. Ranges then made the most of the weather circumstances to get past Wonga Park in the Preliminary.

After being on the back foot early in the Grand final, Ranges (183) recovered well and then bowled tightly to restrict Wantirna South (129) and claim victory.

Members of the premiership team: Mathew Peisley (Capt), Jason Stafford, Callum Richardson, Brent Crosbie, Vernon Abraham, Tim Williamson, Chris Whittaker, Darren Lappen, Blake Plowman, Corey Adams, Dean Barber, Finny George (12th).

Leading run-getters (including finals): Mathew Peisley (CRR) 465, David Raggett (WWD) 447, Justin White (WOP) 441, Sean Rashleigh (CNT) 397, Cameron Ray (KNC) 389, Callum Richardson (CRR) 359 and Chad Mitchell (KNC) 353.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Wes Britten (WOP) 31, Brendan Helme (WSO) 26, Brodie James Reid (KNC) 25, Darren Lappen (CRR) 23, Samuel Fowless (WWD) 22, Corey Adams (CRR) 22 and Glenn Laidlaw (CNT) 21.

D GRADE

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
BAYSWATER PARK	76.20	145.00
NORWOOD	87.00	139.90
WONGA PARK	69.10	127.90
SCORESBY FERNDALE	81.20	115.90
TEMPLETON	73.50	101.30
EAST RINGWOOD	54.20	89.70
LILYDALE	22.30	56.10
AINSLIE PARK	36.20	51.80

Another even grade, with half a dozen teams being in the running for a finals position for most of the season.

Norwood set the pace, with Scoresby Ferndale, Bayswater Park and Templeton close up, followed by Wonga Park and East Ringwood.

Post Xmas, Bayswater Park was the form side, not losing a game, and they edged past Norwood while Wonga Park had a good run to claim third ahead of Scoresby Ferndale who faltered a bit in the run home.

That trend continued in the Semi, as Wonga Park repeated its last round success to eliminate Scoresby Ferndale. Norwood ended Bayswater Park's run in hollow fashion and in the Preliminary final Wonga Park ended their season with a comfortable win.

In the Grand Final, Wonga Park put up a good fight (154) but could not hold out Norwood (6/156).

Members of premiership team: Adam Tuppenney, Dave Irvine, Chris Irvine, Darryn Glanvill, Shane Greatrex, Damien Olenczuk, Steve Orr, Rohan Shade, Josh Lay, Hayden Kelly, Ben Heazlewood, Jason Lurati, Andrew Taylor, Troy Hancock

Leading run-getters (including finals): Shawn Everitt (WOP) 513, Geoff Chamberlain (WOP) 493, Philip Leach (BYP) 391, Timothy Court (BYP) 332, Andrew Hathaway (TMP) 308 and Rob Baulman (EAR) 308

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Andrew Taylor (NOW) 28, Chris Wullaert (SBF) 26, Frank Costantino (BYP) 25, Warren Ashby (WOP) 23, Geoff Chamberlain (WOP) 22, Ryan Toye (BYP) 21 and Tim Nancarrow (SBF) 21.

E GRADE

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
NORTH RINGWOOD	85.30	148.80
CROYDON RANGES	83.10	136.20
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	65.70	117.20
WANTIRNA SOUTH	56.40	100.70
OLINDA	64.60	87.80
EAST RINGWOOD	40.10	73.50
MONTROSE	47.60	71.00
BORONIA	46.80	63.70

E GRADE (Cont'd)

North Ringwood and Croydon Ranges were setting the pace midway and had established a break on South Warrandyte and Olinda, who were closely followed by Wantirna South. The others had some work to do.

Wantirna South eventually came through to edge out Olinda for fourth spot and continued the good work in the Semi to comfortably account for South Warrandyte. North Ringwood progressed to the Grand final by getting past Ranges. Rain had a major impact on first day of Preliminary final but Ranges comfortably chased down the Wantirna South tally.

The Grand Final was a case of déjà-vu from semi, with the Ranges batsmen unable to post a challenging score (102) and, despite a few flutters, North Ringwood (7/106) was able to get over the line.

Members of premiership team; Ben Lannen (Captain), Matthew Nuthall (Vice Captain), Andrew Gleeson, Mitch Keogh, Chris Howgate, Brad Green, Peter Ridgwell, Jordan Buckingham, Bryan Carrucan, Jason Fraser, Jay Stoikos, Matthew Van Der Westhuizen (12th Man),

Leading run-getters (including finals): Andrew Gleeson (NRI) 462, Dwyght Tuffnell (EAR) 409, Matthew Crawley (BOR) 374, Daniel Crowley (MTR) 341, Leon Holewa (SWT) 325, Simon Bowyer (CRR) 325 and Rob Cutler (SWT) 302.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Ivan Chepa (CRR) 29, Adam Swanson (CRR) 23, Ian Mckay (WSO) 22, Blake Smith (CRR) 20, David Mock (SWT) 19, Scott Moody (BOR) 19, Jay Stoikos (NRI) 18 and Tom Chrisfield (SWT) 18.

