

***Ringwood
&
District Cricket
Association Inc.***



***1996/97
Annual Report
&
Balance Sheet***

*Presented to Club Delegates at the Annual General Meeting
held at Ainslie Park on Wednesday 20 August, 1997*

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Once again our cricket season in the RDCA has been one of considerable change.

After a very wet winter, the grounds were generally not fit for cricket until the latter half of October and this resulted in the abandonment of Rounds 1& 2 in all grades except Chandler 1.

I have no doubt that the season could have started on the original scheduled day had we received the customary full support of our local Councils, but with their resources strictly limited following the amalgamation process, the Council staff could not repair sufficient ovals after the ravages of the other sport to enable reasonably safe standard of play.

Clubs too must share some of the responsibility for the loss of cricket matches as many are not fully aware that they are expected to perform more work on "their" ovals in these circumstances if the Council resources continue to be inadequate for the task.

Another significant change was the establishment of a 16 team format for A1 & A2. This decision arose from the reduced number of teams available for the former b Grade. A Grade was faced with a 15 round season, some of which were one-day games and although there was some initial enthusiasm for the extra cricket involved, the season proved to be a long one and decision to abandon Rounds 1 & 2 met with general relief and approval.

The eventual positions of the senior teams on the A Grade ladder supported the grading system, and the Executive has already indicated that there will be no repeat of this oversized A Grade competition in future seasons. However it was pleasing to see some of the former B Grade teams topple some of the big guns in A Grade and remain competitive throughout the season.

It will be one of the big challenges of the next few months to work out a grading system for the A and B Grade clubs of 96/97 so that they have a competition which is consistent with their performance and potential.

This year has seen some clubs unable to meet their financial commitments. The pressures of increases ground and pavilion rental charges, increased electricity and other charges as well as a general tightening of the economy has resulted in some clubs feeling the pinch and falling behind in their payments to the Association.

The executive has been most sympathetic to the pleas of clubs for time to pay their dues etc., but it has reminded clubs that loss of points and disqualification can result from non payment of fees etc. *Clubs should monitor their expenditure particularly that applying to the Association and take steps to ensure that fines are kept to a minimum and tickets allocated for Association functions are used fo advantage.*

An unfortunate aspect of the season was the poor coverage of the Association games by some sections of the local press. This was most evident in the under-age areas where coverage was virtually non-existent. It is disappointing for those who spend considerable time preparing information for this to be ignored by the press. It is especially upsetting when other sports which do not have the same profile or support locally receive substantial space in the papers. The Executive will be meeting with representatives of the local papers to see if the situation can be changes in 1997/98. In addition I urge all clubs to make their own representations to the local papers for the printing of cricket scores on a regular basis. There are many thousands of players and supporters who look to these papers for up to date information of the RDCA.

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Congratulations to Croydon North for the gripping win over favourites, Ferntree Gully, to win the coveted Chandler Shield club and also to South Ringwood who beat Templeton in a close A Grade Grand Final.

My gratitude to the Junior Administration whose hard work and enthusiasm resulted in a wonderful season for our young cricketers, culminating in a memorable Presentation Night at the Lilydale International.

In Appreciation.

My thanks to members of the Executive for their continued hard work and interest. Each member of the Executive has contributed in some meaningful way to the success of the season and it is always a pleasure to conduct meetings at which all members are focussed upon the betterment of the Association and cricket in general.

This is even more applicable in the instance of our Secretary, Lindsay Trollope, who is dedicated to the Association and works with great zest to overcome the many problems that arise during the season. His one aim is to ensure that we have the opportunity to play cricket of the highest standard in the most enjoyable environment. The Association is indeed fortunate that Lindsay makes himself available to be the backbone of the Association.

My personal thanks to the Pascoe and Newey families for the continuing service to the Association.

Special thanks go to Pat Meehan who has indicated that he will be retiring from umpiring. Pat has represented the umpires on the Executive for many years and has been a valuable member in that period. His comments have always contained sound logic based on a wide cricket experience and a great love of the game. Thank you Pat for a job well done and I know you will continue to enjoy watching this great game.

I am sure that the individual trophy winners of both senior and junior competition will remember the 96/97 season with justifiable pride and my personal congratulations go to them.

The 1996/97 season is now part of our history and we look forward to future seasons with confidence, knowing we have an excellent administration, sound finances, a grading system consistent with our various abilities and a host of enthusiastic cricketers in the clubs of the Association.

Bill Wilkins

It is early June as I start to write this report and since the first weeks of October it has been difficult to remember when we last had a full day of rainfall. However, in the previous nine months and in particular the months of July, August and September, it was not easy to recall a day without rain. The general state of the grounds at the scheduled start of the season was probably the worst in the history of the RDCA and it was not until the last Saturday in October that the majority of teams got on to a ground for a game of cricket. It was the worst start since 1992/93, but in that year the problem was basically rain on most Saturdays of the early part of the season.

A number of clubs were unable to play on some of their grounds until the final two rounds prior to the Christmas break. However with some deft alterations to the fixture we were able to play most rounds in all grades with Chandler 1 meeting the full fixture.

The weather was at its finest in the finals except for some early morning rain which caused two junior finals go into a third day and when the final ball was bowled another successful cricket season, although one which was not without its drama, had been completed.

Bill Wilkins officially opened the 1996/97 season at the 77th Annual meeting held in the Ainslie Park clubrooms. Bill continued to hold the respect of the clubs when he was re-elected as President for his 9th term.

With the decision of Knox Gardens club to transfer to another Association together with Aquinas entering only a single eleven, the Executive decided to have a 16 tea, A Grade for the 1996/97 season. While this was not an ideal situation, it was strongly pointed out to clubs at the AGM that it be only for the current season. At this meeting, A Grade clubs were asked to decide between an eleven or a fifteen round season and whether there should be a final 8 or final 4 system. Delegates voted for the 15 round season and final 4, although the number of rounds was reduced to 13 at a later stage of the season due to requests from clubs.

the agreement with Kookaburra for the exclusive use of the company's balls reached its second year and while there were a few complaints in the early part of the season, it seemed that the situation improved after the mid-season break. When we consider the number of balls used by the clubs the percent reported as unsatisfactory was quite low and in many of these instances the problem was with the state of the grounds in the early part of the season.

I continue to be assisted in my role as General Secretary by the members of the Executive, the people who ensure that you are able to play your cricket with a minimum of fuss. I mentioned above the regard in which Bill Wilkins is held by the clubs and his previous vast experience in local government has been of tremendous assistance since the amalgamation of councils took place some 3 years ago. Bill has also acted as mediator in a number of circumstances which has enabled matters to be solved before any serious action had to be taken.

Bill's deputy was again Steve Pascoe whose contribution to the Association in an official capacity has now moved past 25 years. Steve has filled in for Bill at both Executive and Association level on a number of occasions and there is no doubt that he will be a ready replacement for Bill in the top position when Bill decided he has had enough.

Both Joan and Stuart Newey continued with their work for the Association with their roles of Treasurer and Registration Secretary respectively. Clubs would be happy that excellent financial management has ensured very little upward movement in fees and other charges over the past three seasons. Stuart in the position of Registration Secretary also was responsible for the implementation of the new computer program introduced last season. The program has been successful in further streamlining the administration of the RDCA. Stuart's report goes into some more detail regarding the program. [3]

GENERAL SECRETARY,
REPORT

Pat Meehan continued in the position of Secretary of the Umpires Association and its representative on the Executive over the past year. Pat was again rewarded for his umpiring with his appointment to stand in the Chandler 1 final. Pat has indicated that he is considering retiring from umpiring, but it is hoped that as the 97/98 season draws near he will once again be keen to be part of the action.

Ann Pascoe again accepted the position of Social Convener and both the Vote Count and the Presentation Functions were highly successful, although Ann expressed her concern with the high cost of the Vote Count for the catering provided. Unfortunately the late change of date for this evening restricted the venues available. Discussions have taken place re the staging of this event and details on possible changes will be outlined to clubs in the near future. Ann was again assisted by Steve and Rachelle in the organisation of both functions. Rachelle also continued in her role as phone score controller and the Executive expressed its appreciation for her work in this area.

The match committee comprised David Beatty, Neil Tull and Adrian Brush. David again concentrated on the Under 18 and Under 21 teams while Neil and Adrian were involved with the senior team. David also maintained his association with the Eastern Cricket Academy. Unfortunately due to the problems with the weather which affected all Association, the senior game against Box Hill had to be cancelled due to the need for both bodies to schedule catch up games in January and February. Details of the Under 18 and Under 21 games are shown elsewhere in this report. Incidentally Adrian was the "new boy" on the Executive.

