



NORTHBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

88th Annual Report

and

Financial Statement

Season 2006 - 2007



PREMIERSHIPS	
A Grade	1952-53 1953-54 1954-55 1956-57 1960-61 1962-63 1963-64 1968-69 1970-71 1971-72 1972-73 1994-95 2001-02 Limited Overs 2000-01
A Reserve	1996-97 Limited Overs 1996-97
B Grade	1965-66 1966-67 1975-76 2006-2007 Limited Overs 2006-2007
C Grade	1961-62 1963-64 1993-94 Limited Overs 1999-2000
D Grade	1950-51 1952-53 1961-62 (GDCA)
D2 Grade	1955-56



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the
Eighty Eighth Annual General Meeting

for

The Northbridge Cricket Club

Will be held

At

**North Sydney Anzac Memorial Club
Miller Street, Cammeray
In the Boardroom**

Wednesday 10th of October, 7.00pm

Business

1. Consider any business arising from last year's AGM
2. To accept Minutes from last years AGM
3. To receive and consider this years Annual and Financial Statement
4. President's Address
5. Treasurer's Address
6. To accept any notice of motion received in order
7. To elect Office Bearers and Committee for the coming season
8. To transact any other business brought forward in conformity with the club constitution

All interested in cricket are most welcome to attend!



Report of the Management Committee
And
Honorary Treasurer's Financial Statement
For the Season 2006 - 2007

Gentlemen,

The management committee submits the 88th Annual Report and Financial Statement for consideration and adoption.

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CLUB OFFICE BEARERS 2004/05

Honorary President	David Mills
Honorary Vice President	Rod Winsor
Honorary Secretary	Mitch Whyman
Honorary Minute Secretary	Peter Stankovic
Honorary Treasurer	Anthony Greenhill
Honorary Auditor	Phil Cameron
Association Correspondence	Chris Davies Shane Watts Peter Stankovic Kingsley Chapman Paul Williams Mitch Whyman
General Committee Members	Chris Davies Shane Watts Peter Stankovic Kingsley Chapman Paul Williams Paul Swann



LIFE MEMBERS

Member	Year Inducted
S Morrison	1971 - 1972
Noel Maxwell	1977 - 1978
John Faulks	1983 - 1984
David Mills	1991 - 1992
David Sheekey	1998 - 1999
Tim Perry	1999 - 2000
Barry Cline	2000 - 2001
John Leslie	2000 - 2001
Neil Rickard	2001 - 2002
Peter Stankovic	2004 - 2005



PREVIOUS OFFICE BEARERS

President	Years
Pearce Rhyman	1969 - 1973
Noel Maxwell	1973 - 1977
John Faulks	1977 - 1981
Noel Maxwell	1981 - 1982
Tim Perry	1982 - 2000
Rod Winsor	2000 - 2003
David Mills	2003 -

Vice President	Years
Rod Winsor	2003 -

Honorary Secretary	Years
David Sheekey	1974 - 1980
Charlie Clark	1980 - 1981
Terry Moore	1981 - 1982
David Sheekey	1982 - 1990
John Leslie	1990 - 1991
David Sheekey	1991 - 2001
John Barton	2001 - 2002
Steve Keating	2002 - 2003
Jon Hanna	2003 - 2004
Mitch Whyman	2004 -

Club Patron	Years
Lance Thornton	1986 - 1987
John Faulks	1990 - 2000
Tim Perry	2000 -

Minute Secretary	Years
Roger Moore	1982 - 1995
Peter Stankovic	1995 - 2004
Ben Maw	2004 - 2006
Peter Stankovic	2006 -



PREVIOUS OFFICE BEARERS

Honorary Treasurer	Years
S Morrison	1969 – 1974
Barry Cline	1974 – 2002
Rod Winsor	2002 - 2004
Steve Peak	2004 - 2006
Anthony Greenhill	2006 -

Honorary Auditor	Years
Phil Cameron	1990 -



THE HONORARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with a furrowed brow & leaden heart that I present this report. We have just lost 3 men, involved with the club in a 2 week period.

First we lost Warrick Catchlove. An ex-player and long time supporter and well known "Officianado" at the Anzac club. At the same time Ken McFarlane, an Ex Secretary at the club passed away after a long illness on the Gold Coast.

A week later we were sent reeling with the sudden death of Stephen Peak while on holiday in Dublin. In my nearly 50 years involvement with Northbridge this is the first time that an active player has lost his life. He has left a huge hole both as a player and an administrator for us to fill.

To the friends and relatives of all 3 men I extend the deepest commiseration and condolences on behalf of Northbridge Cricket Club.

In relation to on field activities it was the best season we have seen in over 13 years by winning the B grade premiership. All the disappointments and losses over the off season have restored hope.

All three teams had some good moments on the field but the B grade side truly bonded together and played as one, and let any disturbances off field stay off field.

As a club, we had a large playing roster for the season and continued to enjoy each others company on the sporting field.