F GRADE

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
WARRANDYTE	92.80	145.30
EASTFIELD	90.30	137.30
WARRANWOOD	83.90	127.10
ST ANDREWS	58.10	119.30
CROYDON NORTH	55.60	92.40
AINSLIE PARK	41.90	67.50
WONGA PARK	36.20	67.50
MOOROOLBARK	37.30	64.10

Warrandyte, Eastfield and Warranwood had established a big break on the other teams by the midway point. St Andrews loomed as a danger when they won every game after the break to claim fourth spot.

It was not to be as Warranwood edged them out in a low scoring semi-final and Eastfield did likewise to Warrandyte, who then exited in the Preliminary.

In the Grand final, Eastfield set a handy target (215) and, despite a good start, Warranwood (101) came up well short of the mark.

Members of premiership team: Brett Sanderson (Captain), Steven Payne, Julian Pate, Wayne Nelson, Mark Nelson, Andrew Barton, Mick Baker, Cameron Rodger, Ryan Christie, Scott McCall, David Killian, Cameron Gale(12th man)

Leading run-getters (including finals): Wayne Nelson (ESF) 474, Steve Payne (ESF) 455, John Kilby (MOO) 416, Steve Ibrahim (STA) 399, Andrew Barton (ESF) 394 and Paul Keyhoe (WWD) 379.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Tibor Feher (STA) 31, Matthew Mcmahon (CNT) 27, Nathan Jellett (WOP) 26, Antony Pedersen (STA) 26, Dean Gidley (WDT) 24 and Steve Chettle (STA) 24.

G GRADE

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
NORTH RINGWOOD	75.00	125.70
CROYDON RANGES	66.30	117.80
WARRANWOOD	80.70	114.60
MONTROSE	54.00	109.80
BAYSWATER PARK	75.30	107.70
KILSYTH	64.20	95.20
NORWOOD	47.60	81.30
CHIRNSIDE PARK	37.10	55.70

Upon reaching the break, Warranwood, Bayswater Park and North Ringwood were separated by only a few points, with Croydon Ranges and Kilsyth one win back.

After the break, Croydon Ranges won all bar one to come through to third and Montrose surged through the pack and beat Bayswater Park in the last round to edge them out for fourth spot.

In the semi's, Montrose got over Warranwood in a tight one and North Ringwood comfortably chased down a sizeable Ranges tally. The Preliminary final saw a concession to the weather by Montrose.

The Grand Final saw Ranges set a big total (4/283) and North Ringwood (202) was unable to match it.

Members of the premiership team: Steve Howard (Capt), Trevor Nanscawen, Cameron Butler, Brett Haines, Rob Haines, Jason Paisley, Patrick Regester, Craig Mawdsley, Scott Nicholson, Marcus Stirling, Jack McCoy, Oscar McInerney (12th Man).

Leading run-getters (including finals): Trevor Nanscawen (CRR) 534, Steve Paterson (WWD) 448, Andrew Pratter (MTR) 434, Cameron Butler (CRR) 419, Damien Reyment (NRI) 405) and Jason Paisley (CRR) 356.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals):Mark Howard (MTR) 28, Steve Paterson (WWD) 23, Scott Turner (WWD) 23, Scott Nicholson (CRR) 22, Stephen Howard (CRR) 21 and Colin Clavan (KIL) 20.

H GRADE

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
WANTIRNA	94.60	149.50
CROYDON RANGES	85.90	139.70
SOUTH CROYDON	68.70	107.60
OLINDA	66.10	102.50
ST ANDREWS	55.40	89.90
TEMPLETON	56.60	89.50
CROYDON NORTH	46.00	84.10
CHIRNSIDE PARK	28.90	31.40

"H" GRADE (Cont'd)

Wantirna and Croydon Ranges established themselves at the head of the table fairly early in the piece and maintained those spots for the remainder of the season. South Croydon and Olinda, with six wins, ultimately became the other finalists but St Andrews, Templeton and Croydon North all finished only one win back.

The semi's saw Olinda oust South Croydon, with a few twists, and Wantirna held out Ranges in a close one. Wet weather reduced the Preliminary to a Limited overs game and Ranges carried the day comfortably.

In the Grand final, Wantirna posted a huge tally (372) which proved far too many for Ranges (245).

Members of premiership team: Abhi Pandya (Captain), Pratiik Shah, Icakkad Sanket, Shalin Shah, Prakit Ramani, Chintan Bhimajiyani, Parag Shukia, Kunjal Desai, Nirav Shah, Bhavin Sorathia, Hemang Shukla, Gaurav Patil, Ronak Shah,

Leading run-getters (including finals): Pratik Shah (WAN) 488, Shalin Shah (WAN) 441, Stephen Walter (OLI) 387, Chintan Bhimajitani (WAN) 356, Matthew Bell (CRR) 343 and Bhavin Sorathia (WAN) 301.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Abhi Pandya (WAN) 34, Shaun ison (CRR) 23, Stephen Hickman (SCR) 21, Bhavin Sorathia (WAN) 20, M. Leopillai (TMP 19 and Chintan Bhimajitani (WAN) 17.

I GRADE

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
WARRANDYTE	95.20	138.70
EAST RINGWOOD	74.40	119.80
BAYSWATER PARK	56.00	116.50
TEMPLETON	52.80	100.90
BORONIA	65.80	97.70
NORTH RINGWOOD	61.60	84.80
AINSLIE PARK	39.30	72.10
LILYDALE	51.40	62.50

Another very competitive grade where, midway, Warrandyte was undefeated followed closely by East Ringwood. The next five had all won at least three games and were right in the mix. Thereafter, the top two held their spots, whilst Bayswater Park won every game and Templeton only lost one to come through for the last two places.

