

Cricket Chatter

NEW 2002/3 SEASON COMMENCES

KANGA

The **Kanga** season starts on Saturday 19 October and will go through until 14 December before re-starting early in the new year.

This will be the eleventh season of Kanga Cricket since its introduction. The Kanga program aims to introduce and develop children in the basic skills of cricket. We have 72 registered children in Kanga. Over 20 parents attended a special introduction session on 15 September so they will be all set to go on day 1.

Kanga is a great social occasion for the parents and we have already had our first BBQ at the Edward Bennett Oval after the introduction session.

The teams have been compiled and parents will be advised before the end of September.

The Kanga Convenor is **John Coulthard** whose phone number is **9484.2924**.

JUNIORS

Last season, the Association introduced U/9's which allowed the more experienced Kanga players to move on and develop their skills further.

This has resulted in a reduction of Kanga numbers due to the older 8 year olds moving up to U/9s. This has been a positive step forward as a typical 6 year old will now be introduced to Kanga and play for two seasons then move up to Juniors.

The Association's winners for the 2001/2002 season were presented with their Awards at the Association Presentation night.

The U/10 Red Hard Ball team was the Premiers and the team consisted of Brendan Ashelford, Ryan Blaker, Patrick Bertoldo, Thomas Blissenden, Tom Chambers, Adam Hutchings, Liam Kelly, Sam Kleinhans, Ben Solomon, Matthew Thomas and Tim Wales.

Other players' outstanding achievements included:

Hemant Vijaykumar (U/10 bowling – 19 wickets at 3.63)

Ryan Blaker (U/10 batting – 178 runs at 89.00)

Eugene Kruger (U/11 bowling – 22 wickets at 2.32), and

Robert Watts (leading jnr. Rep. Player).

The **Juniors** season started, with superb weather, on Saturday 14 September and continues through the school holidays ending 2002 on 21 December before re-starting on 1 February 2003.

In the various age groups, we have the following number of teams:

Under 16 – 2 teams
Under 15 – 2 teams
Under 14 – 3 teams
Under 13 – 4 teams
Under 12 – 4 teams
Under 11 – 4 teams
Under 10 – 2 teams
Under 9 – 3 teams

REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

The Representative (Rep.) trials for the U/11, U/12, U/13 and U/14 have been completed and the trials for U/15 and U/16 are to be held over 29/9 and 6/10. The trials for U/10 are to be held over 13 & 20/10. Any interested U/10 players in particular are encouraged to contact **Rory Solomon** who is the U/10 Convenor on **9875.3689** or **0418.415411** for further information. The forms for Rep. Cricket should be obtained from the player's age co-ordinators.

The following players from the Club were successful in being selected in the **U/11 Rep. teams:**

<u>Creak Shield</u>	<u>IDCA (Development Team)</u>
Gavin Taylor	Adam Hutchings
Ryan Blaker	Shane Campbell
Tim Wales	Hemant Vijaykumar
Liam Kelly	Tim Starr
Michael O'Shea	Daniel Brain
Parneet Bhatia	Liam Vincent
Thomas Blissenden	Thomas Louw

The **U/12 Rep. Team** (Cawsey Shield Team) has been selected in addition to a Development team known as the President Cup's team.

Four boys from WPHCCC made the Cawsey Shield team and another 5 will be in the President Cup's team.

It is expected both Rep. Teams will have a successful year building on the solid performances of U/11 Creak Shield and IDCA teams last season.

More information will be available in later Newsletters for the U/13, U/14, U/15 and U/16 Rep. Teams.

GIRLS

The **Girls** competition is again up and running with WPHC entering 2 teams. The competition will again form part of a broader area with teams from the wider Northern Districts area competing.

The Girls season will start on Saturday 19 October with a skills afternoon having been held on Sunday 22 September at Koola Park, Killara with Leonie Coleman and other women State cricketers conducting a skills clinic.

If anyone still wants to play this season please contact **Helen or Bill Clarke** on **9871.8270**.

SENIORS

This season for **Seniors** is already shaping up as a good one! Some of the early highlights (after the first half of Round 1) are:

We again have 10 teams – an Association record!

In the first game the early scores show that all of our grades will be very competitive with 2 scores over 300 already achieved.

The first century of the season (our 267th as a Club) was scored by Glen Percival in A2's in his first match for us.

Another highlight is the 'graduation' of 7 of our U/16's from last season into senior ranks.

After being finalists last season, the A1 Grade has built up well and should now challenge for the Premiership.

SOCIAL GAME FOR SENIORS:

Peter Westerberg (D2) has organised a social game for anyone interested in playing. Details are:-

Date: Sunday 20 October 2002
Time: 9.00 a.m. to about 4.00 p.m.
Venue: Gladesville Hospital
Contact: Please ring **Peter Westerberg** on **9875.3961** if you are interested.