Ron Ellis continued as Executive match day trouble shooter and was able to reach any problem areas within a very short time. Ron has decided to hand over his trusty mobile phone to another person and is retiring from the Committee. Ron has contributed to the Association, firstly as an umpire and then as an administrator, including a long period as the Association's CUOV representative and his expertise will be greatly missed.

John Tynan assisted the Committee in a number of areas and his past experience in many sporting and other organisations was recognised towards the end of the season when, following lengthy discussions by the Executive, John accepted its invitation to chair the Umpires Association from the beginning of the 97/98 season.

Ian Spencer remained on the Committee as the Junior Administration representative and kept us fully aware of the activities of this section of the Association. Ians leadership, along with his excellent committee, showed why the RDCA continues to be seen as a leader in the management and organisation of under-age cricket. It was a pleasure to attend the Junior Presentation Night where it was plainly obvious of the respect that Ian, Jeff Luscombe and Tony Gawne and their committee have amongst the junior players and their parents. Reports from Ian and Jeff are located in this document.

The Tribunal met on two occasions, while an Investigation Committee was convened to look into incidents in the A1 semi-final between Templeton and Scoresby. The Tribunal suspended Daniel Carratelli from East Ringwood and Dain Howe from Scoresby doe two matches, while Dean Ferris from the Scoresby club had his registration as a player with the RDCA cancelled until 30 June, 1998. One match of Daniel's suspension was deferred for a period of 12 months. In addition 17 players were named under the Code of Conduct rule, three of these being for the second time.

Croydon North took the Chandler Shield with a clear victory over the hot favourites, Ferntree Gully while South Ringwood will move into the Chandler competition following its good win over Templeton in A Grade. All the details of the finals are located in a number of places in this report.

The RDCA lost the under 18 Shield for the first time when Box Hill won a high standard game.

Ken Johnston and Brian Gobbi retained their positions of President and Secretary of the Veterans respectfully and it really goes without saying that the season was a resounding success. The Annual Dinner was another great night and was expertly organised to a large extent by the veterans patron, Bill Dean, who really believes that it will not be too soon before he is considered a veteran. Have we got news for him.

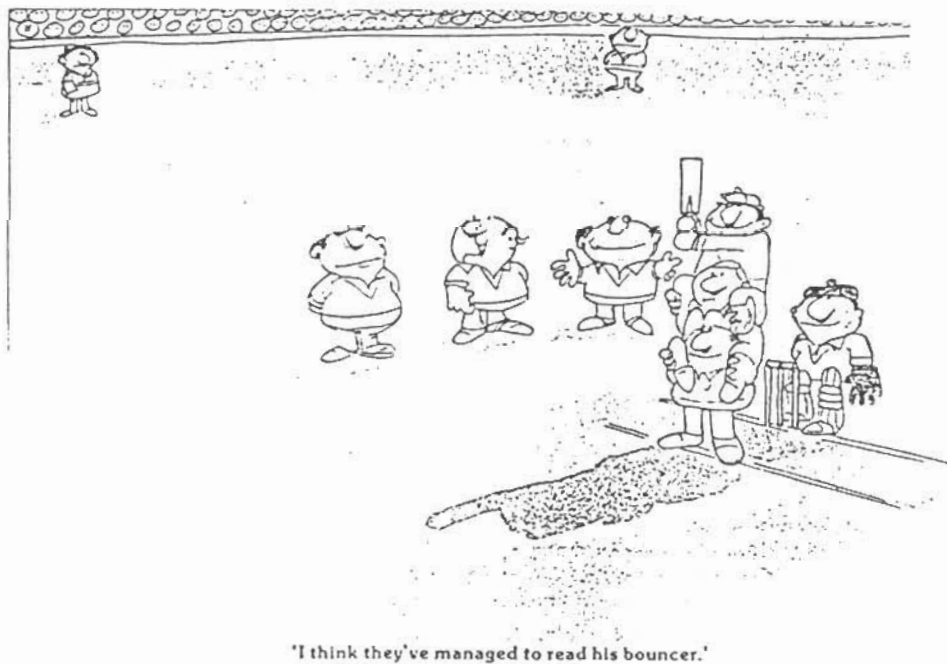
After Verna and the RSL, the greatest love of Bill's life is the RDCA and we were pleased that despite a number of other commitments, Bill accepted the invitation of the AGM to continue as its Patron for th 9th successive season. Bill was again a regular visitor to games throughout the whole season.

I express my sincere gratitude to the bulk of the Secretaries and other officials of the clubs for their excellent assistance during 1996/97. It really is important that information required by the Association reaches us by the date referred to in the rules, circulars, correspondence etc.

My thanks again to Beverley who helps me despite her full-time position as the Administrator of the Badminton Association.

We look forward to season 1997/98.

Lindsay Trollope



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Despite the weather and ground conditions delaying the commencement of games in season 96/97, it was pleasing that once under way the competition progressed quite satisfactorily.

Historically, the first two rounds of the season are the basis for ratification of grading and it is therefore most important that they be played. The limited availability of grounds in playable condition created some organisational difficulties but we managed to achieve our aim and the committee was most appreciative of the efforts of club administrators and team managers in this regard.

Last year I mentioned that over recent years there had been an alarming trend of clubs not working to foster junior ranks and this had resulted, in some instances, in having no junior teams at all.

During 96/97, thirty clubs fielded juniors and whilst, for different reasons, we lost the participation of two clubs from the previous season the pleasing aspect was that team numbers were maintained at virtually the same level (140 against 142).

Obviously some clubs work very hard to maintain their junior ranks and those efforts are reflected in the number of teams that they field. It has become quite clear that the Vic Hit program, which commenced three seasons ago, will be the major source for future recruitment of players into our junior ranks. There are now quite a number of our clubs who are involved in the conduct of this program and we congratulate them for their initiative effort. Those that are not would do well to look at the feasibility of becoming involved.

Prior to the commencement of recent seasons, we have arranged Level 1 Coaching Accreditation courses. At the last Annual Rules Meeting it became compulsory to have a certain number of accredited coaches in forthcoming seasons. The response from clubs was a very positive with a total of sixty eight people attended and fifty four achieving the certificate. Thanks to a Victorian Cricket Association subsidy we were able to keep the cost per attendee to a figure substantially below that previously incurred.

The disturbing aspect of the season were the instances where the committee had to penalise clubs, either by loss of points or fines, for breaches of rules and/or procedures in completing/lodging appropriate paperwork. Fines to junior clubs totalled in excess of \$1300 for the season and it was most unfortunate that, in at least one instance, loss of points meant a team missed playing in the finals. We ask all club administrators to make a big effort, to implement procedures which will eliminate such occurrences and thus save your club valuable funds and avoid extreme disappointment of players.

A number of clubs raises their concern on the issue of scores not appearing in local newspapers. I personally had many conversations with the sports editor and the Senior body also pursued the matter but to little or no avail. The senior executive has delegated a sub-committee to meet with newspaper management in an endeavour to rectify the situation for forthcoming season.

In season past there was some apathy from clubs with regard to providing finals umpires. I am pleased to say that the response this year was fantastic and we understood that in general the standard was good. Thank you to those who provided services and club administrators for their organising and we hope for a similar response in the coming season.

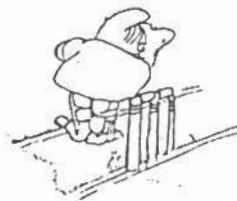
The feedback from clubs on conduct of Presentation night was very positive and I take this opportunity to again congratulate those teams and individuals who achieved the highest honours. We were again thankful to Paul Attfield from Topline sports for trophy sponsorship and his efforts in arranging Ian Wrigglesworth as guest speaker on the night.

Our thanks also to the Veterans association for donating a perpetual shield relative to U16 Inter Association games against Traralgon. The Vets body has indicated that it is willing to provide substantial assistance to fostering the junior association and we will be working on the best ways to utilise such support.

Finally, my thanks to fellow committee men for their efforts during the season. Whilst clubs may not always be happy with some decisions made you should be appreciative of the contribution these people make to the successful running of this association.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming season.

Ian Spencer



'On the other hand - you haven't seen him bowl before.'

