

## VETERANS COMPETITION REPORT

The Committee in season 2014/15 comprised:

President	Daryl Stephens
Secretary	Liz McLelland
Treasurer and Representative on RDCA Board	Chris Allan
Registration, Results and MyCricket Manager	Ian Leach
VOSCA (O'60's) Representative	Chris Hartrup
Newsletter	Paul Williams
Committee Members	John Rees
	Nick Papadopoulos

Prior to the commencement of the season, the committee decided that with only seven (7) teams available to play in an RDCA Over 50's competition that those teams continue to play in the Box Hill Reporter Veterans (over 50's) competition. Each of the teams represented the RDCA admirably, Ainslie Park and Warrandyte played in the first division, Wonga Park, East Ringwood, Croydon Ranges and South Warrandyte Hawks in second division with North Ringwood playing in the third division. Ainslie Park topped the ladder in their division but failed to progress through to the Grand final. Wonga Park played East Ringwood in their division Grand final and came away with a premiership.

The RDCA Veterans season started off with 4 divisions in the Masters competition (over 40's). Unfortunately, South Warrandyte's late withdrawal from Division 1 created a bye in our premier division. Then more withdrawals in Divisions 2 and 3 saw the need to combine the remaining eleven (11) teams into a new draw for the final three rounds.

At the end of the season, the Division 2 finals comprised of teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> on the combined ladder and the Division 3 finals comprised of teams finishing 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> on the combined ladder.

Division 4 comprised eight (8) teams, six of which were second teams from clubs with teams in higher divisions plus teams from Bayswater Park and South Warrandyte.

The Grand Finals were again played at Chirnside Park and Croydon Ranges Cricket Clubs, both clubs again provided excellent venues and support.

- Ainslie Park defeated Mooroolbark to win the Division 1 Bill Dean Trophy;
- Olinda defeated Croydon Ranges to win the Ken Johnston Trophy;
- Mount Evelyn defeated Eastfield to win the Bill & Marg Stafford Trophy;
- South Warrandyte Hawks defeated Mooroolbark to win the Alan Duffus Shield.

All finals were officiated by RDCA umpires and their participation is always appreciated.

Prior to the Christmas break, Box Hill played host to the RDCA in the annual inter association competition games for over 40's, 50's and 60's. Box Hill won the O.40's and O.60's to regain the "the Colonel's Cup" (The Ken Johnston Trophy).

On Australia Day, RDCA hosted the Over 40's and 50's games at Croydon Oval and Fred Geale Oval respectively against the Ferntree Gully Veterans and both our teams had a win.

The Veterans committee appreciates the efforts of the players who represented our association in all of these matches, just as I know the players enjoy the honor of playing at this representative level.

During the season the Veterans Rules were modified to include responsibilities of Team Captains and the role that they play in fostering the values and objectives of Veterans' cricket. During the 'off season' the Veterans rules and playing conditions will again be reviewed and then presented to all clubs for discussion at the next annual general meeting.

Since there is no longer an annual presentation night, which used to provide the forum to acknowledge the various contributions made, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee who have successfully completed their duties to enable the smooth functioning of our competition. Most of their work goes unnoticed and their conscientious contributions are appreciated.

Likewise, each club and team has people who make sure that everything is prepared for each game and their contribution to the success of "Vet's Cricket" is greatly appreciated.

In completing this report, I wish to acknowledge the Senior Executive of the RDCA, whose officers provide advice, assistance and support whenever it is sought.

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**RDCA Veterans Motto:**

**Strive to do our best, never give up, and treat people with respect**