

RINGWOOD DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT - YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1957.

I have to report as follows :-

The past Season maintained the satisfactory progress of the Association.

From a cricketing viewpoint the high standard of cricket in the District was maintained and it is hoped that henceforward the standard will not only be kept at a high level but will be improved until this Association is one of the major Associations in the State.

The finances of the Association were kept at a satisfactory level and it is hoped that in succeeding years we may be in a position to provide more and more facilities for the furtherance of Cricket in our District.

An appeal is made to all Club Secretaries to help in running the Competition in 1957/58 by assisting Association Officials in every way possible. By helping and abiding by the rules of the Association, Club Secretaries will be assisting not only their own teams but cricket as a whole.

Number of Teams :

The following is the number of teams which competed in 1956/57 Season.

"A" Grade	-	12 Teams.
"B" Grade	-	12 Teams.
"C" Grade	-	13 Teams.
"D" Grade	-	12 Teams.

Total 49 Teams.

Number of Meetings held :

The following is a summary of meetings held during 1956/57 Season.

General Committee	-	6 Meetings.
Executive Committee	-	5 Meetings.

Umpires Committee.

One of the most important steps by the Association was the formation, in 1955/56 Season, of the R.D.C.A. Umpires' Committee.

This Committee continued to function with outstanding success in 1956/57 Season. At one stage of the Season the panel of umpires consisted of 16 members and for their work in this regard the R.D.C.A. owes its best thanks to Messrs. R. Johnston and R. Evans, President and Secretary of the Committee respectively. Because of the number on the panel it was possible for the first time to appoint umpires to some "B" Grade Games. An appeal is made to all interested to join the Umpires' Committee and it is hoped in due course to appoint Umpires to all games in all grades.

The R.D.C.A. Umpires' Committee is doing a very fine job for the Association and it is worthy of note that at the express wish of the F.T.G.C.A. Umpires from our Association were provided for the final series of that Association - this is taken as a tribute to the work of our Umpires' Committee.

Christmas Carnival Games:

The R.D.C.A. again participated in the Christmas Carnival conducted by the V.j.C.U. The team was captained by Mr. B. Bond (Bedford) and whilst they were not successful they played very well and, above all, reflected great credit not only on themselves but on our Association.

For their assistance in managing the team, the Association extends thanks to Mr. W. J. Barkway and Mr. A. Neil. Mr. Barkway in particular did a grand job in this connection.

Inter Association Game.

Following the pattern set last year two inter-association games were played against the Fern Tree Gully Cricket Association on Australia Day - one at Ringwood and the other at Scoresby. In each case the R.D.C.A. were successful and the games were played in splendid spirit thus further cementing the already strong bonds between the two Associations.

The R.D.C.A. Teams were captained by Mr. D. Dixon (Mt. Evelyn) and Mr. B. Bond (Bedford). Four umpires were appointed by the R.D.C.A. Umpires' Committee to officiate at the Games.

Rules :-

Thanks to the efforts of a Sub-committee appointed for that purpose the rules of the Association were examined and subsequently were published in booklet form for the information of all Clubs.

Registration Secretary :-

Mr. W. J. Barkway is an indefatigable worker for the Association. In addition to being a member of the Executive Committee, he is also Registration Secretary and for his work in that direction in 1956/57 Season the Association offers its best thanks.

Finance :-

A detailed summary of the finances of the Association will be the subject of a separate report by our Treasurer, Mr. R. Bisset. Broadly speaking, you will note that the finances of the Association remain sound and we are making up the leeway of some outstanding amounts carried forward from past years. For his job as Honourary Treasurer, a position he has held for a number of years, the Association records their thanks to Mr. R. Bisset for the work he has done for the Association and at the same time I would also offer my thanks for the way Mr. Bisset has assisted me over the past year.

Donations :-

The following donors are thanked for their generous assistance last year.

Ringwood Croydon Mail)	Pennants.
Post Newspapers)	
I.C.I.A.N.Z.)	Trophies.
Charles Howitt)	
Mr. C. Fairbairn)	

End of Season Social :-

The annual end of Season Social was held at the Croydon Hall on Friday 3rd May, 1957. Most Clubs were represented and approximately 90 visitors, players and supporters were present. A most enjoyable evening was had by all and the opportunity was taken to make a presentation to Mr. A. Neil for services rendered by him to the Association in the past.

It is desired to point out that the present rate of levy is insufficient to cover costs on today's scale and delegates will be called upon to decide the method of payment for future Socials.

Cricket During 1956/57.

A Grade. The "A" Grade Flag was won for the sixth consecutive year by the Ringwood Club. They were a very strong side and their success was well deserved.

Their continued success in 1956/57 by having a team in the final of each of the 4 Grades reflects great credit not only on the teams but on the administrative side of their Club.

Kilsyth were runners up to Ringwood and the Association offers congratulations in the good season they enjoyed in 1956/57

Croydon and East Ringwood were the other teams to comprise the Final Four and by reaching the semi-finals they earn their share of the congratulations.

B Grade. Wonga Park were successful in "B" Grade by defeating Ringwood. Ringwood had their success in 1955/56 by defeating Wonga Park but the tables were turned in 1956/57 and congratulations are extended to both teams for a particularly good game.

Congratulations also to Mooroolbark and Montrose who were the other teams in the Final Four in "B" Grade.

C Grade. The "C" Grade Pennant went to Lilydale. The Lilydale side refused to admit defeat and subsequently defeated Ringwood. Congratulations to Lilydale in their success and also to the other teams in the Four, viz. Ringwood, Bedford and Croydon United.

D Grade. The lads in "D" Grade were possibly responsible for the best of the Finals.

Croydon were the ultimate winners but they had to fight tenaciously to win from Ringwood. The lads of both teams are to be congratulated on their cricket and they demonstrated that whilst we have cricketers of such calibre the game will continue to flourish.

The "D" Grade competition run by the R.D.C.A. has really proved its worth by producing the nucleus of cricketers for all teams. Bedford and North Croydon were the other two teams in the final four and congratulations are in order to those teams.

It is sincerely hoped that every assistance will be given by all cricketers to help the conduct of the "D" Grade competition.

Trophy Winners.

The congratulations of the Association are offered to the following Trophy Winners for the performances with bat and ball.

Batting.

"A" Grade :-	Mr. J. Maidment - Ringwood	- 64.3
"B" Grade :-	Mr. R. Finger - Mooroolbark	- 49.7
"C" Grade :-	Mr. B. Mays - Lilydale	- 54.4
"D" Grade :-	Mr. B. Brady - North Croydon	- 54.7

Bowling.

"A" Grade :-	Mr. H. Langley - East Ringwood	- 7.4
"B" Grade :-	Mr. R. Jordan - Ringwood	- 7.1
"C" Grade :-	Mr. I. Price - Ringwood	- 7.5
"D" Grade :-	Mr. R. Rodda - Ringwood	- 4.0

Thanks.

In conclusion I would take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to all those who have assisted me during the past season and particularly to our President, Mr. L. Salvana, and members of the Executive Committee.

L. H. McLeod,
HON. SECRETARY.

President's Addendum.

I desire to extend my thanks to the Honourary Secretary, Mr. McLeod, for the excellent job he has done during the past year, also to the members of the Executive Committee for their assistance in helping through another successful season.

L. Salvana,
PRESIDENT.