In the Semi's, Bayswater Park routed Templeton and East Ringwood easily accounted for Warrandyte who then exited in a closely fought low scoring Preliminary final.

A nail biting finish to the Grand Final saw Bayswater Park (9/160) keep their winning run going to just edge out East Ringwood (159).

Members of premiership team: Lachlan McKenzie (capt), Tom Mills, Tim Mills, Mick Robbins, Steve White, Andrew Eustace, Cameron Barlow, Brad Palmer, Sam Trump, Joel Margenburg, Aaron Swincer, Mathew Locke.

Leading run-getters (including finals): Paul Williams (TMP) 510, Terry Rowe (TMP) 496, Daniel Black (EAR) 412, Peter Wright (EAR) 389, Barry Dawson (EAR) 364 and Nathan Croft (WDT) 331.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): John Prangley (WDT) 44, Steven White (BYP) 34, Andrew Eustace (BYP) 30, Barry Dawson (EAR) 30, Dean Morrison (TMP) 27, and Darcy Brown (BOR) 23.

J GRADE

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
WONGA PARK	94.30	146.90
MONTROSE	72.70	123.80
SCORESBY FERNDALE	66.10	109.60
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	54.90	108.70
NORWOOD	51.20	89.10
WANTIRNA SOUTH	59.10	83.70
NORTH RINGWOOD	53.20	76.40
KILSYTH	36.50	58.10

The fathers and sons Wonga Park side reached the break undefeated and had opened a gap on the competition, led by Montrose and Scoresby Ferndale, but all bar one team remained in contention for a finals place. South Warrandyte showed some good late season form to come through for fourth spot.

In the Semi's, Scoresby Ferndale ended the South Warrandyte run and Wonga easily accounted for Montrose. Rain restricted play on both days of the Preliminary final and, with a drawn game, Montrose progressed as higher ranked side.

In the Grand Final, Montrose (9/258) set a target that Wonga Park (202) could not reel in.

Members of premiership team: Mark Hayhurst (Capt), Jarrod Rutley (v/c), Russell J Smith, Jarrod Rickard, Mark Lumsden, Shane Kearney, Ryan Gostelow, Luke Stratford, Leighton Blake, Daniel Henderson, Michael Harris, Josh Styles $(12^{th\ man})$.

Leading run-getters (including finals): Ron Fotia (WOP) 558, Warrick Dickson (WOP) 484, Greg Ford (WOP) 468, Clint Williams (SBF) 389, Aidn Short (NOW) 384, Tony Biggs (SWT) 373, Jarrod Rickard (MTR) 366 and Mark Lumsden (MTR) 361.

Leading wicket-takers)including finals): Ryan Milsome (SBF) 36, Jack Hele (WOP) 23, Mathew Fotia (WOP) 22, Aidn Short (NOW) 21, Troy Donis (SWT) 21, Peter Wigney (WOP) 19, Jake Wigney (WOP) 18 and Mark Lumsden (MTR) 17.

K GRADE

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
KNOX CITY	92.40	145.70
CROYDON RANGES	85.80	145.30
WANTIRNA SOUTH	88.50	124.80
MOOROOLBARK	78.50	121.20
WANTIRNA	64.30	120.00
CROYDON NORTH	42.60	96.80
SOUTH WARRANDYTE	45.80	79.80
WARRANWOOD	56.80	71.50
EAST RINGWOOD	32.60	50.70
OLINDA	24.60	35.20

A very competitive 10 team grade, with Knox City leading the way, at the midway point, followed closely by Wantirna South and Croydon Ranges. Mooroolbark, Wantirna and Warranwood were not far back and still well in contention. Ultimately, the four did not change in the run to the finals, with Mooroolbark claiming the last spot, from Wantirna by just over one point.

The Semi's saw Wantirna South end Moooroolbark's season and Knox City claim a tight one over Ranges who then succumbed to Wantirna South in the Preliminary final.

In a very low scoring Grand Final, Wantirna South (102) continued their late season impetus to edge out Knox City (90).

Members of premiership team: Glen Marshall (Capt), Steven Cardilini, Marcus Clohesy, Jeffrey Harrington, Bradley Matthews, Jackson McAleese, Robert Mott, Peter Nash, Ray Noon, Jamie Porritt, Demitry Stepanov, Shaun Tolliday.

Leading run-getters (including finals): Bradley Matthews (WSO) 713, Renato Paciocco (MOO) 571, Ray Newman (KNC) 445, Jamie Mewett (WAN) 414, Mark Boehmer (CRR) 405, John O'Neill (CRR) 367, Rupert Gardner (CRR) 358 and Timothy Hutchison (WAN) 357.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Mark Boehmer (CRR) 25, Ray Noon (WSO) 24, Shaun Tolliday (WSO) 23, Shaun Dennehy (CRR) 20, Pater Nash (WSO) 18, Brian Baker (CRR) 18 and Leigh Curwood (KNC) 18.

