

## *CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT*

Our 61<sup>st</sup> Season is now over and we have had yet another very successful season:

- 🏆 Junior Club Champions for the 5<sup>th</sup> time in 6 years
- 🏆 Senior Club Champions 5 times in succession

Our Juniors were represented in all Age Divisions for the first time in Association history with our U11's having both teams playing off in the Final. Congratulations to our U11 Gold, U14 White and U15 Blue teams. To our Runners up, U11 Green, U12 Red (lost by 9 runs), U13 Golds (1 wicket) and U16 Blues (1 run in the last over).

Similarly, our Seniors had an outstanding season with 5 Teams making the Semi Finals and our Colts winning their first Premiership.

### Congratulations

One of the major highlights of the season was achievements off the field.

The Association recently elected 2 of our West Penno Women as Patrons of the Association; Denise Annetts (Anderson), former Australian Women's cricket great and Lisa Sthalekar, current Vice-Captain of the Australian Women's team and one of the elite world players.

Denise played for the Seniors and Coaches the U13 Blue side this year.

Lisa played all her Junior cricket with us from U10s to U16s. Lisa also won the prestigious Belinda Clarke award as the Outstanding NSW Women's Cricketer of the Year Award for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in succession.

They join a distinguished short list of the Mayors of Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai and Baulkham Hills and two Life Members in this role. Well done ladies – we are proud of your achievements having 2 of the biggest names in World cricket part of our Club.

Congratulations also to Ross Anderson who was awarded the inaugural Cricket NSW (Northern) Volunteer of the Year Award.

### **Participation over results**

Winning Junior Premiership trophies is always good but it is not the reason that drives us – we judge our success by the number of players backing up to play next season rather than the number of trophies we may win. I received an email exchange between parents from our U11 Gold Premiership winning side – this says it all:

*“...I was just about to delete this email, but thought that you & the Club Committee might like to know that the Clubs policy of participation above results is not just a platitude, as can be gleaned from some of the parents comments from the victorious WPHCCC U11 Gold team below.”*

A note from another parent:

*“.....Yes to confirm what everyone else has said. The stats of the match ...showed it all that no one was over-bowled, everyone had equal opportunity to bat and everyone had at least 2 overs (against a quality batsman who must have been the best we have encountered).*

*We won because every boy has been taught to play cricket and has been given the opportunity to do so. A Champion team.”*

In the Seniors, our C2 Captain wrote:

*“...the decision to play as many players as possible in the semi and final was the right one, and my thanks goes out once again to those players who were prepared to play ½ games only to give other players a chance.”*

Congratulations to Deepak and his outstanding Junior Committee that has continued the tradition of exceptional leadership in the Juniors over a number of years.

### **Kanga**

The Kanga programme continues to be a tremendous success. This season we registered 101 players with 51 children ‘graduating’ to U9s next season – each team already established with Managers, Coaches, Assistant Coaches and gear stewards. The value of this programme can be seen from the longer term results – 10 of our Premiership Colts having come from Kanga and 7 A1 Graders. The continued leadership and enthusiasm of John Coulthard, Glen O’Connor and Ben Frawley have been superb.

### **Volunteers – Thank you**

The level of volunteer participation continues to be staggering and is another of the main reasons that sustains our Club. When we add up all the jobs volunteers do – Coaching, Managing, scoring, umpiring, managing gear, Divisional management roles plus club Executive structure we have between 210 and 220 people volunteering.

**Dominic Thornely** – Dominic Thornely took on the role of Club Ambassador for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in succession. Dom is always tremendously around the children and for him to turn up to our Presentation Day on the same day that he signed a contract to play with Sachin Tendulkar in the Twenty/20 IPL competition was tremendous.

### **President’s Award (Jim Fuggle Trophy) – for off-field services to the Club**

When this Award was started in 1983/84 we have seen some worthy names winning this Award since – people who were always there. The winner this year is **Glen O’Connor**, who has given tremendous support to John Coulthard in running our Kanga programme despite a number of heavy personal commitments.

### **Sponsors**

Once again we have been well supported by our sponsors to whom we are very grateful: West Pennant Hills Sports Club and Kingsgrove Sports have been very good long term sponsors.

### **Overview**

By any measure, our Club has been successful over a number of years. However, there are issues that need attention.

We continue to draw big Kanga registrations despite a demographic that should be forcing numbers down. This has been achieved largely through the efforts of John Coulthard and his remarkable team.

Our Girls dropped to 1 team this season and forfeited a number of games. We have perhaps one more chance to turn this around. Rebuilding the Girls in 2008-09 is one of our top priorities.

Thanks again to the many volunteers who make this Club great. A special thanks to my fellow Executive members on their continued superb efforts.

**Barry McDonald**  
**Chairperson**












## ***DIRECTOR OPERATIONS***

Our 61<sup>st</sup> season is now over and there have been many achievements.










### **Congratulations**

Cricket Australia is about to provide a special acknowledgement to those rare volunteers who have been actively involved in Cricket for 50 years+. We are fortunate to have the only 2 people within this Association – Barry McDonald (Chairman) and John Coulthard (Director – Kanga). How about this for a fantastic achievement:

#### Barry McDonald

-  *58 years involvement*
-  *Started playing for Summerhill Methodist in the Churches 1950*
-  *Played for Petersham Marrickville CDC for 21 years in 4th to 1st Grade*
-  *Selector for 1st and 2nd Grade*
-  *Audited the annual statements of Petersham between 1960 until 2001*
-  *Played for WPHCCC 1978/79 to 1991/92*
-  *NSW Umpires Certificate in 1980 and A1 Grade Umpire since 1992/93*
-  *Chairperson of WPHCCC from 1985 to present*
-  *Life member of WPHCCC 1993*
-  *Life member of the HK&HDCA 1995*
-  *HK&HDCA Treasurer 1985-1997*

#### John Coulthard

-  *62 years continuous involvement*
-  *Started playing for Summerhill Methodist in 1946*
-  *Played District cricket for Petersham between 1956 and 1984*
-  *Reporting Secretary of NSW Churches Cricket for 18 years*
-  *Life Member of NSW Churches 1978*
-  *State Selector NSW Churches for 18 years*
-  *Played for WPHCCC 1983/84 to 1993/94*
-  *Director of Kanga WPHCCC 2002 to present*
-  *Life Member of WPHCCC 2003*

Well done fella's on this amazing achievement – we are very proud of your achievements.

### **Kanga**

Kanga is the lifeblood of our Club. While John Coulthard's Report has full details there are many highlights. This year we registered 101 children – our 1,491<sup>st</sup> child so next year we will register our 1,500<sup>th</sup> child since starting in 1992/93. Some other really interesting facts about our Kanga programme:

- Last season we registered 7 teams in the U9s – sustained by 54 Kanga graduates
- Our A1 side has 7 Kanga graduates and our Premiership Colts side had 10 players who started in Kanga
- Added to this are the many players with Northern Districts who came through Kanga

The success John and his team (Glenn O'Connor and Ben Frawley) have had over the last couple of years has been simply amazing.

