



NORTHBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB

89th Annual Report

Season 2007 - 2008



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 2006-07 Limited Overs 2006-07
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 Ninth Annual General Meeting

for

The Northbridge Cricket Club

Will be held

At

**Freeway Hotel
Cnr Reserve Road & Gore Hill Freeway, Artarmon, NSW
In the Piano Bar**

Thursday 10th of July, 7.00pm

Business

1. Consider any business arising from last year's AGM
2. To accept Minutes from last year's AGM
3. To receive and consider this year's 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



For the Season 2007 - 2008

Gentlemen,

The management committee submits the 89th Annual Report for consideration and adoption.

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CLUB OFFICE BEARERS 2007/08

Honorary President	Mitchell Whyman
Honorary Vice President	David Mills
Honorary Secretary	Mark Naglost
Honorary Minute Secretary	Ben Maw
Honorary Treasurer	Anthony Greenhill
Honorary Auditor	Peter Stankovic
Association Correspondence	Mitchell Whyman Mark Naglost Ben Maw Peter Stankovic
General Committee Members	Kingsley Chapman Chris Davies Enzo Calabria David Allen Scott Earl



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
Rod Winsor	2003 - 2004
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 - 2007
Mitchell Whyman	2007 -

Vice President	Years
Rod Winsor	2003 -
David Mills	2007 -

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 - 2007
Mark Naglost	2007 -

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 - 2007
Ben Maw	2007 -



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 - 2007
Peter Stankovic	2007 -



THE HONORARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Life Members, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Committee Members, Players and Friends of the Northbridge Cricket Club.

I would like to begin by saying thank you for allowing me to represent you as President of our great club...the oldest surviving club in the NSCA. Despite some trying times, I have enjoyed every minute of 2007/2008.

In what would be deemed as the wettest summer for many years, this has been a great season for the Northbridge Cricket Club. Admittedly, we weren't able to play as much cricket as we would have liked, but it allowed the committee some time to catch up on outstanding matters and catch our breath a little, as we have been working tirelessly for many years. It also gave the new committee members time to gain an understanding of the many day-to-day activities involved in running our club, and develop new players for this season, and seasons to come.

This summer also permitted the vice captains to lead in the absence of captains, and the President to make bizarre videos on wet and flooded pitches.

As we know, the Cricket Gods were kind to us last year, with Northbridge winning a major title. Maybe this year they were asking us to take it easy, take stock of what we have and rejuvenate us for the years to come.

Members, as we embark on a new era, I would like to take this opportunity to thank David Mills for his leadership as previous president of the Northbridge Cricket Club. If it wasn't for Dave, I couldn't have strived to be where I am today or where the club is positioned within the community.

We welcome him to his new position of Senior Vice President along with Rod Winsor.

Tim, David and Rod are senior life members and ex-president's of the club and are held in high respect by many of the life and current members for their dedication and representation of the club's proud history. We all need to follow in their footsteps.

Northbridge has a wonderful history, this being our 89th year. To put this in perspective, our club was created at the end of World War I, before the Harbour Bridge was built and before the Great Depression had struck. Getting to games on a Saturday would be somewhat easier today than horse and cart in the 20s, although with today's traffic, sometimes I wonder! Regardless of the decades that have passed, Northbridge has always had mateship and the recognition of past members at its core; this is why many of our perpetual trophies are named after great past members. I encourage you all to familiarise yourself with our living and deceased life members and those members of whom we have dedicated yearly trophies.

We have the opportunity to make this club into whatever we want; we have the opportunity to hold social gatherings, golf days, tennis afternoons, race days, weekends away, or even winter cricket. The scope is endless; it just needs input from YOU. Please don't expect someone else



will always come up with the best ideas and suggestions; your idea may be the best. Remember, “A positive something is better than a negative nothing.”