I would like to congratulate all the award and trophy winners from the Presentation night and look forward to an improved and successful season this year.

It is also with great pleasure to see the committee, along with our major sponsors The Commonwealth Bank, reward the club with two exciting and powerful players in Shane Watson and Brett Lee attending our Presentation Night. I would also like to thank Anthony Greenhill and Mitch Whyman for their dedication and development. We owe a debt of gratitude to these two guys for an outstanding contribution as secretary and financial advisors. It shapes as an exciting year ahead and I look forward to reuniting with each and every one of you in the coming season.

David Mills
Honorary President



AWARD RECIPIENTS 2004-2005

B Grade Team

This year we introduced the David Mills Batting Award and the Tim Perry Bowling Award

David Mills Trophy for Batting	Jesus Luque
Tim Perry Trophy for Bowling	Anthony Greenhill
Fielding Award	Damien Fuller
Captain's Award	Ben Maw
John Leslie Player of the Season	Jesus Luque

B-2 Grade Team

Batting Award	Scott Earl
Bowling Award	Rob Munro
Fielding Award	Anthony Witherdin
Captain's Award	Danish Sekhiri
Player of the Season	Scott Earl

C-Res Grade team

Batting Award	Peter Stankovic
Bowling Award	Shane Watts
Fielding Award	Sam Dempsey
Captain's Award	Alex Stankovic
Player of the Season	Peter Stankovic

Centuries

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Vs.</u>
B Grade	211*	Jesus Luque	The Bats
B Grade	136*	Jesus Luque	Longueville Hotel
B Grade	125	Paul Swan	North West Cougars
B2 Grade	112	Scott Earl	Bonnons
New Club Record	211*	Jesus Luque	The Bats



ADDITIONAL CLUB AWARDS

10 Years Service

The 10 year service award is to recognise playing members that have given their time and service to the Northbridge Cricket Club year after year and had previously not been recognised. We can't all be Life members but we all give as much time as possible to the club. With that in mind please understand that there may be players that have played more than ten years compared to others, or players that may deserve this award, who aren't with us anymore. In that last sentence alone there is your motivation to come back to the club. We need you, and so does the club.

So instead of awarding players for 100 games we have created a 10 years and over service award. This award is in appreciation for their loyalty and hard work for the club.

This year the following player received the award and we would like to thank him for his significant contribution.

- **Michael Tims**

NORTHBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB PERPETUAL TROPHIES

The Ken Wood Cup

The Club's perpetual major award, the "Ken Wood Cup" is awarded each season to the outstanding member of the club. This award was first awarded in the 1947/48 season in memory of Sergeant Ken Wood, who sadly died during World War II. When deciding the recipient of this award, the general committee takes into account performances on the cricket field, sportsmanship and other services rendered to the club.

Congratulations to **Mitch Whyman** for his continued effort in running the club from an administrative perspective and in assisting the club both on and off the field in achieving the many rewards received this year.

Previous Winners	
Year	Winner
1970-71	Graham Johnstone
1971-72	Bob Fenton
1972-73	John Yates
1973-74	Noel Maxwell
1974-75	Barry Cline
1975-76	Steve Blockley
1976-77	Jim Freeman
1977-78	Kevin Keegan



Previous Winners	
Year	Winner
1978-79	David Sheekey
1979-80	Martin Smith
1980-81	Ian Brown
1981-82	Martin Smith
1982-83	Roger Moore
1983-84	Chris Greleck
1984-85	Tony Thornby
1985-86	Frank Foy
1986-87	David Mills
1987-88	Rod Winsor
1988-89	Steve Cameron
1989-90	Chris Woodhouse
1990-91	Pat Fisher
1991-92	David Mills
1992-93	Jim Woodhouse
1993-94	David Sheekey
1994-95	Chris Woodhouse
1995-96	Brett Watts
1996-97	Daryl Daniels
1997-98	Peter Stankovic
1998-99	Francis von Demleux
1999-00	David Sheekey
2000-01	Stephen Keating
2001-02	Chris Leslie
2002-03	Chris Leslie
2003-04	Rob Hobday
2004-05	Anthony Greenhill
2005-06	Mitch Whyman

The Lance Thornton Cup

The Lance Thornton Cup is awarded each season to the outstanding junior member of the club. Lance Thornton played cricket for Northbridge and was our Club Secretary. Lance was also Treasurer for the NSCA, and Northbridge Club Patron from 1979-1980.

This year saw **Sam Dempsey** receive this award. Sam is a worthy recipient, a young player who is committed and worked hard during the season to come up with some great performances on the field.