L GRADE

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
KNOX CITY	99.60	149.80
EASTFIELD	82.10	127.20
SCORESBY FERNDALE	76.70	123.50
ST ANDREWS	57.10	111.20
CROYDON RANGES	70.40	97.70
MONTROSE	46.70	84.60
SOUTH CROYDON	59.00	83.00
AINSLIE PARK	37.70	66.70

This grade had 10 teams until just prior to Xmas when a withdrawal and a re-grading of another saw it reduced to 8 teams. Knox City reached the break without losing a game but Eastfield and Scoresby Ferndale were close behind. Croydon Ranges, South Croydon and St Andrews remained in contention for a finals spot and the latter showed some good form after Xmas to claim a place in the four.

In the Semi's, Scoresby Ferndale brought the St Andrews run to an end and the favourites, Knox City, were knocked over by Eastfield. Knox City bounced back with an easy win in the Preliminary and then, in the Grand Final, posted a target (9/217) that Eastfield (148) could not reel in..

Members of premiership team: G. Poidevin (C), K. Taylor, M. White, G.Miller, A. Wilson, S. Thomas, D. Hoggett, N. Naqebullah, P. Duguay, J. Styles, G. Petrie, W. Hutchinson (12th man),

Leading run-getters (including finals): Graham Poidevin (KNC) 583, Shane Cairns (STA) 371, Jess Moore (SBF) 358, Ken Taylor (KNC) 353, Matthew Jeans (ESF) 345 and Kristian Collins (SBF) 317.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Nick Hamer (SCR) 27, Adam Condie (ESF) 24, Graham Poidevin (KNC) 23, Kristian Collins (SBF) 20, Jason Fay (SBF) 20 and Jayden Styles (KNC) 18.

M GRADE

TEAM (finishing order)	Pts Rd 9	Pts Rd 14
WARRANWOOD	80.30	131.20
WARRANDYTE	88.40	129.60
NORWOOD	62.70	114.90
CROYDON RANGES	67.00	111.10
BORONIA	28.00	78.90
EASTFIELD	47.50	69.80
WANTIRNA SOUTH	23.80	50.10
NORTH RINGWOOD	37.40	40.20

This grade started the season with 8 teams, 3 dropped out but two clubs eventually entered an additional team and another came down from "L" grade so it was back to status quo just prior to the Xmas break.

At that point, the leaders, Warrandyte, Warranwood, Croydon Ranges and Norwood had opened a good break and it was to remain that way through to finals. Boronia did very well to win 6 of 8 games to finish fifth after being one of the late entries.

The semi's saw Norwood oust Ranges and Warrandyte win comfortably over Warranwood who departed in the Preliminary.

Warrandyte (7/216) was far too good for Norwood (91) in the Grand final.

Members of premiership team: Greg Warren (c), Luke Revell, Chris Carver, Darcy Jones, Luke Warren, Chris Douglas, Tim Baker, Lachlan Dougherty, Rowan McKenzie, Adam Gamble, Tom Ellis.

Leading run-getters (including finals): Aaron Loader (CRR) 592, Dennis Gridley (NOW) 456, Dale Beachley (NOW) 387, Nathan Wales (CRR) 360, Ian Di Iorio (WWD) 338 and Dean Jacob (WWD) 315.

Leading wicket-takers (including finals): Dale Beachley (NOW) 25, Aaron Loader (CRR) 17, Chris Douglas (WDT) 15, Chris Carver (WDT) 14, Andrew Parnes (NOW) 14, Shane Suckling (BOR) 13 and Andrew Spencer (CRR) 13.

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES) from 1966/67 – 2008/09

(4)	Lilydale	12	(2)
(5)	Wantirna	12	(3)
(8)	South Warrandyte	11	(5)
(3)	Eastfield	8	(2)
(9)	Boronia	8	(0)
(5)	South Croydon	7	(4)
(3)	Ferntree Gully	7	(3)
(6)	Knox City	7	(3)
(3)	Scoresby Ferndale	7*	(1)
(1)	Olinda	5	(2)
(4)	Aquinas Old Collegians	3	(3)
(3)	Croydon	3	(0)
(4)	Knox Churches	1	(1)
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Figures in brackets are premierships won by first eleven teams.

- Croydon Ranges totals include premierships won by Croydon United and Croydon Hockeyers.
- Warranwood totals include premierships won by South Ringwood and Parkwood
- Scoresby Ferndale totals include premierships won by Scoresby.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Calculation is based on points per win per team, with all teams included.

Formula was changed a number of seasons ago and points are now allocated on basis of Chandler (6), Wilkins (4), Newey, A & B (3), C-F (2) and others (0.5)

Top 4 in reverse order	Wantirna South	94.00
	Croydon Ranges	94.50
	North Ringwood	94.50
Winner	Templeton	108.00

(Templeton has now won it three years in a row and obviously the club has great depth and derives the benefit of having four successful teams competing in the top seven grades)

BEST and FAIREST AWARDS (Decided on umpires votes)

Bill Dean Medal - Chandler Matt Jonson (Norwood)

Steve Pascoe Medal – Wilkins Cup James Davies (Bayswater Park)

Stuart Newey Medal – Newey Plate A tie between Aaron Walter (Olinda) and

Marc Steiner (Chirnside Park)

