

# Cricket Chatter

## KANGA

It's a great turnout this year, 97 Kangas registered so far with a couple more in the pipeline. Generally, everything has gone smoothly with the only hiccup so far happening when a couple of Under 12 teams appeared on the double booked ground! Great confusion but all was sorted.

There will be a Twilight Game Meet at Montview Oval on Saturday 22 November starting at about 6.00 p.m. until dusk. This will be 8 a-side pairs, everybody bats, everybody bowls 2 overs.

We have been invited to send a couple of teams to pay against other Kanga clubs. This is designed for some of the older Kangas who have a grasp on the play. Please advise your Chief Manager Mike Dooner, Chief Coach Andrew Day or the Kanga Convenor John Coulthard if you and your child would be interested. This is a very pleasant social evening – ideal for spreading out the blanket and having a picnic while supporting our Kangas.

Thanks to our parents for helping us get off to such a smooth start – especially our Managers and coaches and not forgetting the Gear Stewards – well done!

Your Convenor – John Coulthard.

## GIRLS

The Girls season started on Saturday 18 October. This year there will be two age divisions – Under 12 & Under 15.

To date the Under 12's have 7 teams and the Under 15's have 5 teams registered. Teams have been registered by WPHCCC, Castle Hill RSL, Gordon Women's, Kissing Point, Warringah, Galston-Glenorie and St Ives.

WPHCCC will be entering a team in each division. In the Under 12's we have 9 players and in the 15's there are 13 players registered.

The season will involve one day 20 over games for the Under 12's, playing 8 a-side. For the Under 15's the season will commence with 7 one day games, then move to 2 day games for the rest of the season.

Cricket NSW held a Come & Try at Greenway Park in September which had over 20 girls in attendance. A Cric-Hit program will start on Sunday mornings in November and this may well help attract new players for next season.

Good luck for the coming season and remember the reason for playing – HAVE FUN AND ENJOY YOURSELVES!

Co-Ordinator - Ross Wraith

### JUNIORS

Registrations in the Juniors for this season total around 330.

These players form the 29 teams that our Club has registered in the HK&HDCA as follows:

- U/9 – 6 teams
- U/10 – 6 teams
- U/11 – 2 teams
- U/12 – 3 teams
- U/13 – 4 teams
- U/14 – 4 teams
- U/15 – 2 teams
- U/16 – 2 teams

29 teams is a near record for our Club (and compares favourably to 24 in the 2002/03 season) and the increase in team numbers is particularly in the Under 9 and Under 10 age groups. Last season there were 3 Under 9 teams and 2 Under 10 teams whereas this season there are 6 in each of these age groups.

A combination of the following factors appear to have generated an increase in interest in these younger age groups:

- Cricket NSW visited 3 local primary schools prior to the season commencing to promote cricket and distribute posters and flyers advising of our Club's registration day.
- Cricket NSW posters including registration day details were displayed at local shopping centres and sporting fields in the lead up to registration day.
- The 2003/04 cricket season was promoted on radio by Cricket NSW (Mark Waugh campaign) with their internet site providing Club contact and registration details.

- Our Club distributed leaflets in Sunday newspapers delivered in the local area.
- Our Kanga program promoted Junior cricket to those players who were old enough or with the requisite skills to progress to Under 9 and Under 10 level, ensuring a high conversion rate. Thanks to John Coulthard, our Kanga Co-ordinator, for the effort that he put into retaining our young cricketers in the Club and more particularly, the sport.

We are now in the middle of the season and the weather on Saturdays has allowed plenty of play. Teams are doing well in all age groups and there has also been many outstanding performances on the field which we will report on as the season progresses. More importantly, everyone is having the opportunity to play lots of cricket and hopefully the enjoyment levels are high.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome all new cricketers to our Club. I hope you enjoy your cricket with us. I would also like to thank all players who have returned to the Club for their support and as always, express my appreciation to the Committee Members, coaches, managers, scorers, etc. who as an overall group, make this Club so successful.

Finally, I recently met the coaches and managers of our U/9 age group who were very impressive both in terms of knowledge and enthusiasm. Patrick Chensee is doing a fantastic job in helping this age group successfully make the transition to Junior Cricket and with the calibre of these people in our club its future is secure.