### **Girls**

This year was a difficult one with only 1 team and the added difficulty of fielding a team regularly. This has provided the catalyst for us to rethink our approach to Girls cricket and a strategy has already been prepared and is being implemented. We are quietly confident that we can rebuild the Girls to again to a critical mass. On a more positive note, congratulations to Felicity Trinh who was selected in the Emerging Breakers.

## **Juniors**

Deepak's Report as Director – Juniors accompanies this Report. In addition to the highlights covered in this Report:

- Our 32 teams is the equal highest number we have registered – equalling the 2000-01 results
- The Club and Association record of having all Divisions represented by a WPHC team (with 2 in the U11s) in the finals is a record to be proud of, especially in the context of our Participation Over Results Policy'
- Next season we will register our 600<sup>th</sup> Junior team – currently 583.5 teams have represented WPHC.

There have also some outstanding individual achievements:

- *Michael Richards:*
  - His 7/2 (bowling off-spin) against Mt Colah (U15 Blue) is the best Club bowling performance for anyone who has taken 7 wickets in an innings in either Juniors or Seniors
  - Michael later backed up and took 4/6 on his Seniors bowling debut with 4/6 playing C1 from 6.5 overs – another record. This time the best bowling debut by a Junior playing Seniors
- *Siddarth Sethi* (U13 Blue) had match figures (Vs WPHC Green) of 4/2 and 6/5 (10/7) which is the best ever 10 wickets bowling performance in a match by anyone in our history.
- *Daniel Anderson* (U13 Blue 2008 – 12 years and 9 months) has the best all-round debut by a Junior playing Seniors. Daniel playing C1 top scored for the match with 22 (coming in at 7/42). Playing D2 the next week, he took 4/22 – also the best bowling performance of the match.

## Tamworth Tour

A special mention to our combined U13 and U14 teams (minus Rep players at other Carnivals) who represented WPHC at the Tamworth January carnival. In response to a request from the organizers we were invited to fill a gap left by another team that could not participate. Congratulations to the team. While not winning any games, they were competitive and the Organisers are keen to invite us back next season. Well done fella's.

## Green Shield Representatives

Well done to 3 WPH Juniors who were selected in the combined Sydney Green Shield Team (U16):

- Daniel **Brain** (WPHC U16 representing Mosman) – an ex-Kanga
- Harpreet **Singh** (WPPHC U16 Western Suburbs)
- Gavin **Taylor** (WPHC A1) – first reserve.

## Great story

*“Desperately unlucky”*

In an U12 game our boys thumped Castle Hill with a massive score of 1/275. The one wicket to fall was a young bloke who was out for 4. According to people, at the game he was out to the only catch of the day and a brilliant one at that – the best quote is that he was “Desperately unlucky”.

Finally, congratulations to our nine Arthur Souter Shield recipients – our U16 graduates who started in Kanga.

## **Seniors**

A separate report follows. In summary though the main highlights are:

- A fantastic year, winning our 5<sup>th</sup> successive Club Championship – a Club record
- Of our 9 teams (1 down on 2006-07) 5 Teams made the Semi Finals (2 in C1 grade) with 4 going through to the Final. Our Colts who won their first Premiership, were the only Premiership winner but overall a very good successful season
- The strong relationship we have with the Junior Division of the Club continues to see good numbers of junior players playing in the seniors – both U16 graduates and many players who fill-in during the afternoon after playing in the morning
- Congratulations to Gavan Taylor who, at 15 years and 4 months, became our youngest A1 player selected to start a season.

[www.wphccc.org](http://www.wphccc.org)

Our website continues to go from strength to strength with average monthly hits during the season averaging between 2,500 and 3,000 per month. Under the guidance of Peter Lees we will be launching a further upgrade next season using Google Earth on our Ground Locations section. Stay tuned for more information on this exciting initiative.

**Ross Anderson**  
**Director – Operations**

## SENIOR'S REPORT

Winning our 5<sup>th</sup> successive Club Championship, having 5 Teams in the semi Finals with four making it through to the Final (A2, Colts, C1 and C2) and Colts winning their first Premiership since the Competition started in 2005-06 season has been tremendous. Also outstanding was that of the 5 teams that missed out, only D2 was out of the running with 2 games to go.

### Thanks

Things just don't 'happen' in a Club our size. Within the Seniors, our Captains do a tremendous job both on the field and behind the scenes – getting teams onto the field, all the post game administration and ongoing 'people management'. To our Captains – thank you:

<u>A1</u>	Simon Smyth
<u>A2</u>	Matt Jobson
<u>Colts</u>	Nick Bennett
<u>B1 Red</u>	Iain Ryan
<u>B1 Blue</u>	Gavan Hassett
<u>C1 White</u>	John Mitchell
<u>C1 Red</u>	Geoff Starr
<u>C2</u>	Peter Heidegger
<u>D2</u>	Roger Friend and Peter Westerberg.

### Outstanding performances

#### Century scorers

325	104*	Geoff Starr	C3	Hornsby @ Arcadia 15/9/07
326	100*	John Steel	C1	ARL @ Annangrove 22/9
327	104*	Dom Bourke	B1 Blue	WPHC Red @ Greenway 22/9
328	101*	Dan Moye	B1 Blue	Glenhaven @ Headen 27/10
329	106*	Taylor Paton	Colts	Berowra @ Storey 28/10
330	103*	Nick Bennett	Colts	Berowra @ Storey 28/10
331	136	Ronan Barrett	A2	Galston-Glen @ Headen 16/2/08

*Note:*

*The first number represents the consecutive number in our History – e.g.; the first century this season is our 312<sup>th</sup> overall.*

Outstanding bowling performances were achieved by:

#### Seven wickets in an innings:

Nil this season.

#### 10 wickets in a match

Nil this season.

### Anecdotes

#### Don't mention the war

Got to hand it to Jaskaran (C2) who was trying to lift the team by encouraging Chris Williamson with the comment 'let's do it for the Irish'. Unfortunately, Chris is Scottish and there is only 1,000 years of intense dislike between these wonderful races – good one mate. This must rank with Eric Junkkari's now famous comment commenting on Nishane Pillay's effort in tucking into a hamburger during Ramadan.

#### Twice in a day

While records on this one are difficult to source other than from long term memories of our long standing members Peter Westerberg (D2) may well have set a Club record – being run out twice on the same day. Well done on making the record books Peter.

### Really sad

Chris Williamson (our young C2 Scottish not Irish batting star) has set a new standard for athleticism. While on the field he managed to pull a muscle. Unfortunately it was not done while batting, fielding or bowling but ...umpiring – really sad Chris.

### Farewell?

It is always sad to see any of our West Penno ‘family’ leave the Club or retire but this week we have 3 very special people pull stumps:

#### *Greg Fiedler (A2)*

Due to heavy work and kids sporting commitments in Greg’s words he has “...put the cue in the rack”. Greg first played in 1981/82, made his debut in A1 Grade and stayed there for the next 21 years becoming our most capped A1 Grader, most capped A Grade Captain and one of the top 2 run scorers in our Club’s history with over 6,000 runs – one of our undisputed Greats. Once external commitments ease off we may well see the ‘old fella’ return as the old saying goes “you are a long time retired”. In the meantime big fella, ‘thanks for the memories’.