Previous Winners	
Year	Winner
1970-71	Scott Dobson & Robert Adams
1971-72	Christopher Richardson



Previous Winners	
Year	Winner
1972-73	Terry Moore
1973-74	Michael Hill
1974-75	Don Callope
1975-76	Tony Thornby
1976-77	John Moore
1977-78	Don Callope
1978-79	Emile Borrer
1979-80	Mark Roger & David Hoffman
1980-81	David Hoffman
1981-82	Justin Shakeshaft
1982-83	Chris Higgins
1983-84	Chris Woodhouse
1984-85	Chris Woodhouse
1985-86	Edgar Penollar
1986-87	Chris Woodhouse
1987-88	Chris Leslie
1988-89	Chris Leslie
1989-90	David Stratton
1990-91	Chris Leslie
1991-92	David Stratton
1992-93	Tim Paillas
1993-94	Rob Bailey
1994-95	Mark Pointer
1995-96	Scott Reid
1996-97	Dominic Brogan
1997-98	Chris Snyder
1998-99	Derek Allen
1999-00	Richard Kidd
2000-01	Anthony Allen
2001-02	Liam Moy
2002-03	Anthony Allen
2003-04	Ben Hobday
2004-05	Ben Hobday

The Stephen Peak Trophy

The Stephen Peak Trophy is a new award introduced this season. Stephen played cricket for Northbridge, was our Club Treasurer and Vice Captain of our A-Reserve Grade Team in 2005/06. Stephen tragically passed away in the off-season at the age of 33. This award is in memory of Stephen and his commitment on and off the field. The award is designed to recognise the Players Player – voted by the players on a 3-2-1 basis, week in week out. Any member, in any team of the club can win this award.



This year saw **Jesus Luque** receive this award. Jesus is a worthy and outstanding recipient, who is committed and achieved some spectacular performances throughout the season, topping it off with a new club Batting Record of 211 not out - an incredible performance that goes down in club history.

Note: this is the first time this award has been presented; therefore there are no previous winners.



NORTHERN SUBURBS CRICKET ASSOCIATION TROPHIES

We would also like to congratulate **Anthony Greenhill** and **Jesus Luque** for taking out Association awards for Bowling and Batting respectively. **Jesus** also took out the Association B Grade Player of the Year award. This is a great honour given the fierce competition across NSCA B Grade.

Congratulations to both players!

Martin Shield

Northbridge did not have anyone represent our club at the Martin Shield level this year. The Martin Shield is a representative team that consists of players from within the NSCA who compete against other districts throughout Sydney.

Inter Grade Competition

Northbridge had the following players represent the club in a B Grade Invitational 20-20 Match held at the North Sydney Oval to commemorate 100 years of B Grade in the NSCA : Ben Maw, Nick May, Jesus Luque and Enzo Calabria.

From all accounts the game was a great success.



B GRADE CAPTAIN'S Grand Final Report – Kingsley Chapman

Boosted by a fantastic semi final win by 32 runs over arch nemesis The Bears, and performances of note by Damo Fuller getting three wickets in the pressure cooker finish, the savior Jesus Luque scoring 35, and Big Mitch Whyman bowling an absolute cracker to remove Ben Munro after Nags had softened his black heart with warm and fuzzy banter I cannot repeat, Northbridge kept the same XII players for the Grand Final.

1976 was the last time Northbridge held the 'Harry Johnson' Cup and a Grand Final against Longueville Hotel would be the toughest game of the season. All players, as I am aware, were in bed by 8.30pm Friday night and I even recall Stoney claiming he got home prior to 4am. We were ready and Northbridge was ready.

The venue Blackman Oval was the battlefield and umpire 'Gino', the hairdresser from Neighbours, was pacing out the boundaries and erecting the stumps. The day was warm and winning the toss I decided to have a bat and get the runs on the board. Chasing totals in finals is not ideal as South Africa can vouch for.

Zeus and Swanny opened and Longueville Hotel produced a bowler of speed that Mr Lee would be proud of. It hurt and Northbridge were 2 for 21 – both openers (our 2 top season scorers) removed. Andrew G (yes he is over 18 and does not live with his parents) set in briefly before it was 3 for 34. Stoney was looking strong and focused (must be the early night) and Nick May came in and sent one straight over the boundary. During this time Jesus had thought it was appropriate to measure everyone's fingers for our championship rings such was the confidence we shared in each other.

Nick came and then tried to hit every ball for six and was caught. 4 for 44 and I joined Stoney in the middle. The little fella was up for a big challenge and our end of over talks focused on seeing each other in 6 balls time. It was truly a pleasure and I felt warm on the inside (it was about 45 degrees in the middle).

Stoney passed his 50 and shortly after I spooned one to point. 4 for 115 and the total was looking competitive. Our tail which has been strong throughout the year uncharacteristically managed lower scores with Benny, and Greeny sharing ducks and Northbridge were all out for 154 off 64.5 overs. Stoney made a fantastic 63 runs which turned out to be a match winner. Within 10 minutes the skies opened and washed out the remaining 20 minutes of the day.

