

I have to report:

The 1960/61 season saw a continuation of the satisfactory progress of the Association with the following number of teams participating:

"A" GRADE	12 teams
"B" GRADE	14 "
"C" GRADE 1st division	10 "
"C" GRADE 2nd division	10 "
"D" GRADE	15 "
TOTAL	61 "

This was an increase of 3 teams compared with the previous season, a total increase of 12 teams in the past 4 seasons.

MEETINGS

Meetings were held as follows during the season:

General meetings	- 5
Executive "	- 5

UMPIRES COMMITTEE

Once again the Association is indebted to this all important committee. Mr. Ken Hambly (President) and Mr. Ron Holdon (Secretary) did a sterling job on our behalf administering the affairs of the committee. Unfortunately, unlike the rest of the Association, the membership of the Umpires' Committee is not increasing, in fact quite the opposite. It is up to all clubs to do their utmost, in their own interests, to increase the membership of the committee. A very large number of umpires are required before we can go near to providing umpires to all matches under the control of the Association.

INTER-ASSOCIATION MATCHES

On Australia Day, 30th January, 1961, teams representing the Association played the following matches:

- (1) Against Northern Suburban District Association at Croydon, the team being managed by Mr. Reg Johnston and captained by Mr. E. Baker of Heeroolbark.
- (2) Against Fern Tree Gully Association at Scoresby, managed by Mr. H. Matthews and captained by Mr. F. Rogers of North Ringwood.
- (3) A junior team from "D" grade against Dox Hill Reporter District Association Juniors at Nunawading, managed by Mr. Hervyn Cooper and captained by Doug Chapman of Boronia.

Owing to a mix up over times we were narrowly defeated by Northern Suburbs but we comfortably won the other two matches.

In addition to the A.N.A. Day games, on Wednesday 15th March, a team from the R.D.G.A. played an XI from the Melbourne Cricket Club's "Twenty nine" club at the Albert Cricket Ground. Mr. Reg Johnston managed the team whilst Mr. Keith Hodges of Lilydale was elected captain. It was an excellent day although we were narrowly defeated. The match is an annual event and is one which can be recommended to all players of the Association.

V.J.C.U. CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

As in previous seasons a team was entered in the V.J.C.U. Xmas Carnival for players under 23 years of age. On Sunday 18th December a practice was held at the East Ringwood Oval and it was gratifying to see the number of players in attendance. There is keen interest in this annual carnival among our younger players and clubs who do not publicise the event and the selection practice are doing a disservice to their own young players as well as the Association. Mr. S. Hardidge of East Ringwood was appointed Captain/Manager of the team and was ably assisted in his latter capacity by Mr. E. Gibbons. The team did not fare as well as we had hoped but they were far from disgraced. Better luck next season chaps.

Our President, Mr. L. Salvana, had the distinction of managing the Victorian Junior Cricket Union team playing in the interstate carnival in Sydney over Christmas. This Association was very capably represented by Ge Reid and Nick Wharton of the Croydon club and we extend our congratulations to them and to Mr. Salvana. It is a pity that most of our clubs ignore the opportunity of sending their younger players to the practice for this annual interstate carnival.

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CRICKET DURING 1960/61

Premiership pennants were won by the following clubs:-

"A" GRADE	:	Kilsyth
"B" GRADE	:	Bedford
"C1" GRADE	:	Hoathmont
"C2" GRADE	:	Wonga Park
"D" GRADE	:	Boronia

The Association extends heartiest congratulations to the players and officials of these five successful clubs and also to the following teams who reached the finals in their respective grades:

"A" GRADE	:	East Ringwood Lilydale Hoathmont
"B" GRADE	:	Croydon North Boronia Methodists Ringwood Methodists
"C1" GRADE	:	East Ringwood Bedford Montrose
"C2" GRADE	:	Ht. Evelyn Ringwood Methodists North Ringwood
"D" GRADE	:	Kilsyth P.D.A. North Ringwood

TROPHY WINNERS

The Association's congratulations are extended to the following trophy winners for their performance with bat and ball:

BATTING

"A" GRADE	J. LePoidevan	(Lilydale)	52.45
"B" GRADE	J. Milno	(Ringwood)	46.80
"C1" GRADE	J. Mills	(United)	57.60
"C2" GRADE	C. Armstrong	(Ringwood Methodists)	40.57
"D" GRADE	D. Chapman	(Boronia)	284.60

BOWLING

"A" GRADE	I. Barrott	(Hoathmont)	7.25
"B" GRADE	G. Fielding	(Croydon North)	5.43
"C1" GRADE	F. Brady	(Croydon North)	7.45
"C2" GRADE	N. Rutherford	(Ringwood Methodists)	8.40
"D" GRADE	A. Cook	(East Ringwood)	3.39

PRESENTATION DANCE

New ground was broken by the Association in their presentation of trophies. At the conclusion of the season a presentation Cabaret Dance was held at Mirama Court, Mitcham and was a great success. However its success was due to the Hoathmont Club taking nearly half the tickets on sale. If this evening is to be an annual event, all clubs must rally behind the Association in the matter of selling the tickets. Some clubs failed to do so this season.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion I would express my personal thanks to all those who assisted me during the past season, particularly our President Mr. L. Salvana; our Treasurer Mr. R. Bisset whose financial statement is the subject of a separate report; and all other members of the Executive Committee, each of who work untiringly in the interests of the Association

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Secretary