#### *Tim Connell*

Tim (B1) is leaving us to take up a job as a journalist with The Great Lakes Advocate. This is a great job in a fabulous area. Tim made his debut in 2000/01 and has since taken over 200 wickets and scored over 1,000 runs. One of the good guys in our Club and a great Team man. Another ‘retiree’ who may well find his way back after a few years.

#### *Phil Hando (C2)*

Phil Hando is a relative newcomer who starting playing Seniors in 2005-06 but he was involved heavily with the Kanga’s as a parent but even more importantly as a Volunteer. Phil goes to South Africa for 3 years with his employer and our best wishes are with you.

### Peter Westerberg – on fire

How about Peter Westerberg (D2). After hitting his first ever 6 earlier this year he backs it up with his first ever wicket. After 76 matches, and 9 overs he now has an average – won’t mention what it is to protect the innocent. Some facts about this achievement:

- Peter dismissed the Opener and & top scorer, Henry Liang for 39
- According to Peter ‘In fairness to the batsman, he had only recently returned to the crease, having suffered a concussion and was probably not batting at all well at the time’
- When coming on to bowl P.K.W. was heard to warn the scorers to sharpen their pencils - timely advice, as it proved!

### Separated at birth

Mention has been made a few times about one of our former greats - big Dale ‘Merv’ Armstrong (3,709 career runs). Merv and Greg Fiedler went to the West Indies for the World Cup. It was mentioned recently that Desmond Haynes went across to Merv to catch-up on old times. We now have photographic evidence to prove that story that ‘Merv’ is a double to Merv Hughes. Have a look at the Photo gallery and see this remarkable resemblance.

### A record double.

After rule changes this year allowed players to play in 2 grades on the same weekend (Saturday and Sunday games) *Nick Bennett* (Colts) not only played for A2 but also Colts. In one match on Saturday he scored 60\* and 77\* the next day. So Nick not only becomes our first player to back up but also became the first player in the Association to get back to back 50’s. Great effort mate.

### What about this for commitment

How about our D2's. Yet to win a game but getting so close to turning around the season they played out most of their innings in driving rain. As Peter Westerberg says:

*"I have not seen such commitment to play out a match in spite of the elements since Round 14 of 2003-04, at Glenhaven, when we were playing for a last chance to make the semi finals while our opponents, Hornsby were playing for the minor premierships. On that occasion I recall players drying out their whites during the drinks break on the gas barbecue: with some alarming results. Today the game was not finally abandoned until the pitch was actually under water!"*

### Fast scoring – another record

In A2 Ronan Barrett (A2) hit 6 fours in succession in one over to win the game. It is the first time any WPH player has hit this number of fours off an over.

Matt Scoular (Colts) hit a Club record of 32 off an over – eight 4s! Now this is special. The bowler bowled an eight ball over (2 no balls) and every ball was hit for a boundary. How about this for a record:

- It is the highest number of runs ever scored in a single over by a West Penno player in 62 years
- Previous records (Ronan's aside) were sprinkled with 6s but not this one.

This is an amazing achievement – the like of which we may never see again. Well done Matt.

### "It's not fair"

In a C1 game, our one stage we had our 'height challenged' 12 year old (Daniel Anderson) and 14 year old (Michael Richards) batting together and doing it well. The Pymble first change bowler was about 190 cms and kept bouncing the boys. Problem was that he was being called for 'no balls' (bowling that is) as the ball was clearly going over their heads. The bowler then made a comment to the umpire that 'it wasn't fair'.

### Confidence

Got to hand it to Bran Ramachandran (D2). After being so used to batting reasonably quickly (he bats at 10) Bran was all padded up ready to go in. Problem was that we were only chasing 55 and we passed them 1 wicket down after a 50 run opening partnership. Good one Bran.

### Our most remarkable debut

An amazing biological event happened last Saturday (26<sup>th</sup> January) in the C1 White game against Pymble. Daniel Anderson (12 years of age) has the Association record for being the youngest player ever to play in this Association. On Saturday he made his debut as a Registered player when he played C1. Why is this special? He last played Seniors, 2 months before he was born (and prior to having a name) when his mother fielded 7 months pregnant in a B1 Semi Final – filling in for a player who was absent. His debut 12 years later now concludes this remarkable double debut! He also top scored for the match with 22.

### **Finals**

**A2 131 lost to Kenthurst 8/229**

#### Day 1

Batting first we didn't take advantage of a good Parklands Oval batting wicket to set a good score. Ben Frawley with 37 and Scott Henderson 33, were the key after the early loss of wickets but needed more support. With a strong bowling attack our objective we will be going into Day 2 with a plan to get quick wickets and put them under pressure.

#### Day 2

Kenthurst batted on and with a lead of just on 100 the mercy rule was called and the game finished early. Matt Jobson did really well with 4 wickets with the remaining spread between Steve Quanborough, Ben Frawley and Scott Henderson who took one each. All up a disappointing outcome to finish off what was an outstanding season. Well done fella's.

**Colts 275 defeated Berowra 124**



### Day 1

The lads did what they needed to do on a beautiful batting track at Storey Park. Sujith Dissanayake with 98 was superb and got fabulous backup from Tim Scoular with 53 and Nick Bennett 39. We got the runs quickly and then had 21 overs at Berowra who are in trouble. Dylan Brogan has 2/13 and the killer blow came 2 run-outs – one by Mark Bennett with a direct hit from side on. We are well on the way to winning our first Colts premiership.

### Day 2

As expected, we continued on from the 5/49 overnight and had a comprehensive win to takeout our first Colts Premiership. The guys just steamrolled Berowra. Dylan Brogan was outstanding, taking 5/17 from 14 overs and got great support from Nick Bennett and Tim Scoular with 1 wicket each plus the 2 run-outs from Saturday. The fantastic win against a good side.

**C1 White** 141 and 90 lost outright (after leading first innings) Hornsby 123 and 146

### Day 1

This was always going to be a tough game for both sides on a difficult wicket that had a lot of late sideways movement. We bowled and fielded brilliantly but still had a challenging run chase. Geoff Richards with 3/18, John Steel 3/14, Andrew Watt 2/29 and Ben McNamara 2/49 were outstanding. Our turn to bat against a strong attack. At 6/45 we were struggling. Enter Michael McDowell (33) and Geoff Richards (45\*) and we got an invaluable lead.

### Day 2

This was always going to be a tough day 2 on a substandard wicket with 2 strong bowling sides. Continuing on at 2/31 they got away early but superb bowling by Geoff Richards (3/40) and Ben McNamara (5/72) restricted them to a gettable 129 target. Geoff was unbelievable with 10 overs of bowling despite a strained thigh muscle and bowling on a shortened run. Added to this John Steel who bowled with a hamstring strain and it was an amazing effort to restrict them. Batting a second time we lost early wickets again to be 3/10 but enter Michael McDowell 30 and Tony Hadley 28 and at 3/60 we were well in it. Then some good bowling with the odd rogue ball and we lost key wickets. All up, a close game (29 run loss over 4 innings) but a fantastic season by the boys who took out the Minor Premiership.