The next day all eyes were on the skies, and weather web sites, however rain was light and not constant. From 30+ degrees the Saturday, it was 20 degrees and drizzling. Upon our arrival 'Gino' was satisfied to get a start and Northbridge set about knocking over the Longueville batters. Longueville started well and Benny and Greeny were bowling without luck. The windmill Maw produced a quicker one and it was 1 for 27. Greeny's turn made it 2 for 37 and Mitch and Damo produced solid spells. Damo is just astounding with his swing and ripped one through Nakkan. Wickets fell however Longueville made 4 for 94 and needed 57 runs to win – Northbridge needed 6 wickets. Greeny bowled a ripper and removed the stumps of Butchatsky – 5 for 94. Rain had



stopped play twice and the field was damp and slippery, the goose bumps were up and the ball was brown and soapy.

Nitin had bowled a fine spell of 8 overs for just 10 runs and his flight and control of a wet ball was a joy to watch. Benny came back and grabbed 100 mph Callahan on the pads. 6 for 97!! Next over Greeny forced a mistake and the ball sailed up towards Mid Off and Damo took yet another catch. 7 for 97 – Victory was close and I was absolutely freezing. Northbridge back on top.

Steve Haney from Longueville who took 4 wickets came in and started blasting our bowlers around. Benny produced a great line and length only to see it travel back over his head for six. A quick glimpse from Benny as he looked like a bear lost in the woods. Longueville 7 for 135 – needing 18 runs only - Northbridge needing 3 wickets. The upper hand was with Longueville Hotel and pressure was mounting. At this stage I needed a match winner and who better than Mitch Whyman. Benny was the sole voice yelling in the deep and proving an inspiration for others to lift. Mitch *is* Northbridge Cricket, and I knew this was his to take. Then it was the catch of the season, Mitch Whyman to Butchatsky number 2 and up in the air it went. I looked over at square leg and a D Stonestreet was pumping those 6 inch legs (the real ones) looking back over his shoulder. The ball dropped perfectly and Stoney grasped in front of him to take his second match winner. First runs and now catches - 8 for 135.

Greeny was keeping the overs tight at the Lane Cove end and Mitch rattled the pads of Stewart. Gino raises the finger and 9 for 140. 13 runs or 1 wicket. Dangerman Haney was looking strong and we knew it had to be Brian Balmer – Longueville number 11. Field positions moved each ball and now 11 runs needed.

Mitch ran in and I amongst others had fingers and toes crossed. The ball swings past the off stump and it is unknown how contact failed between the ball and stump. Greeny maintained it tight from the other end and then at the start of the 67th over, Mitch runs in, releases and the ball moves away on the off side. Balmer swings, connects and it appears headed between point and gully. Nitin steps to the left and moves his hands towards a now dark brown ball and plucks it like Thanksgiving. Jesus roars like the king of the jungle (or is that George of the Jungle Zeus) and a memory snapshot is provided at that moment. Big Mitch is swamped like Ronald MacDonald on McHappy Day and the man love is shared between 12 blokes on a cricket pitch.

The rest is history and continues through the night and for some a ‘Mad Monday’ of beers, BBQ’s and hot tubs which the Australian Cricket team would be proud of. Thanks to Tim Perry for being our good luck charm and especially in these close games, the score must be perfect which it no doubt was (thanks Tim for taking 12 runs off their total at the last tea break – Just Kidding)

Jesus fulfilled his promise and made championship rings which all 12 winning players have now received. Further to these beautifully crafted rings, each winning player was presented with a Northbridge Winning Baggy Red and Black. These items are not to be sold on EBay and resemble the pride and hard work that all players put in to make this season a memorable one for the Northbridge faithful.



B GRADE CAPTAIN'S REPORT – Kingsley Chapman

Minor Premiers

One Day Premiers

B-Grade Premiers

Association Batting Player (Jesus 602 @ 75.25)

Association Bowling Player (Greeny 29 @ 9.69)

Association Champion Player (Jesus)

Played 14 games - Won 13 games with over 3000 runs scored at an average of over 200 runs an innings

26 players represented B-Grade for Northbridge during the season.

Now most shall now I love my stats and these are the most identifying and congratulatory of the given ten team mates I had the pleasure of standing next to on a cricket field over those summer weekends. To watch and participate in win after win, to passively smoke a carton of smokes throughout the year during tea breaks, and to hear XI players erupt in sheer joy as Nitin catches a ball at 5.21pm on Sunday 24th March, these are all memories of an unforgettable year for the B-Grade faithful.

The famous sporting quote ‘You’re only as good as your last game!’ well taking out a hiccup in Round 6 we were damn awesome! To be listed as Captain of such a fine side, I take my hat off and bow to every player for their enthusiasm and attitude to the game, to opposing teams, and to each other. The Grand Final was the longest and hardest game I have ever played, however not once did I conceive we would not win, as you only had to look at the bloke next to you to know that this team was one of Northbridge’s finest. To consistently make over 200 runs per innings and to bowl teams out on average for under 140 runs showed the depth of batters, bowlers and especially fielders the side had. The ability to bat down the order and bowl 7 blokes (no Stoney and Nick – you are not one of the 7) was indeed a luxury.