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The season commenced with a V.C.A. initiative Level 1 coaching accreditation. The Association took up a large proportion of these with clubs being asked to get involved. The Association also ran a Level 1 coaching course to take up the overflow of people who wanted to take part in the coaching accreditation. These courses proved to be most successful.

The Junior Co-ordinators have once again worked extremely hard during the season and the Junior Executive thank them most sincerely. To those co-ordinators that are moving on to other pursuits next season I would like to wish them well. To those that are staying on the Executive look forward to working with you again next season.

Once again the Association had some hard working Team managers for the Inter Association and I.A.A.C. carnival sides.

Under 16's	Shane Harrop
Under 14's	John Higgins
Under 12's	Graham Merrett (Mitchell Shield)
Under 12's	Tim Court (I.A.A.C.)

Without their dedication and commitment the R.D.C.A. sides would not be able to be so successful and run so professionally.

To all the teams that won a Premiership, my congratulations on your great efforts throughout the season and final series.

To all Junior players who participated this season, especially the Under 10's and Under 12's non competitive sides, I hope they have enjoyed their year.

To the players who received their trophies at the presentation night, congratulations.

For those players who were playing Junior competition for the last time, best of luck in the Senior competition.

To the R.D.C.A. Seniors thank you for your support and assistance throughout the year.

The Junior Association would not survive without the support of such great sponsors Topline Sports and the R.D.C.A. Veterans. To them our heartfelt thanks and hope you will continue to support Junior Cricket.

Jeff Luscombe

From my point of view, the 1996/97 season was most successful.
Statically we had:-

No. of clubs	33
No. of senior teams	145
No. of under-age teams	135
No. of registered players	6548

It was only necessary for the Permit Committee to meet once during the year which means that clubs are getting together to iron out clearance wrangles.

Unfortunately we still have the problem of clubs not being careful enough with their records meaning that players names and input detail are incorrectly included on result sheets. This is the cause of much annoyance and frustration especially as the same clubs and players continually appear as rejected data.

It is extremely pleasing to report on the transition from our previous labour intensive computer process to have a Windows 95 user friendly process. I am sure that all clubs have noted the marked improvement in the standard of information provided to them during the 1996/97 season.

We experienced very little teething problems with the changeover and our performance improved as the season progressed. I am confident that the next season will see continual improvement in the services we provide to clubs. However I make the point that the relevance of the service provided depends very much on the accuracy and timeliness of the supply of information by clubs.

The message as always is, on behalf of your members, please act as a responsible official of your club and supply the information requested within the time frames set.

Stuart Newey

The season began with the re-election of Martin Pruyzers as President, with David Rashleigh continuing his role of Umpires Adviser.

Regretfully, our numbers reduced again - down to a total of 39 umpires. Three long serving umpires (Peter Williams, Don Hall and Noel Gibbet) put away hats and white coats. We welcomed the following new members - Austin Acker, Jim De Souza, Peter Hanna, Garrit Knouth, Royce Meyn, Neil Scott, Damien Smith and Geoff Taylor. Fortunately we were able to provide 2 umpires in all Chandler 1 and most A1 matches throughout the season.

As in previous seasons the umpires officiated at junior representative games, IACC and Mitchell Shield carnivals. My thanks goes to those who volunteered for the above matches especially considering that the Association also had many Sunday matches in the fixture this year. In addition, the umpires would like to thank those few clubs who provided umpires for the semi-finals matches. Some clubs still do not respond to the calls for assistance, yet they complain when they do not get umpires in matches.

Player behaviour was generally good throughout the season with the exception of one or two A1 clubs.

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

My personal thanks is extended to Martin, Vice-Presidents Paul Denton and Tom Smith, RDCA Delegate Gerald Giles, Social Secretary John Goss and Training Officer Colin Hill. Colin assisted David Rashleigh in the training of new umpires. Special thanks to David for his tireless work and travelling to many games in his advisory role.

My gratitude is also expressed to the RDCA Executive for their continued assistance and, in particular to Lindsay trollope for his valued support during what has been a difficult season for me personally.

Lastly, let me thank my fellow umpires for their dedication, enthusiasm, assistance and support during the season and for attending the monthly meetings in such large numbers.

In closing I urge all retiring players to seriously consider joining our ranks in 1997/98 as some of our members, including myself, have indicated that they will be retiring from umpiring.

May I wish you well for the forthcoming season.

Pat Meehan

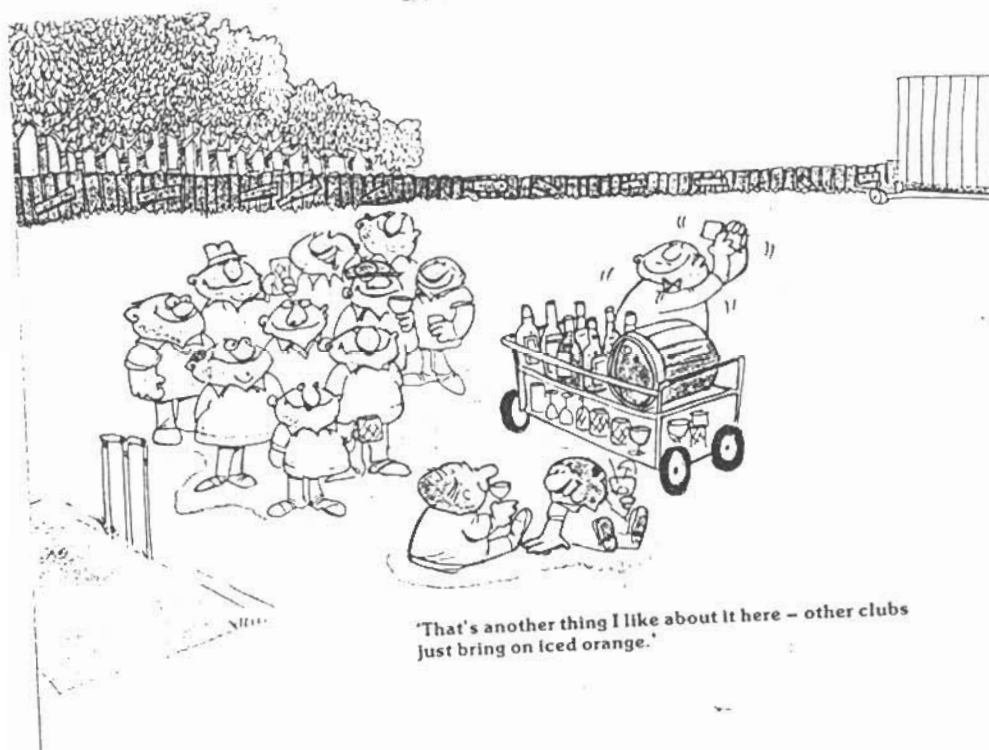
Eight meetings of the Union were held in the 1996/97 season. The Union, which oversees the operation of all junior cricket in Victoria has continued in its aim to ensure that cricket at the grassroots level had a major role to play in the development of the game, particularly at a time when there is considerable competition from other sports. The Union again played its part in the development of under-age cricket with its promotion and sponsorship of the carnivals played over the holiday period in January.

Scorebooks were again provided at a most competitive price and, as all clubs are aware, the book is the compulsory scorebook for all our under-age teams and is also used by a large majority of senior teams.

The VCA Facilities Fund (previously the Development Grant Scheme) is administered by the CUOV and the Association strongly recommends the fund. Over the past years many clubs have received generous grants from the Fund.

Keith Wilkins, Secretary of the Eastern Suburban Cricket Association, was elected to the position of Secretary of the Union at the A.G.M. in September 1996. Keith replaced Graham Roper who decided to retire after many years of valued service. Keith brought many years of sporting administration experience and expertise to the position.

Lindsay Trollope



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As mentioned in mu report, the Committee's activities for the season under review were limited to the Under 18 and Under 21 games and the selection of the All Stars team. It was fortunate that the senior annual match against Box Hill could not take place, but the late start to the season precluded any possibility of scheduling the game with both Association needing to play catch-up games in the top grades.

The Eastern Cricket Academy was back in operation during 96/97 season and many RDCA players have received valuable coaching which will benefit them in their future cricketing activities either in this Association or at some higher level.

The results of the games played by each of the teams is shown elsewhere in this document.

In the game against the Box Hill Association, the Under 18 suffered its first defeat and will be keen to regain the Shield in the 97/98 season.