AWARD WINNERS

ALL STAR TEAM

Andrew Downs (Capt)	Norwood	275 (309) runs and 12 (17) wickets
Lincoln Grigg	Mooroolbark	478 runs and 12 wickets
Adam Parker	Templeton	424 (424) runs
Brendan Ricci	Mooroolbark	459 runs
Sean Humphrey (keeper)	Croydon Ranges	393 runs and 12 catches
Matt Jonson	Norwood	321 (396) runs and 23 (28) wickets
Stuart Welsh	Templeton	292 (322) runs
Steve Garrett	South Warrandyte	307 runs and 32 wickets
Paul Payne	Wantirna South	20 (30) wickets and 200 runs
Andrew Gottliebsen	Templeton	21 (22) wickets
Leigh Rigby	North Ringwood	26 (32) wickets

(Figures in brackets reflect finals performances)

BATTING and BOWLING AVERAGES

(Eligibility criteria is as follows: Batsmen must bat and Bowlers must bowl in at least half the games played by their team in the grade for the season. Batsmen to score more than 250 runs and bowlers to deliver not less than 80 overs and take not less than 20 wickets)

M Grade	Bowling	Aaron Loader (Croydon Ranges) * (best 4/50 & 3/47)	15 wkts @ 16.00
Note! Ops committee	varied bowling c	riteria for this grade as no one met original lev	els.
	Batting	Nathan Wales (Croydon Ranges) (2/100's – best 148)	360 runs @ 72.00
L Grade	Bowling	Nick Hamer (South Croydon) (best 6/30, 5/49)	27 wkts @ 10.63
	Batting	Graham Poidevin (Knox City) (2/50's, 1 /100 – best 122no)	388 runs @ 129.33
K Grade	Bowling	Mark Boehmer (Croydon Ranges) (best 4/19 & 3/24)	21 wkts @ 11.81
	Batting	Jamie Mewett (WAN) (1/50, 2/100's – best 160no)	449 runs @ 112.25
J Grade	Bowling	Ryan Milsome (Scoresby Ferndale) (consistent wicket taker - best 5/12)	28 wkts @ 14.50
	Batting	Ron Fotia (Wonga Park) (6/50's – best 91)	470 runs @ 78.33
I Grade	Bowling	John Prangley (Warrandyte) (best 6/47, 4/34)	31 wkts @ 12.00
	Batting	Terry Rowe (Templeton) (3/50's, 2/100's – best 108	494 runs @ 54.89
H Grade	Bowling	Abhi Pandya (Wantirna) (best 5/25, 4/25)	28 wkts @ 9.75
	Batting	Matthew Bell (Croydon Ranges) (1/50, 1/100 – best 119)	288 runs @ 47.83

G Grade	Bowling	Steve Paterson (Warranwood) (best 4/44, 4/89)	27 wkts @ 18.26
	Batting	Steve Paterson (Warranwood (2/50's, 1/100 – best 156no)	446 runs @ 63.71
F Grade	Bowling	Nathan Jellett (Wonga Park) (best 7/46 & 6/95 in one game, 5/54)	26 wkts @ 13.08
	Batting	Wayne Nelson (Eastfield) (3/50's, 1/100 – best 102no)	406 runs @ 58.00
E Grade	Bowling	Ivan Chepa (Croydon Ranges) * (best 5/18)	19 wkts @ 14.84
Note! No player took player with best avers	_	rickets, in addition to meeting over requirement nad taken 19 wickets.	, so award went to the
	Batting	Robert Cutler (South Warrandyte) (1/50, 1/100 – best 120)	302 runs @ 50.33
D Grade	Bowling	Andrew Taylor (Norwood) (best 4/19 and a number of 3 fa's)	28 wkts @ 12.89
	Batting	Shawn Everitt (Wonga Park) (4/50's, 1/100 – best 111no)	511 runs @ 73.00
C Grade	Bowling	Glenn Laidlaw (Croydon North) (best 7/26, 3/14)	22 wkts @ 10.54
	Batting	David Raggett (Warranwood) (2/50's, 1/100 – best 115)	447 runs @ 55.88
B Grade	Bowling	Cameron Sweeney (St Andrews) (best 6/23, 6/58)	26 wkts @ 12.23
	Batting	Bradley McLeish (Wantirna) (2/50's, – best 56)	309 runs @ 34.33
A Grade	Bowling	Chris Gunn (Chirnside Park) (best 5/30, 5/31)	32 wkts @ 11.88
	Batting	Glenn Synan (Chirnside Park) (2/50's, 1/100 – best 203)	460 runs @ 57.50
Newey Plate	Bowling	Craig O'Brien (Scoresby Ferndale) (best 5/27, 5/31, 5/58)	26 wkts @ 8.88
	Batting	Aaron Walter (Olinda) (3/50's, 1/100 – best 160)	449 runs @ 49.89
Wilkins Cup	Bowling	Chad Rogers (Montrose) (best 6/27, 5/28)	25 wkts @ 12.25
	Batting	Cameron Skermer (Warrandyte) (4/50's – best 84)	370 runs @ 37.00
Chandler Shield	Bowling	Andrew Gottliebsen (Templeton) (best 5/18 twice – member of All Stars team)	21 wkts @ 12.48
	Batting	Stuart Welsh (Templeton) (3/50's, best 82 – member of All Stars team)	292 runs @ 58.40