I thank all those that played this year in B Grade and also Chris Davies and Peter Stankovic for letting me have first dibs at the entire Northbridge player roster. Thanks to Stoney for being a vice captain of Adam Gilchrist proportions, Nick May for always timely advice and Benny Maw for getting us to train. To the supporters who attended one or many of our games we thank you, especially Tim Perry who not only frequents throughout the year, but was present scoring every day of our finals. Lastly I must thank the wives, partners, families, boyfriends etc. for letting their cricketing fanatics make their way off on a Saturday afternoon. B grade had a core of 8-9 players throughout the year and this teamwork was the reason for a successful season.

Lastly I encourage every club member to actively participate in Northbridge Cricket Club. We are a successful club with a great history and a strong ethos. Sure we can all turn up for a bat and bowl on the Saturday but it’s the ones that work for the club on the other days no matter how minor that I truly congratulate for our success this year.



To quote Benny Maw and the rest of the team at Kings Cross 3am on Monday the 25th March 2007 – “I’m in cricket heaven!!!” – was not only a four word sentence to describe the moment, but also the most structured sentence one of us could produce at this time, after a few too many refreshments. We just need to work on a team song for next year’s Grand Final win!

Round Highlights – Northbridge B Grade 2006/2007

Round 1 v North Shore (One Day)

WIN 1ST INNINGS BY 22 RUNS

Luque 33, Fuller 32 and Benny Maw 3 for 14 off 8 overs.

Round 2 v The Bats (Two Day)

WIN 1ST INNINGS BY 299 RUNS

Luque 211* (28 x 4’s, 4 x 6’s) (Northbridge Record for Highest Ever Score), Fuller 45, Stonestreet 42 and Greenhill 4 for 27
Northbridge 6/438 off 69 overs!!

Round 3 v The Mavericks (Two Day)

WIN 1ST INNINGS BY 30 RUNS

Chapman 48, Swan 44, Luque 0 and Fuller 3 for 47.
Last Wicket 39 between Raikar and Whyman.

Round 4 v BYE

Round 5 v Longueville Hotel (One Day)

WN 1ST INNINGS BY 30 RUNS

Luque 136* (16 x 4’s, 1 x 6) and Greenhill 7 for 49
What more can you say!!

Round 6 v Cammeray (Two Day)

LOSS BY 5 WICKETS

Raikar 56*, Maw 49, Gardner 47
Last Wicket 86 between Raikar and Maw

Round 7 v North Shore (One Day)

WIN 1ST INNINGS BY 72 RUNS

Luque 86 and Benny Maw 3 for 14 off 8 overs (again v North Shore)
Stonestreet takes a ripper on the fence with the help of a dozen too many beers the previous night.

Round 8 v The Mavericks (One Day)

WIN 1ST INNINGS BY 8 WICKETS

Fuller and Raiker 3 wickets each with Mavericks all out 81 runs.

Round 9 v BYE

Round 10 v Bears (Two Day)

WIN 1ST INNINGS BY 51 RUNS

May 35 (3 x 6’s), Greenhill 30 and Maw 4 for 21 off 19 overs then 0 for 26 off 2 overs.

Round 11 v The Bats (One Day)

WIN 1ST INNINGS BY 136 RUNS

May 42 (3 x 6’s), Swan, Luque, Greenlees, and Fuller in 30’s. Greenhill and Fuller 3 wickets.

Round 12 v N/W Cougars (Two Day)

WIN 1ST INNINGS BY 217 RUNS

Swan 125 (13 x 4’s, 4 x 6’s), Naglost 48 and Maw and Fuller 4 wickets each.
Cougars all out for 60!!



Round 13 v West Pymble (One Day)

WIN 1ST INNINGS BY 4 WICKETS

Luque 45, May 35 (3 x 6's) and all bowlers grabbing wickets.

Round 14 v Longueville Hotel (One Day)

WIN 1ST INNINGS BY 3 WICKETS

Swan 75 (4 x 6's), May 52 (3 x 6's) and Greenhill 3 for 29.

RANK	TEAM	P	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	WKTS LOST	RUNS FOR	WKTS TAKEN	RUNS AGST	POINTS	Points Ratio	%
1	Northbridge Cricket Club	12	0	11	0	1	0	105	2709	115	1849	68	5.667	1.6047
2	Longueville Hotel	13	1	7	0	5	0	104	2788	139	2324	62	4.769	1.6034
3	North West Cougars	12	0	8	0	4	0	90	2212	121	2391	56	4.667	1.2438
4	Bears	12	1	6	0	5	0	119	2364	130	2338	56	4.667	1.1046
5	Cammeray Cricket Club	13	0	5	1	7	0	104	2155	93	1908	52	4.000	1.0100
6	The Bats	13	0	7	0	4	2	141	2230	106	2509	50	3.846	0.6682
7	North Shore Cricket Club	13	0	5	1	7	0	96	1852	114	2796	48	3.692	0.7866
8	West Pymble	12	1	2	0	9	0	123	2182	99	2381	40	3.333	0.7376
9	The Mavericks	12	0	1	0	10	1	109	1861	74	1857	22	1.833	0.6804

Semi Final v Bears

WIN 1ST INNINGS BY 32 RUNS

Luque 35 and Fuller 3 for 20.