**C2 105** lost to CHRSL 8/305

### Day 1

Playing at Greenway Park we are chasing what is gettable score. Teams need to score between 250 and 300+ to post a competitive score on this deck. This track offers the bowlers no assistance and with a fast outfield this score is not as daunting as it looks. Not surprisingly the quicks did little damage. Steve Baker (4/38), Chris Williamson (3/40) and Jacques Visser (1/30) all bowling spin took the wickets. There is a lot of batting left but this is the place to do it.

### Day 2

While the scores indicate that this match was all over the reality was different. We fought hard and got to within 90 minutes of saving it. Chris Williamson was superb – batting for just on 4.5 hours tom eventually be given out caught off the pad. Isaac Malamel was also very good with his 24. All up, the C2's had another good year, winning the minor premiership but going down in the Final. Bad luck but a fabulous season overall.

### Top 10 run scorers

1. Nick Bennett (Colts) 523 @ 87.17
2. Michael McDowell (C1 White) 452 @ 37.67
3. Tim Starr 4323 @ 27.00
4. Ronan Barrett (A2) 369 @ 33.55
5. Matt Scoular 348 @ 24.86
6. Geoff Starr (C1 Red) 339 @ 28.25
7. Andrew Mills (B1) 326 @ 21.73
8. Troy Newman (A1) 293 @ 26.64
9. Ross Anderson (C1) 291 @ 26.45


10. Tony Hadley (C1) 290 @ 41.00

#### Top 10 Bowlers

1. Ben McNamara (C1 White) – 35 @ 15.66
2. Matt Jobson (A2) 30 @ 12.20
3. Dylan Brogan (Colts) – 28 @ 8.89
4. Shankar Ravi (D2) – 23 @ 14.61
5. Peter Stott (A1) – 22 @ 12.64
6. Matt Dawson (A1) – 22 @ 14.05
7. Andrew Watt (C1) – 22 @ 19.55
8. Geoff Richards (C1Red) 21 @ 10.14
9. James McBrien (C1) – 21 @ 16.00
10. Jacques Visser (C2) – 21 @ 24.19

#### **Club Wisden**


Another year of outstanding performances. Here goes:

 7,000 runs – Ross Anderson

 3,000 runs:

○ James Makin


○ Matt Dawson


 2,000 runs – Andrew Mills

 1,000 runs:

○ Nathan Fathers


○ Chandana Jayasekera


 250 wickets – Kishore Rampersad

 200 wickets:

○ Simon Smyth

○ Matt Dawson


 150 wickets – Ryan Cherrie

 100 wickets:

○ Sean Doohan

○ Adam Walter

○ Roger Friend

 50 wickets – Jacques Visser

#### **Ross Anderson**

**Secretary – Seniors**

## *DIRECTOR - JUNIORS REPORT*

It gives me great pleasure to present my annual report in this tenth edition of the West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Cricket Club Year Book. After a break from traditions last season, the Club has been crowned once again as Club Champions.

The 2007/08 season represents 61 years of the Club's existence. This season has seen an unprecedented increase in enrolments and the most successful season of all times when 7 teams across all age groups played in the finals.

In terms of registrations, 389 players were registered in 32 teams as follows:

- Under 9 – 7 teams
- Under 10 – 5 teams
- Under 11 – 5 teams
- Under 12 – 4 teams
- Under 13 – 4 teams
- Under 14 – 3 teams
- Under 15 – 2 teams
- Under 16 – 2 teams

This represented an increase of 3 additional teams on the previous season. We expect the growth in player registrations to continue as there is an increase in Kanga registrations in the past few seasons. The Kanga Program under the guidance of John Coulthard and the management team continues to flourish. The enthusiasm and professionalism with which the Kanga Program runs continues to attract and retain young Cricketers with the Club. A special thank you goes to John and his team for another successful year.

The 2007/08 will go down in the Club's history as one of the most successful. Between the Under 11 and Under 16 age groups there were six competitions. Of the 12 teams playing in the finals a total of 7 were West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook teams. This is a record for the Club. Two U11 WPHCCC teams played each other in the final while we had representations in every age group from U12 to U16. The Club was rewarded with three premierships. Congratulations to our Premiership teams: Under 11 Gold, Under 14 White and Under 15 Blue. Congratulations also to the members of the Under 11 Green, U12 Red, U13 Gold and U16 White teams for their performance as runners-up.

Despite all of these successes it must be highlighted that they were achieved in an environment that encourages "Participation Over Results". Indeed, this principle is emphasised in our Preferred Playing Code and will continue to be. The Club continues to encourage the concept of "balanced teams" where player participation is encouraged and team spirit is nurtured.

Due to a gap left by another team that could not participate, WPHCCC were requested to participate in the Tamworth Cricket Carnival. A combined U13 and U14 team represented the Club at this carnival. We are hopeful that we will be able to secure an invitation at next seasons' carnival.

I take this opportunity to thank West Pennant Hills Public School, Oakhill Drive Public School and Cherrybrook Public School for the use of their cricket facilities by Club cricketers. A special thankyou goes to West Pennant Hills Sports Club for the use of the nets and the Club meeting facilities during the season.

Unlike the previous year, this years' presentation day was warm and somewhat barmy with a tremendous turnout by players and parents to celebrate a fantastic 2007/08 season. It was a privilege and a pleasure to have Dominic Thornley, The Mayor of Hornsby, Nick Berman, Councillor Andrew Isaac (C Ward) and Denise Anderson on hand as special guest presenters. I also thank the team from Kingsgrove Sports at Westside for their support during the season.

I also wish to thank the team who are extremely competent, enthusiastic and make the Junior Cricket Program at WPHCCC very successful:

- Evan Hutchings (Deputy Director – Juniors and U16 Age Co-ordinator)
- Rajesh Sethi (Treasurer)
- Patrick Chensee (Secretary and U13 Age Co-ordinator)
- Imran Khan (Registrar)
- Andrew Miedler (Equipment Officer)
- Peter Rashleigh (U15 Age Co-ordinator)
- Andrew Fiedler (U14 Age Co-ordinator)
- Glenn Ashelford (U11 Age Co-ordinator)
- David Schubert (U10 Age Co-ordinator)
- Ben Frawley (U9 Age Co-ordinator)
- Anne Starr (Clothing Co-ordinator)
- Deanne Steer (Trophy Co-ordinator)

I wish to thank all of the Committee Members for their support and encouragement during the year.

A special vote of thanks goes to Evan Hutchings who has served the Club as Director Juniors and Age Co-ordinator for last 7 years. Evan has made great efforts to the Club where it is today. You will be remembered for many years to come!

A special thanks goes to Anne Starr who has provided all the teams with their Clothing over the last three seasons. Anne has spent numerous hours ordering and sourcing the clothing every season and she should be commended for the special efforts and the patience of her family during this time.

A final thanks to all coaches, managers, players and parents for their continued support and we look forward to a successful 2008/09 season.