ALLROUNDER TROPHIES

Newey: Aaron Walter (Olinda) - 814 points (449 runs, 11 un-assisted and 16 assisted wickets, 7 catches and 1 run-out)

Wilkins: Sean Toohey (Lilydale) – 703 points (313 runs, 10 assisted and 16 unassisted wickets, 6 catches and 2 throw-outs)

Chandler: Steve Garrett (South Warrandyte) – 707 points (307 runs, 18 assisted, 14 un-assisted wickets and 2 catches)

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 – 2008/09

YEAR	CHANDLER	WILKINS	NEWEY
81/82	Warrandyte	South Croydon	Bayswater Park
82/83	Croydon United	South 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	South Croydon	Knox Gardens
89/90	Croydon North	Croydon United	Westwood
90/91	Croydon North	Wonga Park	Knox City
91/92	Croydon North	Wantirna South	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	North Ringwood	Knox City
96/97	Croydon North	South 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	Eastfield
01/02	Mooroolbark	South Croydon	Sth Warrandyte Hawks
02/03	Lilydale	Sth Warrandyte Hawks	Chirnside Park
03/04	Templeton	Croydon North	Croydon Ranges
04/05	Mooroolbark	North Ringwood	Chirnside Park
05/06	Wantirna South	South Croydon	Olinda
06/07	South Warrandyte	Norwood	North Ringwood (2nds)
07/08	North Ringwood	Croydon Ranges	Mooroolbark (2nds)
08/09	Wantirna South	Bayswater Park	Chirnside Park

SAXON SPORTS CHALLENGE – RDCA 20/20 COMPETITION

In the inaugural season of the 20/20 Competition, the Executive advised clubs that the only cost to them would be the entry fee of \$25 which would be donated to a local organisation, in this case the Croydon and Lilydale branches of the RSL.

The minimal cost to clubs was made possible by the generous sponsorship of Paul Attfield (Saxon Sports) who donated ALL of the white balls used in the preliminary rounds, together with a cash sponsorship that enabled clubs to be reimbursed for umpire fees incurred during the course of the competition.

Twenty four clubs entered a team. They were divided into eight groups of three, with each club playing two matches, one of which was at home, in the preliminary rounds.

The teams that finished on top of each of the eight groups were then ranked, based on points and net run rate earned from preliminary rounds, with the draw for the Quarter-finals being 1 v 8, 2 v 7, 3 v 6 and 4 v 5.

Wet weather intervened and no play was possible on the date set down for quarter finals. The rules stipulate that higher side goes through in the event of no play but all of the participants, when contacted, were amenable to games being re-scheduled so that semi-finalists were determined by the outcome of a match.

Rankings and Quarter final results were:

Mooroolbark (8) def North Ringwood (1) Montrose (2) tied with Warranwood (7), with higher ranked side going through Templeton (6) def Ainslie Park (3) Wantirna South (4) def Olinda (5)

The Semi-finals (again on basis of highest versus lowest ranking etc) saw: Mooroolbark (8) def Montrose (2) and Wantirna South (4) def Templeton (6)

For a number of seasons, the Croydon North and Kilsyth clubs had organised a 20/20 charity game on Australia Day to host RSL veterans and raise some funds for the local branches. After discussion with the two clubs, the Executive scheduled the Grand Final on Australia Day and, on this occasion, agreed to maintain hosting rotation, it being Kilsyth's turn.

In front of a healthy crowd, on a hot day, Mooroolbark won the toss and asked Wantirna South to bat. After a bright start, 23 off first two overs, two wickets fell quickly and the scoring slowed. Wickets in the 5th and 7th overs saw the score stand at 4/49. Michael Jones (21) was the only middle order contributor as Lincoln Grigg (4/14) took a wicket in each of his four overs. At 8/71 (after 14), the end looked nigh but Ash Webb (27) and Andrew Gellatly (15) added forty one and the innings ended in the last over with the tally at 118. Matthew Whitaker (2/13) and Tom Bailey (2/29) gave good support to the skipper.

Mooroolbark lost wickets in 3^{rd} and 4^{th} overs (2/20) but Brendan Ricci (51no) and Aaron Mullett pushed the total past 60 by the midway point. The innings then floundered a bit (5/82 after 13) before Adam Brush and Ricci saw their side home (5/120) with 11 balls to spare. Darren Hill (2/16) and Sam Barnes (2/24) were the wicket takers.

Our thanks to all at Kilsyth and Croydon North for their assistance in what was a very successful conclusion to the inaugural RDCA 20/20 competition.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

A shortage of players saw some shuffling of sides before the matches started. Matt Sazenis swapping with Ryan Rantall in the Chandler twelve and, with a player not appearing, Croydon Ranges came to the rescue again with Andrew Mills stepping in to make up eleven in the Wilkins/Newey side.

CHANDLER SELECT against Eastern Cricket Association (drawn from Macgibbon Shield)

ECA won the toss, batted first, and got off to a flier with 38 coming from 8 overs before Costello struck, bowling the opening batsman to start a steady decline that saw the visitors all out in the 35th over for 126, a total boosted by 15 wides.