The Under 21 team had a good season although they missed out on the final position in the CUOV carnival. Joel Cordwell from the Parkwood club showed outstanding form and was regarded with selection in the Victorian Under 21 team which was successful in winning the premiership in the Interstate Carnival conducted over the Christmas/New Year period.

The Under 18 team also played other representative games against Ringwood and Yarra Valley. These games are proving an excellent recruiting area for the CUOV teams.

The work undertaken by David Beatty with both the above teams was outstanding and it is hoped that David's enthusiasm will be rewarded with a CUOV premiership in the near future.

Lindsay Trollope

The ninth season has been completed and a very successful year was enjoyed. This was on the back of difficulties for many cricketers who participate on both Saturdays and Sundays, caused by increased Sunday games for Saturday cricketers. I have been assured by the RDCA Executive that a similar situation will not occur next season. Only two forfeits occurred from the 87 games played which is very good effort by the co-ordinators of our clubs.

There were no "incidents" during the year, well done to all cricketers who are now aware that it is enjoyment that we are all seeking not aggression.

The 24 sides enjoyed wonderful weather all year except for one 40 degree C day. We will look at this situation at the Annual meeting. We welcomed Lilydale and Ely Park from Blackburn, but lost Croydon North before the year started.

The Inter-association game is the highlight of the year and many new faces played this year. The results in both the over 40's and over 50's were an exciting Tie in the 50's and a good win by 6 runs in the 40's. The games were played at Chirnside who were very good hosts. Captain Wayne Mc Crimmon led the best side we have fielded in the over 40's and Wayne and the players were very dedicated in achieving this result. Bill Swan led the 50's who can also be congratulated. Thanks to Bill Stafford, Jeff Luscombe, Steve Pascoe and Alan Duffus for their efforts as managers and selectors.

We again had great sponsorship support from Daryl Stevens from Max Brown Real Estate Croydon. We encourage all people to use his services when buying, selling or renting.

Veterans Dinner was at the Lilydale International. We had 245 people this year which was again terrific support from our cricketers. Bill Dean with Alan Duffus worked very hard to make the night. Thanks for their efforts.

It is this night a bat raffle, again kindly donated by Callen Sports, that has allowed us to make a profit. We will continue to financially support the core of cricket (our junior cricketers) at every opportunity, and assist the cricketers that represent our Association either Interstate or Overseas.

The competition standard continued to improve with all the best of the districts over 40's participating in our teams.

In Division 3 we saw a surprised Ainslie Park finish on top but lose to a very good team in Lilydale, who were in their first year. Well done Lilydale.

In Division 2, Wantirna South won the Ken Johnston trophy from Chirnside Park. Both these teams played in Grand Finals last year. Wantirna South lost Div. 2 and Chirnside Park playing as Eastfield won Division 3. Only a few runs separated the teams at the end. Well done to both teams on another great year for their clubs.

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Our patrons trophy in Division 1 was won by Croydon Hockeyers who finished on top. I usually downplay the competitive side of our competition in these reports and other circulars, but this year the standard of cricket in Div. 1 was exceptional with most teams making large amounts of runs and generally making it hard for bowlers. With this high standard of cricket being played it was an outstanding effort by Croydon Hockeyers to play their 7th straight Grand Final and win their 5th. They defeated Parkwood, winners of Div. 2 last year who had a team of excellent players. Scores of 210 against 198 was typical of the scores of these two teams during the year. Six of the Parkwood players represented the Association against Ferntree Gully. Hockeyers still has 7 members of their first two Grand Final appearances back in 1990. This record will remain in veterans cricket for a long period as the competition is so tight it would be remarkable if any team could emulate this performance by Hockeyers.

Many clubs are now providing an after match dinner which is very satisfying for players and their families. Hopefully all teams will participate shortly. Our biggest problem with this is the teams with two sides, I would hope this trend of non attendance after the game disappears. The Executive will consider the success or otherwise of the Veterans aims, with clubs that have two sides.

The major success of the year was a fielding of a side in the Wagga NSW Golden Oldies carnival. Led and organised by Alan Duffus, 11 cricketers and four wives had a ball. Their enthusiasm on their return was a joy to listen to. I constantly say at meetings, if it is at all possible, every cricketer should take his reward for playing, coaching or administrating this game over the previous 25/40 years by going on these trips which are experiences of a lifetime.

We will be going to South Africa next March, please go, see Ken Johnston.

Whilst the year went very well, there are now many signs that we will need to look at our structure to ensure that we provide a facility that continues to be attractive to mature age cricketers. We also need to find "new blood", "new ideas" for the committee. This was written in last years report and is becoming more important each year.

In summary, all the committee have been mentioned above, but further thanks are passed on, as their efforts allow us the enjoyment of this competition. We look forward to next year with hope of a further improved competition played in a great spirit.

Brian Gobbi

It is pleasing to report that we finished the season with a small surplus after allowing for \$1500 towards the cost of reprinting the rule book next season.

With the upgrade to our computer facilities, it was decided that we would be lenient on the imposing of fines bearing in mind the "teething troubles" we encountered at the start of the process. never the less, in excess of \$3200 of fines were imposed for breaches of rules etc. which, of course, creates an extra burden on club finances. With a little more care exercised by club officials this particular burden could be avoided.

The computer "teething problems" mentioned above were somewhat minimal and, in the vast majority of cases, caused by our own decisions to change the grades, clubs and teams and redraw the fixtures. Overall the program change to a Windows environment has been, in the opinion of the Executive, a great success and enables us to provide a better service of the clubs.

Unfortunately it is not all good news as you can see by the Balance Sheet, 8 clubs owed the Association \$2620 as at 31 May 1997. I am concerned at the level of outstandings as it makes my task unnecessarily difficult having to chase money. In addition this puts these clubs in a difficult position from which to commence next season.

Finally a word of thanks to the club officials who by and large ensure their clubs meet their financial commitment on time, to the Executive Committee for their support during the year and to my family for their help which enables me to fulfil the Treasurer's function.

Joan Newey



'Take a tip pal - it's his slower one.'

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 MAY, 1997

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Bank Accounts	Trading Accounts	948		
	Investment Account	11856		
	Guarantee Fund	<u>3400</u>	16204	
Debtors	Boronia C.C.	240		
	Glen Park C.C.	607		
	Mooroolbark C.C.	60		
	Parkwood C.C.	85		
	Ringwood C.C.	20		
	Scoresby C.C.	890		
	South Ringwood C.C.	633		
	Warrandyte C.C.	<u>85</u>	2620	
Stock	Best & Fairest Medallions	448		
	RDCA Caps	165		
	Rule Book Covers	1292		
	RDCA Ties	462		
	Umpires Counters	6		
	Umpires Manuals	10		
	Umpires Badges	<u>55</u>	<u>2438</u>	21262
Fixed assets	Computer & Printer			<u>3000</u>
TOTAL				<u>24262</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Creditors	Norwood C.C.	100		
	St Andrews C.C.	100		
	South Warrandyte C.C.	<u>100</u>	300	
Accruals			<u>2414</u>	2714

LONG TERM LIABILITIES

Guarantee Monies			<u>3400</u>	6114
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EQUITY

Retained Earnings			17942	
Years Trading Profit			<u>206</u>	<u>18148</u>
TOTAL				<u>24262</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
YEAR ENDED 31 MAY, 1977

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REVENUE

Affiliation Fees	30,425
Computer Fees	8,763
Fines - Senior Grades	489
Fines - Junior Grades	1,302
Fines - Umpire's Reports etc.	1,479
Interest	387
late Payment Fees	540
Scorebook Sales	690
Umpire's Subscriptions	380

TOTAL REVENUE \$44,455

EXPENSE

Honoraria	11,600
General Secretary	1,804
Senior Registration Secretary	1,200
Junior Registration Secretary	385
Umpire's Secretary	352
Match Result Secretary	1,225
Treasurer	1,000
Executive	130
Junior Executive Expenses	583
Postage & Stationery	345
Printing & Typing	4,895
Computer Processing	6,261
Photocopying	336
Junior Carnival	453
Ground & Hall Rental	400
Umpires Fees	1,500
Telephone/Paging	525
Affiliation/Registration Fees	15
Trophies & Shields	1,970
Pennant & Plaques	2,479
Insurance	900
Bank Charges	244
Sundry Expenses	181
Presentation Night - Senior	967
Presentation Night - Junior	700
Vote - Count Night	116
Catering	155
Rule Book Amendments	952
B & F Amendments	128
Cricket Balls	367
RDCA Caps	1,580
RDCA Ties	76
Umpire's Badges	73
Depreciation of Equipment	<u>352</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE

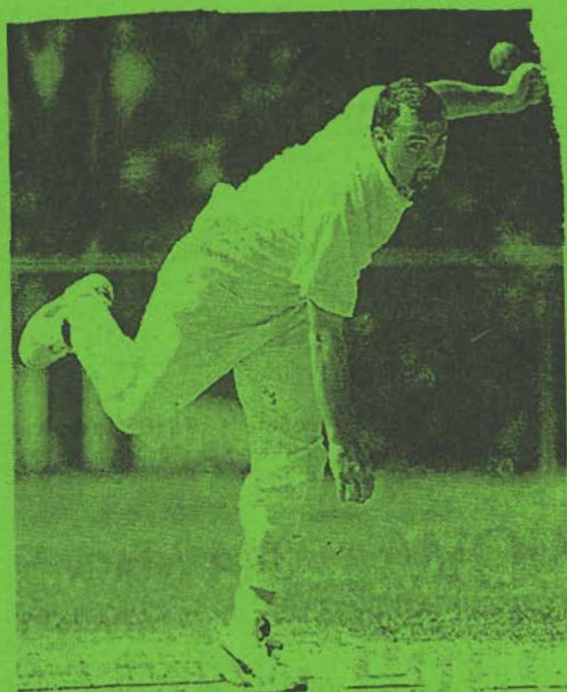
\$44,249

NET INCOME

206

1996 - 1997

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Aggressive: Ferntree Gully's Graham Saan unleashes a thunderbolt against North Ringwood.

FINAL LADDERS

CHANDLER 1

CHANDLER 2

CHANDLER 3

CHANDLER 4

FERNTREE GULLY	137.1	WONGA PARK	109.3	NTH RINGWOOD	114.7	WONGA PARK	119.8
CROYDON NTH	111.5	NTH RINGWOOD	100.5	WANTIRNA STH	108.7	WANTIRNA STH	101.4
WANTIRNA STH	109.6	NORWOOD	80.2	WONGA PARK	96.7	AINSLIE PARK	96.2
AINSLIE PARK	108.1	AINSLIE PARK	78.0	CROYDON NTH	95.4	CROYDON NTH	90.8
NTH RINGWOOD	101.2	KILSYTH	77.0	LILYDALE	69.3	NTH RINGWOOD	76.7
MOOROOLBARK	85.5	PARKWOOD	72.6	PARKWOOD	68.2	PARKWOOD	73.7
WONGA PARK	84.1	CROYDON NTH	72.2	AINSLIE PARK	66.7	MOOROOLBARK	66.6
KILSYTH	84.0	WANTIRNA STH	71.9	KILSYTH	59.3	NORWOOD	66.1
WARRANTYTE	80.1	FERNTREE GULLY	71.0	WARRANTYTE	56.5	WARRANTYTE	50.7
NORWOOD	74.3	MOOROOLBARK	68.2	MOOROOLBARK	47.0	FERNTREE GULLY	49.4
PARKWOOD	62.1	WARRANTYTE	65.8	FERNTREE GULLY	45.8	KILSYTH	47.7
LILYDALE	54.5	LILYDALE	53.8	NORWOOD	44.8	LILYDALE	37.6

A GRADE 1

A GRADE 2

A GRADE 3

A GRADE 4

SOUTH RINGWOOD	134.6	STH RINGWOOD	140.7	EAST RINGWOOD	124.3	EAST RINGWOOD	138.6
TEMPLETON	120.3	EASTFIELD	139.3	TEMPLETON	122.4	STH RINGWOOD	132.9
SCORESBY	117.0	TEMPLETON	130.3	STH RINGWOOD	119.6	TEMPLETON	130.8
MONTROSE	113.5	EAST RINGWOOD	120.9	BAYSWATER PARK	112.6	ST ANDREWS	108.4
CHIRNSIDE PARK	111.0	ST ANDREWS	119.6	STH CROYDON	102.6	MONTROSE	94.9
SOUTH CROYDON	110.9	BAYSWATER PARK	114.5	ST ANDREWS	85.7	S. WARRANTYTE	84.1
CROYDON UNITED	109.1	MONTROSE	113.3	MONTROSE	82.8	CROY.HOCKEYERS	81.1
EAST RINGWOOD	107.9	STH CROYDON	109.4	KNOX CITY	80.7	CROYDON UNITED	80.5
ST ANDREWS	107.0	CROY.HOCKEYERS	87.1	OLINDA	71.8	CHIRNSIDE PARK	76.3
BAYSWATER PARK	103.1	STH WARRANTYTE	84.6	CROY.HOCKEYERS	64.3	EASTFIELD	63.1
CROY.HOCKEYERS	96.1	CHIRNSIDE PARK	81.4	CHIRNSIDE PARK	59.2	STH CROYDON	61.1
WANTIRNA	83.6	SCORESBY	79.8	SCORESBY	49.2	KNOX CITY	50.5
KNOX CITY	66.0	CROYDON UNITED	73.8	CROYDON UNITED	43.8	SCORESBY	47.6
OLINDA	64.4	GLEN PARK	66.2	S. WARRANTYTE	43.5	BAYSWATER PARK	42.6
STH WARRANTYTE	62.1	WANTIRNA	62.6				
GLEN PARK	53.3	KNOX CITY	48.8				

FINAL LADDERS cont.

B GRADE 1

B GRADE 2

B GRADE 3

TEMPLETON	100.3	WANTIRNA SOUTH	108.0	OLINDA	98.4
BORONIA	96.4	WONGA PARK	105.9	SOUTH RINGWOOD	95.5
WONGA PARK	96.3	BORONIA	105.2	EAST RINGWOOD	79.4
WANTIRNA SOUTH	93.5	TEMPLETON	94.2	GLEN PARK	55.9
HEATHMONT	90.0	HEATHMONT	87.8	BORONIA	50.9
PARKWOOD	67.2	BAYSWATER PARK	66.2		
CROYDON NORTH	62.7	CROYDON NORTH	56.0		
ST ANDREWS	61.5	PARKWOOD	48.4		
BAYSWATER PARK	39.2	ST ANDREWS	43.6		
KILSYTH	26.7				

C GRADE 1

C GRADE 2

MONTROSE	102.0	AQUINAS	94.0		
WONGA PARK	80.0	WANTIRNA	72.0		
AINSLIE PARK	70.0	RINGWOOD FOOTBALLERS	72.0		
MOOROOLBARK	59.0	FERNTREE GULLY	67.0		
SOUTH CROYDON	51.0	NORWOOD	16.0		
WANTIRNA	48.0	NORTH RINGWOOD	16.0		
CROYDON HOCKEYERS	38.0				

GRAND FINALISTS 1996/97

GRADE		PREMIER	RUNNER-UP
CHANDLER	1	CROYDON NORTH	FERNTREE GULLY
	2	NORTH RINGWOOD	AINSLIE PARK
	3	WONGA PARK	NORTH RINGWOOD
	4	WONGA PARK	WANTIRNA STH
A GRADE	1	STH RINGWOOD	TEMPLETON
	2	EAST RINGWOOD	TEMPLETON
	3	EAST RINGWOOD	STH RINGWOOD
	4	STH RINGWOOD	EAST RINGWOOD
B GRADE	1	WONGA PARK	WANTIRNA SOUTH
	2	BORONIA	WANTIRNA SOUTH
	3	SOUTH RINGWOOD	OLINDA
C GRADE	1	MONTROSE	AINSLIE PARK
	2	RINGWOOD FOOTBALLERS	AQUINAS

MAJOR GRADE PREMIERS 1981/82 - 1996/97

Chandler 1

A. Grade 1

B Grade 1

81/82	WARRANTYTE	STH CROYDON	BAYSWATER PARK
82/83	CROYDON UNITED	STH RINGWOOD	SCORESBY
83/84	WARRANTYTE	AINSLIE PARK	STH WARRANTYTE
84/85	EAST RINGWOOD	MT EVELYN	JOHNSON PARK
85/86	MOOROOLBARK	SCORESBY	ACADEMY
86/87	MOOROOLBARK	MONTROSE	TEMPLETON
87/88	CROYDON NORTH	PARKWOOD	EASTFIELD
88/89	ST ANDREWS	STH CROYDON	KNOX GARDENS
89/90	CROYDON NORTH	CROYDON UNITED	WESTWOOD
90/91	CROYDON NORTH	WONGA PARK	KNOX CITY
91/92	CROYDON NORTH	WANTIRNA 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	STH RINGWOOD	N/A