**Deepak Narsai (Director - Juniors)**

## JUNIOR BOYS TROPHY WINNERS

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Team Player</u>	<u>Batsman</u>	<u>Bowler</u>
Under 11	Blue	Tyrone Smith	Nicholas Hey	Jacob Cummings
Under 11	Red	Aiden Russell	Thomas Steer	Jackson Preedy
Under 11	Green	Joel Herzog	Nicholas Leonard	Arjun Bhasin
Under 11	White	Luke Pignone	Savin Weeraratne	Hamish Menday
Under 12	Gold	Abhimanyu Srikanth	Thomas Lee	Daniel Kleinhans
Under 12	Blue	Harrison Norrell	Daniel Anderson	Siddharth Sethi
Under 12	Green	Charles Blumfield	Taylor McCann	Piranaa Alagiah
Under 12	White	Shannan O'Donnell	Francis Levitt	Mansimar Singh
Under 13	Red	Lachlan McBrien	Peter Flook	Gopy Parathan
Under 13	Blue	Stuart Turner	Ashane De Silva	Joel Mather
Under 13	White	Matthew Dick	Siddharth Shankar	Devansh Govil
Under 14	Red	Shashankh Thirumeni	Anjan Oberai	Patrick Power
Under 14	Blue	Jonathon Leonard	Michael Richards	Kevin Godfrey
Under 14	White	Jamie Joseph	Stephen Wray	Alex Rashleigh
Under 15	Red	Daniel Chew	Kieran Mahoney	Pat Graham
Under 15	Blue	Harpeet Singh	Daniel Brain	Tim Starr
Under 15	White	Joshua Noney	Elliott Kramer	Adam Hutchings
Under 16	Blue	Harry Connolly	Taylor Paton	Anuj Devalia
Under 16	White	Kapil Mistry	Tim Anderson	Tim Scoular

### Premiers

Under 14 Blue  
Under 12 Gold  
Under 11 Blue

### Arthur Souter Shield

James Blair  
Anuj Devalia  
Andrew Lawler  
Nicholas McFarlane  
Kapil Mistry  
Taylor Paton  
Avijit Safaya  
Shahil Sawjani  
Justin Steer  
Matthew Stinson

### Centuries

Anuj Devalia 110  
Taylor Paton 106 no  
Tim Scoular 138  
Elliott Kramer 155  
Carl Madsen 110  
Tim Starr 100 no  
Hat Tricks  
Chris Creais 3/7  
Devansh Govil 4/20  
M Porvaznik 3/13

### 5 Wickets in an Innings

Adam Hutchings 5/17  
Kevin Godfrey 5/7, 5/15 & 5/9  
Michael Richards 5/13  
Damon Steer 5/10  
Stephen Wray 6/18  
Daniel Anderson 5/8  
Santhosh Krishnan 5/17  
Siddharth Sethi 7/11  
Jacob Cummings 5/14

### Runners Up

Under 13 White

### John Coulthard Award

### Junior Cricketer of the Year

Adam Hutchings

### Under 13 Charles Booth Award

Lachlan McBrien

***DIRECTOR - GIRLS REPORT***

**Mark Tremain (Director - Girls)**

## *DIRECTOR - KANGAS REPORT*

I suppose season 2007-8 will go down as 'the wet season'. Goodness knows we all needed drought breaking rain but did it always have to be on a Saturday?

It was, nevertheless, quite a successful season. We registered 101 Kangas, which was well up to expectations, given local demographics. The boys and girls were again placed in 9 teams, playing on Edward Bennett Oval, which benefitted greatly from the increased rainfall.

As usual, we had a full complement of willing volunteers running each team under the guidance of our very experienced administrative team.

I must pause here to pay special tribute to those stalwarts. Unfortunately, even before the season began I was taken out of play by some major medical problems. Much of the burden of organising Kangas this season fell on Glenn O'Connor, Mike Woolnough, Ray Watkins and Rakesh Kaul. They are to be congratulated for their outstanding and successful effort.

In a coaching 'first', Cricket NSW Authorities recognised our club's capabilities by authorizing us to officially run our own Introduction To Coaching' program (Formerly known as Level 'O').

This was conducted by our own David Bennett, who is an accredited Level 2 coach. His Sunday morning seminar was enthusiastically received by 24 of our Parent/Volunteers who then went on to be terrific Kanga Coaches.

Evidence of their expertise came with the nomination of 45 Kangas to graduate to our junior ranks.

The presentation day was another simply successful event. This season volunteer Wendy Bright accepted the task, gathered a great team of enthusiastic parents around her and made it a beautifully run, enjoyable event.

We say farewell to a number of Kanga parents who have been with us for some time. Their children now have the opportunity to climb the cricketing ladder of success through our great clubs ranks which stretch for them from Under 9's to A Grade – and perhaps greater honour. We wish them well.

And so we look forward to another season. The one just past demonstrated the resilience and depth of commitment in our membership. Despite unexpected gaps in our Admin team, poor weather and other issues, our Kangas and our club came out on top.

Bring on next season.

**John Coulthard (Director - Kangas)**

## Team Entrances

Year	Seniors	Juniors	Have-A-Go (numbers)	Girls (numbers)	Total (Seniors & Juniors)
1946/47	2				
1947/48	3	1			
1948/49	2				
1949/50	2				
1950/51	2				
1951/52	2				
1952/53	3				
1953/54	4				
1954/55	1				
1955/56	1				
1956/57	2				
1957/58	2				
1958/59	2				
1959/60	2				
1960/61	2				
1961/62	2				
1962/63	2				
1963/64	3				
1964/65	2				
1965/66	3				
1966/67	3				
1967/68	3	3			
1968/69	2	6			
1969/70	3				
1970/71	3				
1972/73	3				
1973/74	3	7			
1974/75	3				
1975/76	3				
1976/77	2				
1947 to 1976	(72)	(79)			(151)
1977/78	3	5			8
1978/79	4	3			7
1979/80	4	4			8
1980/81	4	4			8
1981/82	5	11			16
1982/83	6	10			16
1983/84	7	13			16
1984/85	8	15			23
1985/86	8	10			20
1986/87	6	10			20
1987/88	7	11			21
1988/89	6	10			21
1989/90	7	11			21
1990/91	7	11			24



<b>Year</b>	<b>Seniors</b>	<b>Juniors</b>	<b>Have-A-Go (numbers)</b>	<b>Girls (numbers)</b>	<b>Total (Seniors &amp; Juniors)</b>
1991/92	7	11			24
1992/93	7	11.5*	70		25
1993/94	7	14	96		27
1994/95	6	16	130		22
1995/95	7	20	90		27
1996/97	8	23	100	44 (4)	31
1997/98	9	28	100	44 (4)	38
1998/99	7	29	100	85 (7)	36
1999/2000	6	29	126	72 (6)	35
2000/01	8	32	86	50 (4)	40
2001/02	10	26	92	29 (2)	36
2002/03	10	24	86	20 (2)	34
2003/04	11	29	97	23(2)	40
2004/05	10	27	100	37 (3)	37
2005-06	11	28	100	13 (1)	39
2006-07	10	29	118	13 (1)	39
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>583.5</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>832.5</b>		<b>1,491</b>	<b>417 (35)</b>	

**Note:**

- U10s 1979/80 – Average Cricket introduced.
- \* The .5 team was a shared team with St Ives U14 under the name of Ku-ring-gai.
- Kanga introduced 1992/93
- On 31/5/2006 we agreed to be part of the Milo 'Have-a-go' programme.
- Girls introduced 1996/97

## *UNDER 9 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT*

This year we had the largest U9 contingent of players in memory, which is a fantastic result for cricket in the West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook area and a credit to our Kanga program. 44 Kangas graduated to our U9s, and we had 70 players comprising 7 teams.