CLOTHING

Kanga hats are supplied by the Club to all Kanga registered players.

This year we introduced our own Club shirt for the entire Club from Kangas to Seniors, the wearing of which is compulsory. The cost of the Shirts has been subsidised by the Club for this first year of its introduction and was included in the registration fee.

Certainly additional shirts are available for \$22.00. Hats are also available (broad brim or caps) for \$20.00. These and Club ties, can be obtained by ordering through the team coach/manager.

It is preferred that all players wear the Club hats.

SAFETY

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

ON FIELD BEHAVIOUR

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

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 this season. During inclement weather conditions the coaches and managers of respective teams will make the decision after communicating with the other teams' coach/manager.

MATCH RESULTS (JUNIORS)

The HKHDCA has introduced a new method of submitting match results in the Junior Competition (U/11 – U/16) and it is compulsory for all clubs to use this new method of reporting. It involves the electronic transmission of results using an excel spreadsheet pre-formatted by the Association. Although this might initially mean a little extra effort to learn the new system, in the

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long run it will be beneficial to all concerned.

The immediate benefits to coaches and managers is that before the commencement of a round, information regarding the opponents players and

players who have dispensations will be readily available which for any scorer will be invaluable as all the names can be printed and taken to the match. For all those who have struggled at the end of the season with D sheets there is the added bonus of D sheets being automatically calculated from your result sheets each week.

It is recommended that at least two people from each team learn the new system.

Any team not providing results using the new software within 7 days of the conclusion of a match will be fined \$10.00 and penalised one competition point.

HKHDCA is adamant that these penalties will occur from round 1. Be assured that help will be available for anyone who has problems implementing the new system.

This system of submitting match results is additional to the weekly e-mailing, phoning or faxing of scores at the conclusion of each days play.

COACHING CLINICS

Included in this newsletter are full details of the **Northern Districts Coaching Clinic** which is always recommended. A registration form is also included.

CLUB NEWS

Farewell to Junior Convenor **Neil Spettigue**.

Many years ago Geoff Newman (our current Equipment Officer) approached Neil Spettigue when his son was in Kanga and asked him if he would be an Age Co-Ordinator for the Under 10's. Geoff said to Neil that he would help him and Neil's reply was, typically...

"If I do the job I will not need any help". Neil consequently did the job (nearly as well as his predecessor!) and became and integral and key member of the WPHC Cricket Club. Neil rose to the position of Junior Convenor of the WPHCCC during the season 2001/2002 and also held the position of Junior Club President and of course has been an Age Co-Ordinator for 4 years.

Neil was also responsible for the introduction of a number of Club initiatives including the Year Book, the Team Photographs for the Junior Boys, Girls and Kanga and, of course, the introduction of the new Club playing shirt.

Neil loves his cricket and has a passion for Cricket memorabilia. For those who have visited his house, you will know what we mean.

Neil, on behalf of WPHCCC, your passion, drive and enthusiasm will be sorely missed and we feel the Club, having lost your experience (temporarily) opens up the opportunity, hopefully, for another Neil Spettigue to put their hand up and help the WPHCCC provide a better cricketing environment for our young cricket enthusiasts.

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Neil has accepted a very senior position within his company and transfers overseas.

Neil, we will all miss you. To your wife, Lisa, and children Ryan and Tigan we also wish you farewell and good luck!

With great luck **we welcome** our new **Junior Vice President and Junior Convenor, Evan Hutchings**, whose long experience as an Age Co-Ordinator will do the Club proud and we all support Evan in his new position. Evan continues as the U/11 Age Co-Ordinator.

GEAR & EQUIPMENT

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 sponsors of our Club.

Remember to present the Voucher when purchasing any equipment and clothing. For every voucher presented with a purchase **Kingsgrove Sports** will donate \$1 to the Club and you will enter the draw for a prize which is to be drawn just prior to Christmas.

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.

If you are involved in the running of a Junior team (eg coaching, providing transport etc) or you have players in your team who are under the age of 18 you must complete a declaration which can be obtained from you Age Coordinator or

Manager. Declarations should be returned to your Age Coordinator (via your Manager) no later than Saturday 26 October.

GROUND LOCATIONS

By popular demand attached is a list of the Grounds.

WEB SITE

Our Internet site is being fully up-dated with the provision for match reports and up-dates in Club information.

Our site will become increasingly the main vehicle for communication. The address is **www.jamark.com.au/wphccc**.

The **Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai & Hills District Website** address is:- **www.hkhdca.asn.au**

COMING EVENTS

Watch this space for news on future events including TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS and the TRIVIA NIGHT.

If you have any contributions of articles or information to add to future Newsletters, please E-mail them to:- hryeates@bigpond.com.au