Ball of the year by Whyman cleaning middle stump of Munro and Fuller's winning spell.

Grand Final v Longueville Hotel

WIN 1ST INNINGS BY 10 RUNS

Stonestreet 63 and Whyman 4 for 31.

Stoney playing a magnificent innings to raise our total to 154 and Longueville needing 20 runs with 3 wickets in hand – enter Mitch Whyman to grab the last 3 and the rest is history.



B2 GRADE CAPTAIN'S REPORT – Chris Davies

This year Northbridge saw the Club win its first premiership in B grade and saw the player ranks swell to ensure the club will continue to field formidable sides in the years to come. However personally this is the first year since schoolboy cricket that I have played a losing season of Cricket, i.e. losing more games than winning. This was very surprising because on the day we beat the top teams convincingly and even shocked a one of them when we beat them outright.

B2 Grade had over 27 players go through the team during the season which although didn't allow for cohesion particularly in our batting but showed the player depth of the club. A lot of new players came into the club through this squad, including Scott Earl who was vice captain of the side whilst yours truly was unavailable. Scott led the team in my absence and also won the team batting award with a high score of 112. New players included Rob Munro (Bowling Award), Chris Holland and Len Chow who came down to the first game, showing good abilities with the bat and ball, although Rob was known to lose his stoic demeanour occasionally, especially when there were four dropped slips catches off his bowling (I'm sure it wasn't intentional Rob). Brothers converts John Christodoulakis (Christo), John Venardos, Tony Cannuli and Enzo Calabria played most games. Christo, JV and Canuli combined are among the highest run scorers, wickets takers and games played in the NSCA, they also boast the most humour! For example, Christo offering Enzo (85) a free night at his favourite knock shop if he scored a ton were just one of many comments made. One game the team was in trouble and John Christodoulakis joined his Captain Chris Davies and said come on Chris lets get a 10 run partnership, just prior to running out his captain, reminisce of another famous Australian Batsmen Graeme Wood. Lt Commander Paul Sedgman, when he played, was reliable with the bat, although he was still reluctant to bowl (he probably had flash backs watching Christo who against Commenara only just managed to complete an over after bowling 8 extra deliveries and was then spelled for the season).

Andrew Greenless started with the squad but his batting talents ensured his permanent place in the premiership winning B Grade side. Mick Holmes, a mate of Scott's, was a devastating bowler as the Gnomes found out when he and Alex Stanokvic, who opened the bowling, had them 6 for 30 by the 12th over. Supported by some great slips fielding again that match we lost due to poor batting - usually poor shot selection rather than good opposition bowling. Although a regular C Grade player Alex Stankovic played a few games with us and is a good young prospect for the club. Anthony Witherdin is another good find - he can bat and bowl and helped put on some good opening partnerships with the skipper. Paul Bowkett, now moved to Auckland, played a few games and was as swashbuckling with the bat as well as the beers after the game. I would like to thank Paul for his years with the club and always promoting team spirit both on and off the field - I wish him and his family well. Simon Robinson was another new player to the club and a handy bowler indeed. Danish Sekhiri who always wanted to bowl spin was made first change bowler this year and got a bag full of wickets. If another bowler was slow getting to the mark to commence a new over, Danish was always there with ball in hand making a more than subtle suggestion to the captain. Paul Williams is a superb fielder and handy lower order bat, Rowan Lawson who played a few games is a more than capable bowler. Andrew Hesketh again bowled and batted well when everyone else around him had crumbled. Other players including Rob Hobday, Simon Morgan, Ken Viojen, Paul Swan, Nitin Raikar and the many others who came and helped out, I thank you



for the season. Although we had a losing season we still didn't lose our ability to have a laugh, especially when the going was tough. I would like to thank Mitch Whyman, Anthony Greenhill and the other members of the committee who do a lot of work behind the scenes for the season.

See you all again next season.

Round Highlights – Northbridge B2 Grade 2006/2007

The Northbridge B2 Grade side had a respectable 2006/2007 season, winning 4 of their 12 matches and ending the season 8th on the ladder for both the main and one day competitions.

There were many memorable moments and achievements during the season, including a resounding outright win against Bonbons in Round 5. This victory and a number of other games were highlighted by some impressive individual performances by Northbridge B2 Grade players.