A special thankyou to the following for their continued efforts throughout the season as Coaches and Managers: Angela Day and Glenda Jennings; James Gardiner and Nicole Digby; Amir Iqbal, Lakshman Ratnam and Charles Casinader; Jason Crossley and Phil Vasic; Tony Broughton, Mark Bingham and Geoff Basden; Nigel Blow, Jason Goddard and Anthony Maher; Vishnu Naidu and Sumith Samarawickrama. Thanks to these volunteers for so generously giving up their time and making the season an enjoyable one, and contributing to the future of our cricket.

From the reports I received from the Coaches, the underlying message in all of them was that the boys and girls had a thoroughly enjoyable season and continued to improve throughout, even though the weather made it very difficult at times, and I thank everyone for their perseverance. They played the game in excellent spirit and are a credit to our club.

There were some excellent performances in all teams, as evidenced by the number of 'hatrick' and '5 wicket performance' trophies handed out at Presentation Day. I will however share some comments with you.

U9 Gold "came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their first game, and then remained unbeaten through the remainder. In their final game they took 16 wickets, of which 12 were taken by players who went wicketless in their first 3 games". U9 Sky lost 2 games all year, "yet in their final game, scored 155 for the loss of 1 wicket". A final comment from the U9 White team: "the season was perfect, the boys were perfect – looking forward to next year". As you can see, a great year and I hope that you all return for an even better year next year.

Thank you finally to all parents who supported their children throughout the year and assisted in scoring duties also. Please continue to assist your coaches and managers in the coming season, and continue to provide positive encouragement to all children from both sides.

**Ben Frawley (Under 9 Age Co-ordinator)**

## *UNDER 10 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT*

There were 53 players for the 5, U10 teams this year. They had a fabulous year and from feedback throughout the season enjoyed themselves immensely.

As this was their second year playing on a full length pitch, still with the softer incrediball, one could see the improvement in the players as they fine-tuned their skills including running between wickets.

There were some outstanding individual efforts - 4 five wicket hauls, one a hat trick and many half centuries. Congratulations! More importantly though the players grew as a team. They played the game in the right spirit encouraging and supporting their team mates win or lose, and they had fun!

As mentioned the players development throughout the season was noticeable. They were fortunate to have 5 dedicated and committed coaches who devoted significant time and energy throughout the season. I would like to thank those coaches for their efforts. Andrew Miedler, Gavin Poole, Craig Murphy, Lalin DeSilva and Lee Jefferies.

Supporting the team brilliantly through the week at training and on match day were 5 fantastic team managers, Mike Watts, Andrew Miller, Jo Jennis, Aubon Fernando, and Sarah Thorne. Well done.

Finally a big thank you to all the parents who supported their teams at both training and match day either scoring, umpiring, general organisation and of course cheering.

Coaches are looking forward to keeping as many players as possible together for promotion to the U11's next season and the challenge of the 'real' cricket ball and a competition table.

Look forward to seeing you all in the new season.

**David Schubert (Under Age 10 Co-ordinator)**

## *UNDER 11 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT*

The club fielded 5 teams in the Under 11 competition for the 2007/2008 season. The competition was made up of 17 teams within one division, so all teams were unable to play each other once during the season, unfortunately this can have an impact on a teams position. The quality of the opposition in the majority of cases was of a high standard, which lead to a lot of good cricket being played.

Our club fought out the Grand Final this year with our "Gold" team just getting the better of our "Green" team on the day. Both teams had performed very well throughout the season. Our "White" team just missed out on the semi-finals (5<sup>th</sup>) while the other teams "Blue" and "Red" performed well during the season with some excellent results against the top teams. It is great to see all the children playing the game in the correct spirit and encouraging each other throughout the games and season.

A special thanks to the following people, who gave up their time to coach, manage and develop our player's skills: Geoff Bell, Jayesh Mistry, Kris Van Saarloos, Tony Guant, Darryl Buckingham, Myles O'Meara, Raj Babla, Scott Carlin, and Mike Kinchington.

Thank you also to all the other parents and who made themselves available to help with Umpiring, scoring and warming up the players. All this helps to ensure that the children have the best opportunity to enjoy their game.

There were many outstanding performances during the season, and all should be congratulated on their performances as well as their sportsmanship throughout the season.

**Glenn Ashelford (Under 11 Age Co-ordinator)**

## *UNDER 12 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT*

We fielded four teams, in the U12 competition. The highlight of the season was wondering whether any cricket would be played. I am advised by my more experienced Committee members that it was the wettest season for cricket in a very long time. When cricket was eventually played, there was some superb and some closely contested games.

The cricket club relies on parents to support the club in the coaching and management of the teams. I am proud to report that our teams were coached by very capable individuals who dedicated a significant amount of time and energy during the season. We are grateful to our coaches Geoff Richards (Red Team), Andrew Cummings (Blue Team), Ben Meikle and Robert Partridge (Green Team), Tony Pignone (White Team).

There is a significant amount of information, reports and communication that is channelled to all parents and cricketers. For this, I thank the managers, Justin Russel, Stephen Vile and Abe Khamis. who competently fulfilled this task.

The **U12 Red** team progressed to the finals and narrowly lost to Mount Colah. This was a significant result as the team had to play 2 “finals” to play in the finals against Mount Colah. Amongst the notable performances during the season were by Andy Richards (scoring 242 @ 34.57), Jackson Preedy (180 runs @ 36 and 8 wickets @ 9.50), Hayden McWilliams (14 wickets @ 5.86) and Aiden Russel (9 wickets @ 7.56).

The **U12 Blue** team had an interesting season. In the game against Redfield in Round 2, the Blue Team scored 353/6. This must be close to one of the highest scores of all time in an innings in the U12 competition. There were several outstanding performances during the season with the most notable achievements by Nicholas Hey (scoring 290 runs @ 96.67 and taking 6 wickets @ 15.33), Tyrone Smith (9 wickets @ 8.78) and Benjamin Petrie (6 wickets @ 13.33).

The **U12 White** team was in a rebuilding phase with the team having many new cricketers. The most notable performances were by Daniel Reid (scoring 168 runs @ 168), Raymond Khamis (6 wickets @ 8.17) and Kieran Kander (5 wickets @ 11). The team has many talented players and should be improving their performance during the coming season.

The **U12 Green** team has many talented players with good contributions by all the cricketers. The most significant performances were by Daniel Koleth (scoring 83 runs @ 41.50), Arjun Bhasin (118 runs @ 23.60), Andrew Meikle (10 wickets @ 7.30). The combination of good bowlers and batsman should see this team improve its performance next season.

