



ANNUAL REPORT OF RDCA VETERANS 1992/93

The inclusion of Montrose, Croydon United, Templeton & Eastfield enabled the Veterans Competition to expand into two divisions with 15 teams involved. There is every indication that this growth will continue into the 1993/94 season.

All grades of cricket were badly affected by the dreadful weather conditions. An unfortunate aspect of this was the withdrawal of one side after only one game, causing a bye in Division One.

Two sides stood out during the year. Croydon Hockeyers in Division One went through the season undefeated. They entered their third straight grand final against Parkwood who played in their first. Hockeyers won its second Bill Dean Shield with a resounding 10 wicket win. Division Two also had an undefeated side, North Ringwood who went on to win the new Ken Johnston trophy by five wickets from Ainslie Park. This excellent win ensures their promotion to division one next season.

We again played the Ferntree Gully Association at North Ringwood and were in a winning position when rain forced play to be abandoned. This was unfortunate for the RDCA Team in a high standard game.

The overall standard of the Veterans is improving all the time. We are now attracting the best of the over 40 current day cricketers and a lot of ex-stars. With these cricketers and two grades there is now a distinct air of competitiveness emerging, and gladly we are still retaining the true spirit of cricket.

A function for the players and their partners was again held at 'Bramleigh Receptions' and was well attended. Thanks to Bill Dean for his efforts to help organise this function - plus selling many tickets in a raffle of a bat donated by Ian Callen Sports.

The Association sent a 13 man team to a Golden Oldies Festival in Albury during March. Thirty one teams from all over Australia and overseas enjoyed a week of cricket and festivities. Our side, led and organised by Ted Griffitt from Mt Evelyn, won 2 of their 3 games. All players and wives are to be congratulated on the excellent way they represented this Association.

In summary, it was a year of change with a committee appointed to assist Ken Johnston in the conduct of the competition.

Special thanks to Jeff Luscombe, Bill Stafford, and the people mentioned above for their efforts during the year. As secretary I would like to thank the coordinators, captains and all players in ensuring most games were played albeit not as scheduled.

We can look forward to this competition continuing to expand and providing a satisfactory diversion from the day to day pressures for players and their families.

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Secretary