Best of the bowlers was Eamon Costello (3/18 from 5.2 overs), Steve Garrett (3/14 from 6) and Matt Sazenis with 2/18 from 8, including 3 maidens. Other wicket takers were Davie Johnson (1/12 from 4) and Stuart Dunk (1/16 from 4). Steve Lindsay bowled 2 overs for 12 and Matt Whittaker 5 overs for 27 which, unfortunately, included 12 of the wides.

A breezy start by the home side saw 49 on the board before Darren Hill was bowled in the eighth over for 18. Josh Barrett was then out for a golden duck, trapped in front. Sean Humphrey joined Wu to see the side through to 106 before he went in the 17th over for 27. Wu continued on his merry way with Damien Vozzo to see the RDCA home in 22 overs. Wu finished with 67 no, including 12 fours, and Vozzo contributed 6.

WILKNS/NEWEY SELECT against Eastern Cricket Association (drawn from Burt Shield)

It was a different story in this game with the visitors again winning the toss and electing to bat. Some good bowling by Hagen Shaw and Sean Toohey was being dispatched regularly to the boundary so when Mark Steiner removed one dangerous opener in his first over and the other in his third things looked a little better for a while until the next pair got going. Wickets fell at 120 and 137 but the dangerous Captain was still causing havoc until a miraculous one handed catch on the boundary by Aaron Walter saw him gone and the innings closed soon after on 6/219.

Wicket takers for RDCA were Steiner (2/47 from 8), Ryan Rantall (1/33 from 7) and Michael Edwards (1/20 from 4). Others were Hagen Shaw (0/36 from 6), Sean Toohey (0/25 from 4), Aaron Walter (0/36 from 8) and Darren Walles (0/19 from 3).

There were some who thought it looked like another year, where we won one lost one, when RDCA had lost 6 wickets for only 89 runs in the 17th over but the later batsmen stuck to their task and the score climbed steadily with wickets falling at 147, 165 and 189. With plenty of overs and the last two batting extremely well, victory was suddenly a distinct possibility.

With what the crowd thought was one run to draw and two to win, Hagen Shaw played an uncharacteristic shot to pop up an easy catch and the crowd was stunned, thinking RDCA had lost by one run, after such a great chase.

With officials keen to tidy up proceedings because of the late finish, scorers were still checking the books while ECA was celebrating a nail biting win, during after match speeches. Scores were eventually found to be level, a result that pleased both sides after such a great game.

Batting for RDCA – M. Steiner 0, A Podesta 22, M. Edwards 0, A. Walter 14, D. Walles 28, M. Adams 4, S. Toohey 35, D. McKenzie 30, A. Mills 8, H. Shaw 34 and R. Rantall 9 n.o.. Final score 10/219, a great effort.

Special thanks to Croydon Ranges Cricket Club for providing the venue and great hospitality.

Thanks also to the players, scorers and umpires who made themselves available so close to finals to make the games a great success, particularly those who were prepared to be emergencies and step in at the last moment.

NEIL WRIGHT SHIELD (UNDER 21'S)

The following twenty players represented the RDCA in the Under 21 competition played in November/ December/January:

Luke Raggett (Capt)	Warranwood	Davie Johnson	Warranwood
Cameron Moore	Warranwood	Oliver Brown	South Croydon
Tim Hall	Bayswater Park	Gareth Bailey	Bayswater Park
Sam Ridgwell	North Ringwood	Michael Scott	North Ringwood
Matthew Ott	Wantirna South	Troy McGown	Wantirna South
Ryan Toohey	Croydon North	Chris Noy	Croydon North
Shane Findlay	Croydon North	Tao Collins	Croydon North
Matthew Whitaker	Mooroolbark	Kyle Larsen	Mooroolbark
Sid Kaypee	Chirnside Park	Chris Parker	Wonga Park

Rd1 was a washout on both original and back up day.

Rd.2

This match was against Mercantile at Brighton Beach.

RDCA won the toss and elected to bat but were soon in trouble at 2 for 5 with Findlay and Parker back in the pavilion. A 74 run partnership between Chris Noy (28) and Matthew Ott (52) steadied the innings and got the team back in it. Steady batting followed and the innings came to an end at 170 off 43 overs.

It was going to be a challenge to try and defend a moderate total on a good batting surface but when Matt Whittaker took a wicket in his first over and then Tao Collins bowled their two top batsmen in 2 balls, Mercantile was on the back foot at 3 for 17. Like RDCA, they then consolidated and put on 68 runs for the 4th wicket. Some good tight bowling by Matthew Ott and Cameron Moore strangled the partnership and eventually Ott broke through and several wickets fell soon after. At 7 for 31 the game seemed over but they fought on and with a few overs left, they still had a chance. Again Collins and Whittaker claimed wickets and a tight final over and a runout to Ryan Toohey saw RDCA home by just 7 runs with MCA 9 for 163, after their 45 overs.

Rd.3 was against Box Hill Reporter at Frankston.

BHRCA won the toss and elected to bat on a very good track. They were cruising at 1 for 60 at the first drinks break before stumbling to 6 for 100 at the 30 over mark. This was due mainly to some excellent bowling by Davie Johnson, Sam Ridgwell and Gareth Bailey. Aided by some excellent ground fielding by Kyle Larsen and the team holding most their catches, we were able to hold Box Hill to 9/199 of their 45 overs.