A successful 2007/08 season was made possible by the parents who volunteered in score keeping, umpiring, taking the players to training and matches and cheering the teams on. Thank you for being participants to these activities.

**Deepak Narsai (Under 12 Age Co-ordinator)**

## *UNDER 13 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT*

In a rain affected season 2007-08 the Club fielded 52, U13 boys, forming four teams in the 14 team competition.

The Gold team was defending two successive premierships, and was the only Club U13 team to make the semi finals. In a replay of season 06-07 Gold defeated Pennant Hills, with an absolute cracker of a last over bowled by Oliver Winkcup taking 3 for 1, plus 1 run out. The Final against Berowra was a replay of the 06-07 Final, unfortunately Gold lost by one wicket. Abhimanyu Srikanth and Thomas Lee bowled superbly and were unlucky not to take more wickets, both taking 1 for 7 off 10 overs. Congratulations to coach Andrew Porvaznik and manager Richard Gooderham, Gold making three Finals in a row. The Gold team was unchanged from 06-07.

Many thanks to Green team coach John Menday and manager Trevor Jesse, the team has settled after a couple of season of changing players, the boys all enjoy their cricket and they are a team full of potential.

There was a change of management at the Blue team, many thanks to new coach Denise Anderson and new manager Gary McLennan. The Blue team has not changed for a few years and on paper should finish higher up the competition.

Many thanks also to White team coach Mani Krishnan he had a large job commitment and his dedication to the team is appreciated. Thanks also to manager Brad Joyce who often covered both positions.

Thanks also to the umpires and scorekeeper, without them there is no game.

Three boys were awarded bowling trophies for taking five or more wickets in an innings.

- Gold team Thomas Lee bowled 5 for 11
- Blue team Siddarth Sethi bowled 6 for 5
- White team Indika Dissanayake bowled 5 for 9.

The Under 13s Charles Booth Memorial Trophy was awarded to Charles Blumfield from the Green team. The criteria of the award is an under 13 boy playing in the Under 13 competition, and based on sportsmanship, fair play and a commitment to the team.

At Rep level, Peter Lee coached the U13 IDCA team, Ross Anderson was manager of the U13 Gee Shield, and Mani Krishnan was a Rep selector. Eight boys made the Rep squads, from the Blue team Daniel Anderson, James Madden and Siddarth Sethi, from the White team Santhosh Krishnan, Indika Dissanayake, Mansimar Singh, and from the Gold team Oliver Winkcup and Thomas Lee.

This was a challenging season, with rain interruptions to matches and training which created many frustrations. Only 3 seasons at juniors to go!

**Patrick Chensee (Under 13 Age Co-ordinator)**

## *UNDER 14 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT*

The U14's were able to keep 3 teams this season, with 40 players in total – 10 of whom were new registrations. Each team had at least 3 games interrupted by bad weather this season, resulting in many slow outfields when games were actually on. As a result, the competition generally suffered lower scores than previous seasons, which contributed to a very closely fought competition.

The **WPHC Blue** team finished the season equal 5<sup>th</sup> with WPHC Red team, just one win out of a semi-final spot. The Blues, with new coach Geoff Hickman in charge, started the season in great fashion, winning 3 of their first 4 games. However once the wet weather set in from November onwards, they were unable to gain any momentum and the remainder of their season was peppered with drawn games. There were still several outstanding performances, with four players managing to score 50s – Stuart Turner (55), Wynston Lee (78 ret), Sahil Talpade (55) and Stephen McFarlane (66). Best bowling figures throughout the season were Lachlan Blue (3/15), Wynston Lee (3/8) and Joel Mather (3/17).

The **WPHC Red** team also had a new coach this season in Geoff Starr. They had a much improved season over the previous year, being in contention for the semi-finals right up to the final round. The Red team showed they could beat any team on their day, as evidenced by their win over the previous year's premiers (chasing down 229) and Mt Colah, who finished 3<sup>rd</sup>. The top batting performances were by Nick Starr (75, 66, 51), Gopy Parathan (56), Peter Flook (48) and Lachlan McBrien (46). Notable bowling performances were by Nick Starr (3/7) and Jack Goggin (3/10).

The **WPHC White** team had a wonderful year finishing as undefeated premiers. They have a great depth of bowling stocks that enabled them to restrict sides to very modest totals. Only once did a team manage to exceed 130 runs against them. The depth in bowling was notable with four players taking more than 10 wickets for the season – Brandon Jack (11 wickets @ 8.9), Riley Miedler (18 @ 6.5), Darshan Pandya (13 @ 6.7) and Sid Shankar (17 @ 7.6). The batting was somewhat overshadowed by these performances, however there were some notable innings, namely (Lachlan Vile (44 n.o), Daniel Fiedler (46 in Semi-Final) and Sid Shankar (43 in the Final).

The Final was a very tense match against a strong Castle Hill RSL side. WPHC White batted first and managed 8/147 – with Darshan (30) and Sid (43) the star performers. Castle Hill seemed to be cruising, at one point needing 40-odd runs off the final 15 overs with 6 wickets in hand. However the boys dug deep and handled the pressure better than their opposition (and better than most of the supporters!), with exceptionally tight bowling and fielding. An inspiring closing spell from Brandon (4/22 off 10 overs) who was playing against doctor's advice (but the coach thought he was fine !) sealed a memorable win by 20 runs.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the coaches (Geoff H, Geoff S and Peter Dick) and the managers (Dinesh de Silva, John Goggin and David Linaker) for their dedication and willing efforts to make our season such a success. With the number of weather interruptions this season, it made their job even more demanding. I would also like to thank all the parents who assisted with umpiring, scoring and general behind-the-scenes work to make the season enjoyable for all concerned. We look forward to seeing you and your boys again next season.

**Andrew Fiedler (Under 14 Age Co-ordinator)**

## *UNDER 15 AGE CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT*

This year the U/15's fielded 2 teams of 14 players each. The Blues consisted of 9 players from the premiership winning team from 06-07 and the Reds were a combination of players from the Reds and Whites from the previous season. The U/15 competition was very hard fought with rain affecting many matches. I'm pleased to say that the Blues defended their crown with a comfortable win over Upper Hills Lee in the final. The Reds had a disappointing year although it must be said they were very unlucky as half their matches were washed out.

### **U/15 Reds Report : - Peter Rashleigh (Manager)**

This season promised a great deal. Combining the U/14 Whites & Reds from the previous season meant we had plenty of talent in the side. The first blow was losing Anjan Oberai for 2 months with a fractured elbow before the season had started. We then lost our first 4 games against what were the eventual semi-finalists Normanhurst, WPHC Blue, Pennant Hills & Upper Hills (3 of these were reasonably close). The main problem in these matches was our poor catching. By the end of round 4 we had dropped over 20 catches. Because of rain and/or wet grounds we were only able to complete 2 of our next 7 matches. We finished the season on a good note with a win against Castle Hill RSL in the last round. Our season tally finished as 1 win, 5 loses, 1 bye and 4 draws (washouts).