The statistically most memorable of these performances are listed below:

Batting	Bowling
Scott Earl :: 112	Mike Holmes :: 6/46
Paul Sedgman :: 76	Robert Munro :: 5/62
Enzo Calabria :: 85	Mike Holmes :: 4/20
Paul Williams :: 64*	Chris Holland :: 4/48
Robert Munro :: 61*	Robert Munro :: 3/18
John Christodoulakis :: 57	Danish Sekhri :: 3/24
Andrew Hesketh :: 55*	Danish Sekhri :: 3/28
Chris Davies :: 54	Danish Sekhri :: 3/32
Scott Earl :: 54	John Vernados :: 3/36
Simon Morgan :: 53*	Mike Holmes :: 3/52
Scott Earl :: 48	
Andrew Hesketh :: 47	
John Christodoulakis :: 44	
Andrew Greenlees :: 40	
Rowan Lawson :: 40	
Paul Bowkett :: 36	
Peter Stankovic :: 35*	
Anthony Witherdin :: 34	
Robert Munro :: 33*	
Chris Davies :: 32	
Andrew Greenlees :: 31	
Danish Sekhri :: 30*	
Nevl Fordyce :: 30	
Danish Sekhri :: 30	



Fielding

Chris Davies :: 2 catches, 1 stumping

Alexander Stankovic :: 3 catches

The comprehensive B2 Grade results for the 2006/2007 season can be found at www.northbridgecricketclub.org



C RESERVE GRADE CAPTAIN'S REPORT – David Mills

Well done to the boys in B Grade.

The Northbridge C Reserve side had a tough but overall enjoyable 2006/2007 season, winning 3 of their 12 matches and ending the season 7th on the ladder for both the main and 1-day competitions.

The team consisted of an even mix of seasoned Northbridge players and new talent, including a number of young players who made significant contributions throughout the season. We started slow and it took a few months to gain momentum. This year was a building year in that we were pushing players up the grades to give them exposure.

A convincing defeat of Weapons in Round 5 (the team that went on to win both the main and 1 day competitions) was particularly sweet, and demonstrated the strong skills of individuals, and the team sprit that is the cornerstone of every Northbridge side.

We had some good times and some not so good times. I think this year we will be more positive and we will forge ahead as a team.

I look forward to seeing you all on the paddock.

Go the Bridge

Round Highlights – Northbridge C Reserve Grade 2006/2007

There were a number of impressive individual performances throughout season, with the statistically most memorable of these listed below:

Batting	Bowling
Peter Stankovic :: 94	Shane Watts :: 6/70
Neil Rickard :: 62	Sam Dempsey :: 5/57
Mark Naglost :: 54*	Alexander Stankovic :: 5/78
Peter Stankovic :: 54	Steve Morrison :: 4/105
Dave Mills :: 52	Alexander Stankovic :: 3/22
Mark Naglost :: 52	Greg Bligh :: 3/31
Mark Naglost :: 48	Shane Watts :: 3/34
Geoff Meulman :: 45*	Greg Bligh :: 3/37
James Clancy :: 45	Greg Bligh :: 3/63
Peter Stankovic :: 43	
Sam Dempsey :: 42	
Alexander Stankovic :: 38*	



Dave Mills :: 38
Geoff Meulman :: 36
Peter Stankovic :: 36
Greg Bligh :: 35
Stephen Sarah :: 32
Geoff Meulman :: 31*
Andrew Norris :: 30*
Sam Dempsey :: 30

Fielding

Andrew Greenlees :: 2 catches, 1 run out

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**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS**

Rank	Player	Matches	Points
1	Luque Jesus	13	1102
2	Greenhill, Anthony	12	725
3	Fuller, Damian	12	717.5
4	Swan, Paul	14	716
5	Stankovic, Peter A	13	684.5
6	Stankovic, Alexander P	14	643.5
7	Earl, Scott A	9	620
8	Munro, Robert	6	608
9	Maw, Ben	12	566
10	May, Nick	14	555.5
11	Meulman, Geoff B	11	512.5
12	Raikar, Nitin	12	508
13	Greenlees, Andrew J	15	507.5
14	Mills, Dave	12	484
15	Naglost, Mark	11	469
16	Sekhri, Danish	11	440.5
17	Sedgman, Paul	8	423.5
18	Dempsey, Sam	9	414.5
19	Holmes, Mike	7	400.5
20	Witherdin, Anthony	8	393.5
21	Watts, Shane	9	370.5
22	Stonestreet, David W	12	362
23	Davies, Chris	8	354
24	Bligh, Greg J	9	346
25	Christodoulakis, John	8	334
26	Chapman, Kingsley	9	321.5
27	Calabria, Enzo	10	298
28	Hesketh, Andrew J	7	284.5
29	Whyman, Mitchell	11	278.5
30	Rickard, Neil G	11	255
31	Lawson, Rowan	5	247
32	Williams, Paul	5	228
33	Sharah, Stephen	10	188
34	Chow, Lenny	6	173.5
35	Cannuli, Tony	6	165
36	Vernados, John	8	153.5