Our openers Shane Findlay and Chris Parker looked solid until Parker fell to a knick behind. Tim Hall joined Findlay and they shared a 45 run partnership before Hall departed. Chris Noy then looked very solid and at 2 for 117 at the 30 over mark, we were well positioned to win the game. Noy was bowled first ball after drinks but Johnson and Findlay put on 67 in just 45 balls to rocket us to 184 before Johnson was caught at long off. Findlay didn't let up and, along with skipper Luke Raggett, RDCA passed BHRCA at 4 for 200 in just 39 overs. Shane Findlay's was unbeaten on 104 with 13 fours and a six and his innings was outstanding. Davie Johnson's 4 wickets and quick-fire 26 was also an outstanding performance.

The Tier 2 final against Williamstown was played at Noble Park.

RDCA was sent in to bat on an overcast morning with a green tinge to the pitch. Shane Findlay and Chris Parker put on 30 for the first wicket when Findlay fell to a catch behind for 18. Matt Ott batted very confidently for 23 before he too departed. Skipper Luke Raggett joined Parker and they kept the runs ticking over but when Davie Johnson came to the crease the run rate sky-rocketed. On A very large and slow ground, he hit 8 fours and 4 sixes on his way to a magnificient 92. Parker amassed 48 and several other batsmen got caught in the deep before the innings closed at 9 for 245.

Williamstown was never in the hunt when Tao Collins again destroyed the top order with 2 early wickets and he finished with 3 for 24. Cam Moore backed him up with 2 early wickets and then Davie Johnson capped off a great game with 2 wickets whilst Matt Ott also claimed two and Williamstown was eventually all out for 129.

A fantastic result and winning this final now puts RDCA in Tier 1 next season.

My thanks to all of the players who played in the carnival. Your clubs should be proud of the way you conducted yourselves and prepared for these games. I hope that the confidence and experience players have gained from these matches benefits both them and their clubs.

Kevin Newman. Manager/Coach

CHARITY MATCH

RDCA "All Stars" vs Ringwood Rams - 20/20 Charity Match - 4 February 2009

Back at Jubilee Park after two years on our home "turf" at Croydon North, because of drought conditions, this year's game was played on a warm, clear evening in front of a crowd that increased as the game went on.

The resultant gate donations assisted towards a very reasonable financial result for this year's chosen charity, INTERCHANGE Outer East.

RDCA batted first on a wicket with variable bounce where runs were difficult to come by and sundries were the leading contributor early. Trying to push the score along, openers Hill and Handley fell to easy catches and when Ricci was run out, backing up to a straight drive deflected on to the wicket by the bowler, RDCA was in trouble at 3/22 after 6 overs. Barrett was standing firm and, when Johnson was bowled without scoring, he was joined by Welsh. A steadying partnership developed for 6 or 7 overs until Barrett was caught, whereupon Garrett joined Welsh in another partnership lasting a further 5 overs. Welsh was finally bowled in the 18th over, with the score at 78. Turner came to the crease and with Garrett moved the score to 93, before being run out, leaving Costello to see out the last ball.

Ringwood's innings started steadily with the score building to 72, in the eighth over, before the fall of the first wicket, David King, to a great catch by Costello. Turner struck again in the tenth over having Flynn caught by Hill but with the score on 81, RDCA didn't have a lot of runs to play with. Bowlers stuck to their tasks though and Stray (8) and Walsh (5) were removed by Johnson and Collins before the target was reached with only four wickets down in the 12th over. Loorham and M. King batted on for a short while until Hill had King caught by Gottliebsen at which point a halt was called.

Man of the match awards went to Stuart Welsh (RDCA) and Sean Flynn (Ringwood).

Many thanks to all the players who made themselves available and played with enthusiasm on a warm and sticky evening. Thanks also to Ringwood Cricket Club for the organisation of the event along with the contribution by volunteers from both sides, be it cooking, selling tickets, drinks etc.

We must also sincerely thank Councillors and Council Staff who made time to attend along with the many sponsors, including local representatives, all of whom make an evening like this a great success.

FULL SCORECARD

RDCA innings

B. Handley D. Hill B. Ricci J. Barrett D. Johnson S. Welsh S. Garrett D. Turner E. Costello	c Dan King b McKay c McKay b Gilmour run out c McKay b Dan King b Nicholls b Holland not out run out not out	6 4 3 19 0 32 12 11 0
B. Leary A. Gottliebsen T. Collins		
Extras		15
Total		7/93

Bowling: D. McKay 2-1/8, S. Gilmour 3-1/11, M. King 2-0/9, S. Nicholls 3-1/11, Daniel King 3-1/24, I. Holland 2-1/3, B. Walsh 2-0/11, A. Dehmel 1-0/2, David King 2-0/8

Ringwood innings

S. Flynn David King T. Stray B. Walsh J. Loorham M. King S. Nicholls I. Holland S. Gilmour Daniel King A. Dehmel	c Hill b Turner c Costello b Turner b Johnson c Turner b Collins not out c Gottliebsen b Hill	39 30 8 5 15 5
A. Dehmel D. McKay Extras		7
Total		5/110

Bowling: T. Collins 3-1/15, A. Gottliebsen 2-0/13, S. Garrett 1-0/13, D. Hill 2-1/21, E. Costello 1-0/21, D. Turner 2-2/12, D. Johnson 2-1/13.



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