JUNIOR PREMIERSHIPS

UNDER 16

1	CROYDON NORTH
2	SOUTH WARRANTYTE
3	EAST RINGWOOD
4	FERNTREE GULLY

UNDER 14

1	MOOROOLBARK
2	NORTH RINGWOOD
3	MOOROOLBARK
4	RINGWOOD

UNDER 12

1	MOOROOLBARK
2	PARKWOOD
3	SCORESBY
4	PARKWOOD

VETERAN PREMIERSHIPS

SECTION 1

LILYDALE

SECTION 2

WANTIRNA SOUTH

SECTION 3

LILYDALE

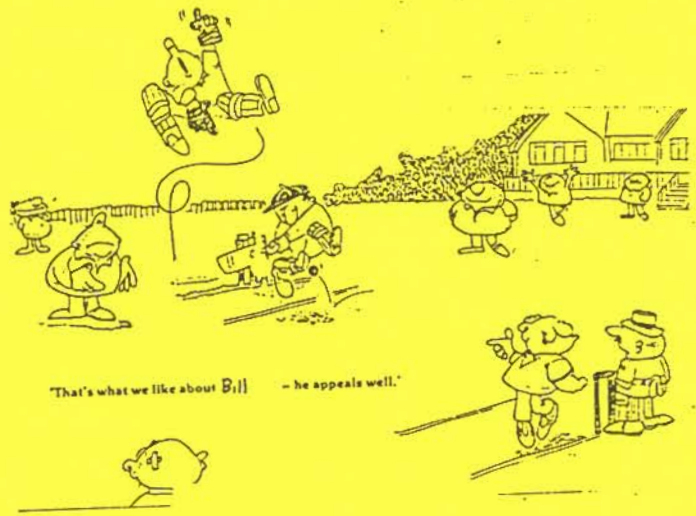
POSITION OF YOUR TEAM ROUND BY ROUND - CHANDLER & A GRADES

CHANDLER 1	ROUND >>>>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
FERNTREE GULLY		3	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
CROYDON NORTH		10	10	6	7	6	7	7	3	3	5	2
WANTIRNA SOUTH		1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
AINSLIE PARK		6	9	11	6	7	6	6	7	7	4	4
NORTH RINGWOOD		4	4	4	4	4	5	5	6	6	3	5
MOOROOLBARK		11	6	5	3	3	3	3	4	4	6	6
WONGA PARK		2	3	3	5	5	4	4	5	5	7	7
KILSYTH		5	7	9	11	11	11	11	11	11	8	8
WARRANTYTE		9	11	8	10	10	9	9	8	8	9	9
NORWOOD		12	12	12	9	9	10	10	9	9	11	10
PARKWOOD		8	6	7	8	8	8	8	10	10	10	11
LILYDALE		7	8	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12

A GRADE	ROUND >>>>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
SOUTH RINGWOOD		5	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TEMPLETON		14	9	9	9	6	6	6	2	2	2	2	2	2
SCORESBY		8	8	12	12	15	15	8	7	7	4	5	4	3
MONTROSE		1	5	5	5	7	7	7	3	3	5	3	5	4
CHIRNSIDE PARK		15	15	6	6	8	8	10	9	9	7	4	7	5
SOUTH CROYDON		10	11	14	14	11	11	9	11	11	10	8	6	6
CROYDON UNITED		4	4	4	4	2	2	3	5	5	3	6	3	8
EAST RINGWOOD		4	4	4	4	2	2	3	5	5	3	6	3	8
ST ANDREWS		16	14	15	15	16	16	14	12	12	12	10	9	9
BAYSWATER PARK		3	3	7	7	5	5	5	8	8	8	11	10	10
CROYDON HOCKEY		2	1	1	2	3	3	2	4	4	9	9	11	11
WANTIRNA		6	6	10	10	12	12	15	10	10	11	12	12	12
KNOX CITY		12	13	13	13	14	14	16	14	14	15	15	13	13
OLINDA		13	16	8	8	10	10	13	16	16	13	13	14	14
STH WARRANTYTE		9	10	11	11	13	13	11	13	13	14	14	15	15
GLEN PARK		11	12	16	16	9	9	12	15	15	16	16	16	16

PREMIERSHIPS WON (ALL GRADES)
1966/67 - 1996/97

EAST RINGWOOD	19	(4)
WANTIRNA SOUTH	18	(2)
CROYDON NORTH	17	(8)
WONGA PARK	17	(3)
ST ANDREWS	16	(4)
KILSYTH	15	(1)
VERMONT	15	(0)
AINSLIE PARK	14	(2)
MOOROOLBARK	14	(6)
MONTROSE	12	(3)
MT EVELYN	12	(2)
NORTH RINGWOOD	11	(4)
WARRANTYTE	11	(3)
BAYSWATER PARK	10	(1)
GLEN PARK	8	(3)
NORWOOD	8	(2)
WANTIRNA	8	(2)
CROYDON UNITED	7	(3)
TEMPLETON	7	(1)
LILYDALE	6	(0)
SOUTH RINGWOOD	6	(2)
CROYDON HOCKEYERS	6	(1)
BORONIA	6	(0)
SCORESBY	5	(1)
PARKWOOD	5	(2)
STH WARRANTYTE	4	(2)
KNOX CITY	4	(2)
FERNTREE GULLY	4	(2)
AQUINAS	3	(3)
CHIRNSIDE PARK	3	(2)
STH CROYDON	3	(1)
KNOX GARDENS	3	(1)
CROYDON	3	(0)
OXLEY	2	(2)
EASTFIELD	2	(1)



REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

Under 21 (CUOV Carnival)

RDCA	101	(T. Zanoni 27no, D Carratelli 23)
Box Hill	146	(A. Pennington 3/33)
RDCA	6/171	(A. Houghton 38no, A. Waters 37, S. Johnstone 25, J. Wilson 25no)
Eastern Suburbs	166	(J. Cordwell 6/17)
RDCA	5/119	(L. O'Connor 36, J. Cordwell 22, S. Johnstone 21)
Eastern Suburban Churches.		Game abandoned due to weather condjtions.

Other Under 21 Match

RDCA	121	(D. Rochford 24, J. Cordwell 22, S. Johnstone 21)
Croydon	7/188	(J. English 3/25)

Under 18 Matches

RDCA	140	(L. Barley 47no, T.Moran 27, W. Kiely 20)
Box Hill	6/154	
RDCA	198	(S. Moore 41, R. Coutts 40, S. Barnes 26, L. Barley 20)
YVCA	148	(M. Gardner 4/24)
RDCA	143	R. Coutts 43, S. Barnes 37, J. Jordan 29)
Ringwood	7/144	(M. Alderman 3/24)

PARTICIPATING PLAYERS

UNDER 21

J. Wilson
D. Carratelli
S. Johnstone
A. Pennington
J. Cordwell
S. Moran
B. Zerafa
D. Rochford
A.. Houghton
D. McKay
A. Waters
R. Kisielnicki
L. O'Connor
T. Zanoni
P. Beatty

UNDER 18

S. Colakidis
S. O' Byrne
T. Moran
A. Gawne
A. Binns
B. Moran
L. Barley
B. Klopper
W. Kiely
M. Gardner
M. Alderman
R. Coutts
S. Moore
S. Simpson
G. Wright
J. Jordan
J. English

INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>BATTING</u>	<u>BOWLING</u>			
Chandler 1	Glenn Martin	WSO	65.4	Graham Salan	FTG 9.0
	Kevin Howell	FTG	81.6	Daryl Emery	MOO 9.7
	Tim Mc Kenzie	WOP	74.0	Brad Hilton	NRI 12.7
	Anthony Guardini	CNT	112.5	Geoff Rowe	WSO 9.3
A	Kevin Sheehan	SWT	84.0	David Hoven	EAR 10.3
	Rick Habenschuss	MTR	82.6	Ashley Nichol	EAR 9.4
	John Tamos	SCR	62.1	Shane Walliker	MTR 10.2
	Neville Baillie	SRW	67.4	Peter Herring	SRW 10.1
B	Brian Kelly	WOP	134.5	Mark Andrews	CNT 8.5
	Shaun Hilliard	BOR	122.5	Dennis Carroll	BOR 9.2
	Stuart Pratt	OLN	51.2	Rod Bartlett	OLN 12.1
C	Shane Fregon	MTR	43.1	Troy Mansell	MTR 9.7
	Greg Paterson	FTG	40.2	Louis Cavallo	WAN 14.8