Junior Convenor – Evan Hutchings

### REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

Congratulations to the following players who have been selected to represent HK&HDCA:

#### U/10 Foster Shield

Marius Levitt  
Aiden Mather  
Riley Miedler  
Stephen Wray

#### U/11 Creak Shield

Suvan Madan  
Lachlan Thomson

#### U/11 IDCA

Hasan Ahmad  
Crispin Demetriou  
Avi Kohli  
Muditha Nanayakkara  
Blake Mather

#### U/12 Cawsey Shield

Parneet Bhatia  
Ryan Blaker  
Thomas Louw  
Michael O'Shea  
Gavin Taylor  
Hemant Vijaykumar

#### U/12 President's Cup

Thomas Blissenden  
Daniel Brain  
Shane Campbell  
Adam Hutchings  
Stephen Miller  
Harpreet Singh

#### U13 Gee Shield:

Robert Howell  
Eugene Kruger  
Nicholas McFarlane  
Charith Mayadunne  
Ashad Munas

#### U/13 IDCA

Anuj Devalia  
Kapil Mistry  
Taylor Paton  
Himantha Perera

#### U14 Harold Moore Shield and Emerging Blues:

Sujith Dissanayake  
Ranga Ediriwickrama  
Aaron Rigato

#### U14 President's Cup

James Creais  
Nicholas Reedy  
Christopher Williamson

#### U15 Weblin Shield

Sam Baidya  
Nick Bennett (Captain)  
Matthew Jobson

#### U15 IDCA

Karan Dang  
Rohan Dixit  
Matthew McFarlane  
Troy Newman

#### U/16 Watson Shield

Dougal Barraclough  
Ronin Barratt  
Andrew Cooper

Scott Henderson  
Matthew Phipson  
Christopher Thorburn (Captain)

### U/16 President's Cup

Ashraf Ahmed  
Mark Bonnichsen  
Joshua Demetriou  
Manik Mayadunne  
Brannavan Ramachandan  
Paren Nadeswaran

### Green Shield

Sam Baidya  
Dougal Barraclough  
Andrew Cooper  
Christopher Thorburn (Captain)

## SENIORS

This year has seen a continuation of the tremendous success of last season. Some of the big achievements are:

- 11 teams have been entered – a record number by a Club in our Association;
- We continue to see a tremendous flow of Juniors into Seniors. This season alone we have 17 U16 graduates from last year now continuing to play for our Club;
- After 4 rounds we have 9 of our 11 teams well placed in the top 4 and are comfortably on top in the Club Championship.
- Our A1 side is the current A Grade Champions.

There have also been some fantastic personal achievements:

- **Mark Taylor** (B1) became only the 3<sup>rd</sup> player to pass 5,000 runs. This is in addition to his 400 wickets making him the greatest all-rounder in our history and he is still going!
- **Chris Thorburn** (current U16) has become our 2<sup>nd</sup> youngest player to be selected in A1. In Round 4 he also became the youngest player for our Club to reach 50!
- **Eric Junkkari** took the 27<sup>th</sup> hat-trick for our Club.
- **Alistair Rayment** had a blinder in C2 when he took 8/17 including a hat-trick and 5 wickets in seven balls!
- Centuries have been surprisingly light on with only 3 scored so far. The stars have been:  
**Michael O'Grady** (an U16 graduate), playing his 1<sup>st</sup> match in D1 scored 165;  
**Chris Rae** got his first ton with 105;  
**Alex Connell** also scored his first ton with 105.
- In a case of history repeating itself, 14 year old James Fiedler playing D1 took a wicket with his first ball in seniors. 23 years ago his father, Greg (playing in the same team) was out first ball on his debut!
- Finally, the internet has been a tremendous success with 11 players now playing with us through their initial contact through the website!

Secretary - Ross Anderson

## CLOTHING

It is compulsory for all players to wear the Club Shirt. Club shirts and hats are available for purchase (\$20.00 each).

If you wish to purchase additional items please advise your manager of your requirements.

The Club is also considering the collection of used cricket clothing for sale at Registration Day next season. So if you have any used clothes (in reasonable condition) that your child may not need any more or may have outgrown please do not throw them away. Details of this program will be distributed with registration forms next season but it is anticipated that a central location for depositing clothes will be established and clothes will be sold at registration day at a nominal cost. All proceeds of sales will go to the Club and be used for the purchase of new equipment.

### **SAFETY GEAR**

Coaches and managers are reminded to ensure that all protective equipment is utilised both during your match and at training.

Club policy requires that helmets be worn by batsmen at all times (except in the Under 9 & 10 age groups where the Incrediball is used). Attention is also drawn to the other rules regarding protective equipment that have been introduced by the Association and endorsed by the Club as follows:

- All wicket keepers must wear a mouth-guard or face shield. It is recommended that, whilst keeping up at the stumps, a helmet with a face shield be worn.

- From Under 13 to Under 16, fielders are allowed in the area within ten (10) metres of the batsman on strike in an arc from Point through the bowler to the wicketkeeper, provided they are wearing a helmet with a face guard. It is recommended that boys wear a protector.

**NOTE** – In all Under 9 to Under 12 competitions, no player is permitted to field within 10 metres in the arc described above.