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS**

Rank	Player	Matches	Points
37	Holland, Chris	5	134.5
28	Gardner, Mick	3	109
39	Clancy, James	2	93
40	Robinson, Simon	7	93
41	Allan, David	9	85
42	Morgan, Simon I	1	84.5
43	Norris, Andrew	2	71.5
44	Morrison, Steve	1	69
45	Fordyce, Nevl	3	58
46	Bowkett, Paul	3	57
47	Mukherjee, Subhayu (Sub)	7	49.5
48	Freeleagus, Damian	1	49
49	Hobday, Ben	1	48
50	Sherman, Russell	2	46
51	Cogle, Adam	2	43
52	MacDonald, Phillip	1	36
53	Steer, Justin	1	35.5
54	Hobday, Robert	3	30
55	Crossing, Ben	1	21
56	Ennis, Craig	2	19.5
57	Viljoen, Ken N	1	12
58	Holland, Tim	1	0
59	Jeske, Adam M	1	0

Points Allocation

Runs	1.50	Runouts	0.00
Assisted Wickets	15.00	Not outs	0.00
Unassisted Wickets (BW, LBW)	15.00	50's	5.00
Catches	10.00	100's	10.00
Stumpings	10.00	5 wkts Innings	5.00



FINANCIAL REPORT 2006/2007 (30 June 2007)

	Y-T-D INCOME	Y-T-D EXPENDITURE
Sponsorship	\$6,000	
Match Fees Collected (all grades)	\$6,940	
Income from additional Shirt Sales	\$125	
Presentation Night		
- Fees collected	\$1,275	
- Raffle collection	\$350	
- Proceeds from bat/ball auction	\$1,100	
Bank Interest	\$100	
TOTAL Y-T-D INCOME	\$15,890	
Association Fees		\$4050
Match Fees – Reimbursements		\$165
Cost of Goods Purchased		
- Cricket Balls		\$2370
- JD Trophies Man of Match Awards		\$650
- JD Trophies Annual Awards + Engraving		\$630
- Trophy Land New Perpetual Trophies + replicas		\$488
- Cricket Shirts		\$1490
Presentation Night		
- Food/Drinks/Venue Hire		\$3316
- Incidentals (Juke Box, Decorations, Gifts for speakers)		\$663
- B Grade Premiership Caps		\$613
Pre-season Net Booking – Willoughby Council		\$150
Annual Dinner – Committee		\$240
XMAS Drinks for N.C.C. Members		\$337
Website Fees		\$70
Committee Expense Reimbursement (Phone calls)		\$400
TOTAL Y-T-D EXPENDITURE		\$15,632
	<u>Y-T-D</u>	
<u>OPENING BALANCE (30 June 2006)</u>	\$11,974	
<u>ADD INCOME</u>	\$15,890	
<u>LESS EXPENDITURE</u>	\$15,632	
<u>CLOSING BALANCE (30 June 2007)</u>	\$12,232	



THE FINAL WORD FROM THE 12th MAN

The 2006/2007 Season will go down in Memory of Stephen Peak. We were all shocked by the sudden passing of a fellow clubman, committed Treasurer and mate, both on and off the field.

Northbridge is built of history, success and comradeship. In all those years, the committee had been strong in planning and eagerly waiting for the day that had unfolded on Sunday 24th March, when Nitin Raikar plucked a ball out of the air on a wet, dreary afternoon, to win us the B grade championship.

All the sweat and those painful losses disintegrated as we had achieved what many other teams strive for each week; to hopefully keep playing Cricket in March. The B Grade Grand Final victory will go down as the most exciting day of my life (excluding my wedding day). The thousand phone calls, the planning, and most of all, the never give up attitude. The belief that we deserved that championship and the winning feeling still tingles just thinking about it.

This year, our mate made us work for the win, even on the last day when he rained on us, turned summer into winter, and made us fight, as a fitting reminder of how Steve used to fight with passion and infectious energy on the field. The B Grade win was the best experience we endured, and will be remembered forever.

As the day had unfolded, and the sun was about set, the weirdest thing happened. The sun began to shine as if our mate Steve was putting on a rye little smile for a job well done.

You will be in our heart and memory forever. We miss you mate!

The Final Thought

One day when they have no more movies to make, and cricket is played in a computer café rather than on a field, The B Grade victory will be a great story to tell and go down in history as the most remarkable win in over 37 years.

We have not seen the mug for a long time.

And the celebration went into the early hours of the morning.

Good luck for 2007/2008.

Comments:

For those players looking for their individual performance stats, please logon to our website:

www.northbridgecricketclub.org.

This year we have only put in the winners of each grade, some short stats and the captains report.



The club is moving into the 20th century (finally) and everything is now on our website for further reference. A big thankyou to Mark Naglost for the hours put in to developing and driving the website proactively for our mighty club.