Chandler 1 All-rounder

Andrew Downs (Ferntree Gully)

Best Under 21 Player

Joel Cordwell (Parkwood)

Best Under 18 Player

Michael Alderman (Montrose)

ALL STARS TEAM

Russell Jenzen(c) Croydon North	Steve Clark Nth Ringwood
David Werner Ainslie Park	Graham Salan Ferntree Gully
Cameron O'Donnell Ainslie Park	Glen Martin Wantirna South
Andrew Downs Ferntree Gully	David Mooney Warrandyte
Craig Mc Kissock Wonga Park	Nick Bole-Brown Wantirna South
Geoff Chamberlain North Ringwood	

Fairest & Best Awards

<u>BILL DEAN MEDAL (Chandler)</u>			<u>CLIVE FAIRBAIRN (A grade)</u>		
1	A. Downs (FTG)	17	1	M. Dench (SCR)	15
	G. Salan (FTG)	17		P. Lockwood (CRU)	15
3	C. McKissack (WOP)	15	3	J. Disney (TMP)	13
				B. Greenshield (BYP)	13
4	A. Spittle (PWD)	11		P. Payne (TMP)	13
	K. Trollope (MOO)	11		S. Silva (SBY)	13

Votes obtained by each club in Fairest & Best Awards

<u>BILL DEAN MEDAL</u>		<u>CLIVE FAIRBAIRN MEDAL (13 rounds)</u>	
Ferntree Gully	52	South Ringwood	56
Ainslie Park	45	Croydon United	45
Croydon Nth	37	Templeton	45
Wonga Park	37	Scoresby	43
Nth Ringwood	37	Sth Croydon	40
Kilsyth	36	Montrose	39
Wantirna South	34	East Ringwood	38
Mooroolbark	28	Bayswater Park	37
Parkwood	25	Croydon Hockeyers	35
Warrandyte	25	St Andrews	34
Norwood	23	Chirnside Park	32
Lilydale	17	Wantirna	30
		Knox City	28
		Sth Warrandyte	28
		Glen Park	25
		Olinda	25

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1.	SOUTH RINGWOOD	10.5	2.	Templeton	10.1
3.	Wantirna South	9.8	4.	Wonga park	9.7
5.	East Ringwood	9.5	6.	North Ringwood	9.4

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

All care has been taken in the compilation of the following information. It has been extracted from the computer records but no machine or person is infallible.

BATSMEN WHO SCORED 200 OR MORE IN ONE INNINGS:-

GRADE	NAME	CLUB	SCORE
A3	M. Finn	Bayswater Park	234
B1	B. Long	Boronia	206

BATSMEN WHO SCORED 2 CENTURIES

A. DeJager	Templeton	K. Howell	Ferntree Gully
P. Lockwood	Croydon United	B. Long	Boronia
G. Murray	East Ringwood	R. Newman	Knox City
R. Paciocco	Mooroolbark	J. Tattersson	Croydon North
T. Turnball	Templeton	D. Werner	Ainslie Park

8 WICKETS OF MORE IN ONE INNINGS

GRADE	NAME	CLUB	PERFORMANCE
CH1	N. Bole-Brown	Wantirna South	10/50
A3	B. Beaton	Bayswater Park	8/21
A1	K. Newman	Chirnside Park	8/29
A2	J. Smith	Scoresby	8/30
B1	R. McInerney	Heathmont	8/32
A1	B. Williams	Sth Warrandyte	8/37
CH1	R. Jenzen	Croydon North	8/40
A3	M. Wilson	East Ringwood	8/53
A4	C. Attard	Sth Warrandyte	8/66
CH2	J. Saunders	Croydon North	8/68
CH1	A. Peters	Ainslie Park	8/76

7 WICKETS OR MORE ON TWO OCCASIONS

R. Jenzen	Croydon North
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10 WICKETS OR MORE IN ONE MATCH

GRADE	NAME	CLUB	PERFORMANCE
CH1	N. Bole-Brown	Wantirna South	16/91
CH1	R. Jenzen	Croydon North	15/75
A1	K. Newman	Chirnside Park	14/62
A3	M. Wilson	East Ringwood	13/123
A4	D. Marks	Chirnside Park	12/29
B2	N. Mc Kenzie	Wonga Park	11/96
A3	B. Beaton	Bayswater Park	10/64
CH3	A. McLacklan	North Ringwood	10/135

STATISTICAL INFORMATION cont.

CENTURIES SCORED IN EACH GRADE

CH1	12	A1	18	B1	15
CH2	18	A2	23	B2	5
CH3	17	A3	26	B3	5
CH4	11	A4	21		
Total	171				

5 WICKETS OR MORE IN ONE INNINGS IN EACH GRADE

CH1	45(5)	A1	42(4)	B1	29(2)
CH2	28(4)	A2	47(2)	B2	29(1)
CH3	30(3)	A3	39(6)	B3	11(1)
CH4	32(2)	A4	44(3)		
Total	377				

Figures in brackets indicate 7 wickets or more.

In the One day grades (C1 and C2) batsmen were compulsorily retired at 50 and bowlers were restricted to a maximum of 7 overs.

The following were achieved:-

No. of 50's	96		
3 - 4 wickets	36		
5 wickets	1	(R. Dean Montrose	5/12)

A COMPARISON	94/95	95/96	96/97
Centuries	310	181	171
5 wickets +	166*	165*	377
200+	8	4	2
More than 1 Century	29	8	10
(No. of players)			
8 wickets +	15	16	11
7 wickets + (more than once)	1	4	1
Highest individual score	255	256	234
Best Bowling	8/36	10/56	10/50
Registered players ##	6519	6704	6548
Number of teams ##	287	310	301

* 6 wickets + figures for 5 wickets not available

All Senior and Under age teams including non competitive grades

THIS HAPPENED DURING THE SEASON

They reversed it

Croydon North won the Chandler Shield in 1994/95 but dropped to 9th in 95/96. However they reversed the situation in the season under review to take out their 8th premiership since 1966/67 and their 6th in the past 10 seasons. A remarkable record.

Another stunning recovery

In 1993/94 South Ringwood finished 11th in the A West division and were headed for B Grade in 1994/95. Due to some last minute changes they managed to stay in A Grade and finished just out of the final four. In 95/96 they were beaten semi-finalists after finishing on top of the ladder, but the club went that little bit better and 96/97 will see them in Chandler Shield.

Kevin shows them how

As indicated in the statistical section of the report, Chirnside Park's Kevin Newman took 14/62 against Wantirna in A1. Included in the haul was his second hat trick in 2 seasons.

Nice Partnership

Kilsyth bowlers in Chandler 2 felt the wrath of the two Scotts (Powell and Shade) as they piled on a record 234 for the 5th wicket to assist Ainslie Park to a big victory.

50 games in the Vets

Also at Ainslie Park, Les Eaton reached his 50th game in veterans team.

Nick loves them.

In the final game of the 95/96 season, Wantirna South were opposed to Kilsyth. Captain-Coach, Nick Bole-Brown took 9 wickets in the first innings, followed by a further six in the second innings to catapult his team into the finals. This season Nick went one better when he took all ten wickets in the first innings followed by an additional six in the second. An amazing 31 wickets out of 40 that fell in the 4 innings.

The rise and fall

While, as mentioned above, Croydon North made a marvellous recovery in 96/97, last season's runner-up Norwood crashed to 10th and beaten semi-finalists from 95/96, Parkwood, fell to 11th.

None missed out

All teams from Templeton (60 and South Ringwood(5) played in the semi-finals. Two of Templeton's teams went on to the Grand Finals while South Ringwood played off for the Pennant in four grades.

Not a bad recovery

When Croydon North hit 266 against Warrandyte and then had the opposition 6/84 everyone considered the game was virtually over. Everyone that is except popular Warrandyte wicket-keeper David Mooney. David smashed the bowling all over the park to allow Warrandyte to finish with 9/322 with David being unbeaten on 184.

Hogging the ball

In Warrandyte's 5th round match against Norwood, Chris Snaidero bowled unchanged to take 5/86 off his 40 overs. Norwood were restricted to only 201 off the 80 overs a total which Warrandyte easily passed on the second day.