### **PREFERRED PLAYING CODES**

All players, coaches, managers and parents are reminded of our "Preferred Playing Codes". Umpires, coaches, managers and parents must not allow any "sledging", "slanging" and unsporting behaviour and ensure all matches are conducted in line with our Preferred Playing Codes and the HK&HDCA Code of Ethics.

Always keep in mind that it is the Club's aim that all players get equal amounts of batting and bowling over a full season – especially in the younger age groups. The Club Executive wants to see development of cricket at junior level rather than necessarily winning trophies. For our Club measuring success is about retaining or increasing the number of children playing cricket from the previous season by providing greater opportunities for all team members.

### **WET WEATHER**

Remember, cricket is ON unless your Manager contacts you via your "ring around list".

Please do not ring the Junior Convenor or Age Co-Ordinators. There is no wet weather committee. During inclement weather conditions the coaches and managers of the respective teams will make the decision after communicating with the other teams' coach/manager.

### TRIVIA NIGHT

It is anticipated that we will have a Trivia Night on a Saturday night in February at the Cherrybrook Community Centre.

More details of this and ticket purchasing arrangements will be available shortly.

### GEAR & EQUIPMENT Kingsgrove Sports Voucher

When you registered to play you received a Voucher exclusive to West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Cricket Club from **Kingsgrove Sports "Westside"** at 570 Church Street, North Parramatta who have been long term supporters of our Club.

The Kingsgrove Sports voucher was an initiative agreed between Kingsgrove Sports Westside (KSW) and West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Cricket Club (WPHCCC) over 6 years ago.

The initiative was introduced as a "win" "win" for both WPHCCC and KSW.

As with previous years the Kingsgrove Sports voucher works as follows:

Each time a WPHCCC player purchases any sports equipment from KSW they complete their name and contact details on their voucher and place the voucher in a box labeled "West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook Cricket Club/Kingsgrove Sports Raffle". During the week before Christmas a ticket is drawn from the box by a WPHCCC representative. The prize is usually a gift voucher or prize to the value of \$100. For every voucher in the box, KSW will donate \$1.00 back to WPHCCC.

WPHCCC supports Kingsgrove Sports Westside. So the more our players purchase from Kingsgrove Sports Westside the more Kingsgrove Sports Westside will donate back to our Club, hence a win - win.

KSW will also issue new vouchers on the submission of the original voucher before the raffle is drawn in December 2003. So you can therefore have more chances to win if you return to KSW and purchase additional equipment. Even if you don't have a voucher when you purchase your equipment simply advise the Kingsgrove staff that you are a member of WPHCCC and they will arrange for you to be included in the draw.

WPHCCC encourages all our players to purchase their cricket equipment from Kingsgrove Sports Westside where all our quality club equipment is purchased at competitive prices. This initiative is valid up to 23 December 2003.

The successful cricketer will be notified by telephone as soon as possible after the draw and the result published in the first newsletter in 2004.

### **CRICKET NSW – VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM**

All people who provide assistance to the Club in an official capacity (eg. coaches, managers) have been registered in Cricket NSW's Volunteers Program.

Special offers are made available to volunteers through the program. Details will be forwarded to these people through e-mail or post.

### **TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS**

Team photographs were taken for Junior and Girls teams over three afternoons (Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12 & Thursday 13 November). The Kanga's had their team photographs taken on Saturday 15 November.

Thank you to all coaches and managers who were able to co-ordinate their teams to make the process run so smoothly.

Please remember that one photograph will be distributed to each team member and the costs of the photographs were included in your registration fees.

Photographs should be available through your manager prior to Christmas.

### **WPH SPORTS CLUB**

The West Pennant Hills Sports Club is a wonderful sponsor and supporter of our cricket club.

To show our support, we are offering free 1 year membership of the Sports Club to all Senior players and parents of Junior, Kanga and Girl players.

Should you wish to take advantage of this offer, and we encourage you to do so, please ask your Manager or Age Co-ordinator to provide you with a membership application form.

### **WORKING WITH CHILDREN**

In all aspects of the Club's operations the welfare of players is paramount. Accordingly the Club actively pursues compliance with the Child Protection Act 1998.

Any new coaches, managers or parents who, at some stage have unsupervised contact with a child as part of their activities with the Club, need to complete a Child Protection Act form.

Should you be in this category and you haven't previously done so please ask your manager for a form to complete.

### **WEB SITE**

The Club has a new Internet site:  
**[www.wphccc.org](http://www.wphccc.org)**

Please take a moment to have a look. You will also notice that some teams are posting written reports/commentaries on their matches. This option is available to all teams. Should you wish to post reports about your teams matches on the internet site please contact your Age Co-ordinator to make the necessary arrangements.

The **Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai & Hills District Website** address is:-  
**[www.hkhdca.asn.au](http://www.hkhdca.asn.au)**

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