



RDCA Inc. Veterans Association



RDCA Veterans Annual Report 2007/2008

In 1988 Ken Johnson, Steve Pascoe and Don Smith were encouraged by the late Bill Dean OAM to investigate the possibility of an RDCA Veterans competition. It started that year with the founding clubs, Ainslie Park, Croydon North, Kilsyth and Warrandyte in one division.

20 years later the competition is still going strong with 3 Masters Division's and 1 Legends division providing cricket for 32 teams on a regular basis across the summer season.

This past season with the Easter break commencing 21 March 2008; the whole season fixture, including representative games had to be squeezed to fit the calendar.

The Masters divisions played 7 games + 2 finals and the Legends played 6 games + 1 final.

Masters 1 – Bill Dean Trophy

Wonga Park (4/208) defeated South Croydon (9/147) played at Wonga Park.

Masters 2 – Ken Johnson Trophy

Lilydale (7/154) defeated South Warrandyte Hawks (9/150) played at Warrandyte.

Masters 3

Templeton (4/175) defeated Mt Evelyn (9/172) played at Templeton Reserve.

Legends

Ainslie Park (6/176) defeated Bayswater Park (6/172) played at Guy Turner Reserve.

In addition there were two inter-association matches;

On 16 December 2007 against Box Hill Reporter hosted by us at Croydon the final outcome being wins in both the Masters and Legends for the RDCA.

On 27 January 2008 the games were played against Ferntree Gully at Bayswater Oval, unfortunately for us Ferntree Gully managed to win both games.

The return of the veterans Newsletter, in a new colorful format, was well received and the accessibility on the RDCA website allowed for a greater readership.

Sincere thanks to Daryl Stephens and Chris Allan for coordinating the introduction of this document and to Bill Stafford for editing that last few editions plus all the club coordinators and players who contributed after each game, your efforts were greatly appreciated.

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The continuing dry conditions in Victoria has resulted in the deterioration of the playing surfaces on most grounds in the district and whilst we did not have to abandon any games due to adverse weather a closer concentration on the ball during fielding was required.

Our Annual Presentation Night Dinner was held at the Ringwood Bowling Club on Friday 29 February and attended by 154 guests.

Thanks to Marg Stafford for her organization of this event and to Bill Stafford for being MC for the night.

Whilst premiership trophies and certificates for games played were presented of special note were 5 players who have played continuously for 20 years, namely Garry Walles, Derrick Guye, Les Eaton (Ainslie Park), Kevin Dunn, Terry Dunn (Mt Evelyn).

There are 26 clubs in the RDCA of which 16 have Veterans teams and it is the hope of the committee that the other 10 clubs nominate teams for the coming season.

For the statistically inclined 4 clubs had three teams, 6 clubs had two teams and 6 clubs had one team in the competition.

The committee met 5 times during the season and comprised:

Ken Johnson (Patron) ex officio

Daryl Stephens (Chairman), Bill Stafford (Treasurer), Gregor Mason (Secretary) Jim Dean, Marg Stafford, Ian Leach, Garry Walles, Nat Young 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 and caps plus financial support in the hosting of the inter-association games.

Gregor Mason
Secretary

April 2008

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