The team bonded very well together although there was always plenty of "friendly sledging" at training. Thanks to Thiru Pukazhenthii for his committed coaching effort, Bob Wray & Darren Mather for supporting me with the umpiring duties and to all the rest of the parents who assisted with scoring during the season.

### **U/15 Blues Report: - Andrew McIntosh (Manager)**

The season saw a team with a mix of players who knew each other from previous seasons combined with some new faces. Captained by Crispin Demetriou, and with Hayden McIntosh taking on the job as Player-Coach, the team blended well with all members finding it a friendly group. Many were allotted nicknames and this promoted the feeling of camaraderie. It was a very successful season and with a great group of parents who carried out scoring and umpiring duty with no fuss, it travelled along smoothly.

Special thanks to Geoff Richards and Peter Steer who assisted in the training of the lads. The team worked hard and reaped the benefits, winning the Grand Final. Congratulations to all the young men who have shown great maturity in their approach to the game. They are a group we can all be very proud of.

**Representitive Players:** The following U/15 WPHC players were selected to represent Hornsby Kuring-gai Hills DCA Representitive Teams: -

Anjan Oberai, Alex Rashleigh, Stephen Wray (U/14 Moore Shield) Giyan Dharmadasa, Kevin Godfrey, Lachlan Thomson (U/15 Weblin Shield) Shashankh Thirumani, Nirodha, Udawela (U/15 IDCA)

Thanks to all the volunteer coaches, managers, umpires and scorers for helping to make 07-08 another successful season.

**Peter Rashleigh (Under 15 Age Co-ordinator)**



## *UNDER 16 AGE COORDINATOR'S REPORT*

In the 2007/08 season there were two WPHC teams in the Under 16 competition that comprised 8 teams. These two teams, White and Blue were very evenly balanced and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> on the table respectively.

During the rounds these teams played each other on one occasion with the Blue team enjoying a very solid and deserved victory. Due to their finishing positions at the conclusion of the rounds the two teams played each other in the Semi Final with the White team prevailing in a tight contest. It is worthy to note that on both occasions when these teams met, the matches were played in a wonderful spirit with both teams displaying equally genuine appreciation of the efforts of both their own team mates and the opposition.

The White team subsequently progressed to the Final where they met Upper Hills, the team that had won the previous three Finals in the preceding age groups. In a heartbreaking finish the White team fell short in the run chase by a solitary run. Despite the loss this team enjoyed a fantastic season with some tremendous individual and team efforts, the most brilliant of which was an unbelievable 7/17 in the Final by Parneet Bhatia. Parneet had also previously claimed 5/9 earlier in the season.

Due to the extremely wet weather that plagued the season several matches were washed out and batting conditions were generally difficult. As a consequence there were no centuries recorded by players in these teams. There were also no additional five wickets in an innings performances. However, statistically, the following players were outstanding in their respective teams:

Blue Team:	Daniel Brain	370 runs @ 46.25
	Sam Croft	16 wickets @ 12.00
White Team	Christy Doran	227 runs @ 28.38
	Parneet Bhatia	23 wickets @ 7.26

As the players in these teams mostly move on to senior cricket I feel that it is important to acknowledge some very special people and some wonderful achievements. Firstly, I would like to recognise and congratulate the Under 16 Blue team. The nucleus of this team commenced their cricket together in Kangas and subsequently Under 9's and played together until Under 16's. Although they didn't claim any premierships along the way they always either reached the play offs or were in contention. More importantly they were constantly developing their skills in a welcoming environment with great camaraderie. This team provides a wonderful example of what junior cricket should be about. Accordingly I wish to express my appreciation to David Flook, Bill Byrnes, Tony Brain and Geoff Starr who all played key roles in the team's coaching and management over the years and also to all of the dedicated parents associated with this wonderful team.

I would also like to recognise Daniel Brain, Harpreet Singh and Christy Doran for their selection for Green Shield in the 2007/08 season (for Mosman, Western Suburbs and North Sydney respectively). Further, it is with pleasure that I can report on the achievements of Daniel and Harpreet in gaining recognition as being amongst the top players in Sydney in this age group through their selection in the Green Shield 1<sup>st</sup> Eleven.

Finally, to cap an absolutely outstanding season, Daniel Brain was not only the West Pennant Hills – Cherrybrook Junior Player of the Year, he also won the Association's prestigious Kookaburra Rising Star Award. Congratulations Daniel on a season that brought the results and recognition that you so richly deserve.

Best wishes to you all in your senior cricket.

**Evan Hutchings (Under 16 Age Co-ordinator)**

## Tamworth Cricket Carnival (Report by Andrew Fiedler)

Each year various junior cricket carnivals are hosted in NSW country venues, where representative teams are invited to compete for a week playing a series of one-day games on turf pitches. For the first time, the West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Cricket Club received an invitation to compete in the U14 carnival in Tamworth in January 2008. The carnival also co-incided with the build-up to the Country Music Festival, so the atmosphere at each game was fantastic.

At such a difficult time of the year, we struggled somewhat for player numbers and so fielded a combined squad of U13 and U14 players. Whilst we approached the carnival with a bit of trepidation, knowing we'd be up against some strong Rep teams, we intended to make the most of a huge opportunity to have a bit of fun playing cricket on turf for the first time against a bunch of country kids.

While we were always competitive on the field, we did come off 2<sup>nd</sup>-best in each of our 5 matches. We tried everything from pep-talks (who'll ever forget Patrick's rousing speech), to all-out aggression, to all-out defence, to a 5-prong spin attack. We tried pre-game early nights, late nights, pre-game training, post-game bingeing. We played noisily, we played quietly, we even tried out-flanking the opposition by sending out 2 square-leg umpires....I guess the other guys were just a bit too good. In fact, we were even beaten to the 'Most Team Ducks' trophy by Gunnedah.



Nevertheless, the important thing was that we all had a ball. The Tamworth organizing committee were first class, providing drinks and lunches for all the kids, and putting on a big BBQ for the whole carnival one evening. We played as a team during the days and played as a bigger team (with parents, brothers and sisters) each night. All of the boys were pushed to play a higher standard of cricket than they had previously encountered, and I'm sure they all learned something that will make them better cricketers as a result of this experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Patrick Chensee, whose organization of the accommodation and tour itinerary was hugely appreciated by all concerned. I doubt he had time to relax from the time he woke each day until the time he consumed his first evening beer (he certainly relaxed after that). I would also like to thank all the families who gave up their holiday time to support their boys for the week, but trust you found it very rewarding. The daily post-mortems we shared over dinner and 'soft-drinks' were highly enjoyable! And finally, I'd like to thank each of the boys who's enthusiasm to learn, encourage each other, and try their hardest every day was immensely satisfying.

After such a successful week, we hope we are given the opportunity to participate in these tours in future years, and that more players have the chance to experience what these boys did.

**Inaugural West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook U13/U14 Tamworth Carnival Team:**



**Back Row (L to R):** Tayler McCann, Ashane De Silva, Daniel Fiedler, Matthew Dick, Sean Hobern, Riley Miedler, Toby Menday, Nikki O'Meara

**Front Row:** Lachlan McBrien, Thomas Lee, Sam Finch, Ben Chensee, Charles Blumfield