THIS HAPPENED DURING THE SEASON cont.

By the way

- of the 13 teams which headed the ladders at the end of the home and home series, 10 played off in the Grand Finals, but only 4 went on to win the flag.
- the difference in premiership points between first and last in Chandler 1 was 83.2 compared with 58.9 in 95/96
- Wantirna South led the Chandler 1 ladder for the first three rounds of the season, while Ferntree Gully assumed control from Round 4. In A1, South Ringwood took top position at the conclusion of Round 5 after Montrose and Croydon Hockeyers had shares the coveted position in the first four rounds.
- in chandler 1 Ferntree Gully and Wantirna South were in the top four at the completion of each round while none of the teams in A Grade achieved this feat. In A Grade 7/16 teams failed to make the coveted top four positions during the season while 5 Chandler teams were in a similar position. Ainslie Park(4th) only entered the four for the first time at the completion of Round 10.
- batsmen in Chandler 1 got a little of their own back in 1996/97, when they scored almost 4200 more runs than in the 95/96 season.
- the top grade of the Association became known as the Chandler Shield in 1966/67. Of the clubs who were represented in Chandler in that year, only one has not returned to A Grade. That club is the current premier, Croydon North.

More blasts from the past.

Croydon Hockeyers Rohan Mc Phee wrote to Jon Anderson in the Herald Sun to relate the story of his father, Trevor's 23 minute century for Kilsyth against Wonga Park in season 1949/50. Kilsyth were 9/167 when Trevor joined George Bladin and 23 minutes later stumps were drawn with the score at 9/292 with Trevor reaching 101 with a six off the last ball of the days play. Trevor's innings is still acknowledged as the fastest century in the history of the RDCA. I understand that the 125 is still a record at Kilsyth for the wicket, but falls well short of the Association record of 200 by Mooroolbark pair Neville Roper and Travis Flanagan in Chandler 4 during 1990/91 season.

In the past season we had 13 senior grades and, including the non-competitive divisions, 15 under-age grades. In 1966/67 the Association consisted of 5 senior and 3 junior grades. The guarantee from each club was \$8.40 compared with \$100 today. The hours of play were 1.30pm to 5.45pm. Nothing about minimum or maximum overs. There were 7 acceptable brands of 2 piece balls.

Jay Sansom from Norwood was the winner of the Bill Dean medal in 1985/86. In 1986/87 Jay was appointed coach of Montrose in A Grade and wins the Clive Fairbairn medal. In addition Montrose take A Grade Pennant and gain promotion to Chandler. When Montrose played Norwood in the following season, Doris must have scored for both teams.

In 1980/81 none of the semi-finals in the main three grades reached a decision and all teams which finished higher on the ladder went into the Grand Finals. The second day of the semi-finals was Labour Day and unfortunately rain stopped play early in the afternoon.

THEY WERE GRAND FINALS

Ferntree Gully were hot favourites to take out their second successive Chandler Shield flag when they faced Croydon North in the Grand Final at the East Ringwood reserve. At the end of the first day nothing suggested that the result would be anything but what was expected after Croydon North were dismissed for a disappointing total of 172, although a spirited last wicket stand of 33 lifted the score from certain defeat to a moderately competitive total. An opening stand of 48 reinforced the view of a comfortable victory for Ferntree Gully and when the score moved past 100 with the loss of only 3 wickets it just appeared to be a matter of time. However brothers Darren and Paul Milo had a different view and took the initiative away from the batsmen. When the last wicket fell Croydon North were 27 runs in front and the players celebrating the clubs 6th Chandler premiership in the past 10 season.

South Ringwood and Templeton journeyed to Cheong Park to do battle for the A Grade pennant and, as such, automatic promotion to Chandler Shield. The Southerners who had led the table for most of the season were seeking their first A Grade flag since 1982/83 while Templeton were after their initial pennant in the grade. In a tough low scoring game, the issue was in doubt for most of the game, but in the end South Ringwood were able to lift sufficiently to take out the coveted award.

North Ringwood's success in their return to Chandler was one of the highlights of the 96/97 season and, although their firsts missed the four after a loss in the final round, their second eleven reached the final and were opposed to a quality team in Ainslie Park. The strong batting of the Northerners proved to be the major factor in its relatively easy win and another flag will be flying at the North Ringwood reserve.

Wonga Park were after their third successive Chandler 3 pennant when they arrived at Mullum Reserve to face North Ringwood and after 2 days of top class cricket Wonga Park will be chasing their fourth flag in a row in 97/98.

Wonga Park's ability to produce teams of quality throughout all grades was obvious in the 96/97 season and the main oval at Manson's reserve was the scene of another triumph as they outplayed Wantirna South for the better part of the two days to have Chandler 4 flag join the Chandler 3 one on the walls of the club's pavilion.

East Ringwood A2 premiers in 95/96 and Templeton winners in 94/95 met at Ferntree Gully for the major prize in 96/97. After a good tussle for the majority of the game the Easterners were able to pull away and repeat their success of the previous 12 months.

Parkwood's high class ground was the venue for the A3 Grand Final between heavyweights East Ringwood and South Ringwood. South battled extremely well for a score of 221 and looked well in command of the game, but East Ringwood's batsmen found great touch and were able to pass the target with 3 wickets in hand.

The same two clubs faced each other in the battle for A4 flag. The score of 289 posted by the powerful South batsmen ensured that a huge task faced East Ringwood and, despite some great individual performances, they were unable to match the score to prevent the flag being awarded to South Ringwood.

In B1 Wonga Park proved much too strong for Wantirna South who succumbed to Grand Final nerves and this victory made it a hat-trick of pennants for the Wonga Park club in 1996/97.

THEY WERE GRAND FINALS cont.

B2 looked to be a tipsters nightmare as both Wantirna South and Boronia seemed to be evenly matched. However, Boronia took control of the match in the early stages and, despite a comeback by the Southerners, Boronia held on for a convincing victory to win another RDCA flag for the club.

In B3 Olinda started favourites to take out their first ever RDCA senior premiership as they faced South Ringwood at Walker Reserve. On this occasion the favourites were unable to match the batting strength of the opposition and when stumps were drawn on the second day South Ringwood has secured its third premiership in its most successful season in its history.

Montrose and Ainslie Park were at Silcock reserve to decide the winners of the C1 (One-day) Grade. Montrose were hot favourites to win the Pennant following a brilliant season. However in a great display of one-day batting, Ainslie hit 187 off their 35 overs to give them the edge. Montrose showed why they were the top team as they hit 191 off 31 overs for the loss of only 3 wickets to record an outstanding victory.

In the second one-day grade Aquinas were even hotter favourites to secure the premiership, but in an amazing game in which 423 runs were scored, Ringwood Footballers scored 217 runs of this total to record an 11 run victory.

We remember them.

BOB PENDREY

On Saturday 14 December Bob Pendry died doing what he loved doing most. Playing cricket for Ainslie Park. After completing a single Bob collapsed and died almost immediately. Bob had been a foundation member of Ainslie Park Club following the merger of Croydon West and East Ringwood United clubs. He was a stalwart in all activities of the club and will be sorely missed. His funeral was attended by a large number of the members of his club together with many of his cricketing friends. A wonderful tribute was provided to Bob in the Herald Sun of 23 December.

CRAIG MC KISSACK

All RDCA players were shocked to learn of the fatal accident which occurred in the early hours of Sunday 6 April claiming the life of Wonga Park Captain Coach, Craig Mc Kissack. Coming to Wonga Park from the Fitzroy/Doncaster club, Craig quickly established himself as one of the best players in the Association and one of the best to play in the history of the RDCA. Craig was the winner of the Bill Dean Medal in 1995/96 and was runner-up in the 96/97 award. A memorial service was packed to overflowing which gave an indication of the respect that Craig was held by his peers in the RDCA.

SPENCER CLARK

On Tuesday 15 April Spencer Clark, the eight year old son of Caroline and Steve Clark died as a result of a car accident. Steve presently a player with the North Ringwood Club had previously played with Croydon North and Mooroolbark. The funeral service held at Lilydale was attended by players and officials of many RDCA clubs showed the regard that the Clark family is held within the Association. The service was conducted in a wonderful manner by Steve as he spoke of the joy that Spencer had brought to his family in his short life.

**THE R.D.C.A. EXPRESSES ITS DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF
BOB, CRAIG AND SPENCER.**