We have a strong committee, but can always do with more people to help out. I love hearing that a member has a strong suggestion and also follows it up with organisation and commitment. The Northbridge Cricket Club is the member’s club, your club, and the committee strive to provide opportunities for its members, we are just like many of you; no time, too many things to do. The difference in being a part of the committee is, it develops skills in areas that you would not believe; it makes you a part of something worthwhile, and it displays a sense of achievement, or even a release from the pressures of work, university or family life.

Our committee is the strongest it’s been for some time, with many of its members giving many hours of the week to ensure each player has the opportunity to strive and develop skills on any given Saturday or Sunday at a game we all love, cricket.

The past seven years has seen our strategic plan start to reap rewards. We have increased our membership base, found a new home, launched a website, gained new sponsorship and dramatically improved our financial position.

We could always do with more, so that we could play cricket for free.

That being said I’d like to thank, **The Commonwealth Bank**, and **The Freeway Hotel**.

If not for the members pursuing **CBA** as our major sponsor we would not have been able to continue as a club, let alone hold nights like the past two presentation nights. I’d like to make mention of these members who pushed CBA to providing that platform: Anthony Greenhill, Palash Dave, Geoff Meulman and the late Steve Peak.

Also, I’d like to thank Ben Maw and Aiden Smith for our new sponsorship deal with the **Freeway Hotel**. Having a meeting place just gives each team and the whole club a place to meet and build strong friendships.

As I said previously, our proud club has recently been rejuvenated with the success of a major title. This year, we renewed a hope that we would become a strong club within the Northern Suburbs Cricket Association, with the implementation of a fourth side.

Our winning B Grade team was promoted to A-Res and our first 2 day game saw both A-Res and B2’s win outright, which had to be the perfect start to a competition. The mood and excitement that evening was buzzing at the Freeway, with more than half of the club chatting and building friendships.

The A-Res only fell short by less than 20 runs in the semi final; a fantastic result to be elevated to a higher grade and be in the hunt for another Finals berth. The B2 side went down narrowly in the last game to be pipped from a semi final position.

Our C Grade side for the first time in a few years handed back the famous wooden spoon, and our C One Day side did the unthinkable by winning most of their games in the season to only to go down narrowly in the semi final.



These significant results have changed the dynamics of the club with some exciting prospects emerging through all ranks, and in ensuring the club has an excellent mix of players with the same desire to win, with integrity.

With the emerging new players that performed well, we must not forget the captains who lead them around the park. It's common knowledge that if a captain is liked and respected then his players will perform better and he will have an enjoyable year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Kingsley Chapman, Chris Davies, Peter Stankovic, and Enzo Calabria** for their excellent leadership, honesty and ensuring that our integrity was adhered to by using the correct code of conduct each week.

You have served your club extremely proud.

I must also thank the vice captains, I'm sure your captain will buy you a beer. I'd like to congratulate all the award and trophy winners from the Presentation night and look forward to the coming season.

My final congratulation must go to a guy that has supported not only me, but the club in every aspect this year, with his dedication, support and at times attention to detail, with a minimum of fuss.

This year was Mark's first year as secretary and he picked up and moved on where I left off. Mark dealt with the role exceptionally. The secretary is the hardest position in the club, and even reducing the workload to the other committee members, found him still doing as much as in recent years. I suppose it opened the door for the club to achieve more, find more, and keep adding to the foundation.

Mark successfully created the current Northbridge website after the failed attempts, and we now have the club running electronically with 90% of its members able to be contacted via email, sms or other devices.

Mark completed the Annual Report precisely and accurately and in a timely fashion and played a pivotal role in A-Res. At times he had to fill a position that no-one enjoys, but was able to rise above that position and play some of his best cricket, being the best fielder in the club.

Many others would have not accepted this approach and left.

Mark you are the deserving winner of the Ken Wood Cup.

For a parting word, those members that unfortunately are leaving us this year, to either head home or to travel abroad due to work commitments, I'd like you to keep us in your heart and spread the word as the club to come to. Keep safe and good luck for the future.

Thank you and kind regards,

Mitch Whyman
Honorary President



Good luck for 2008/2009.

“Go the Bridge”



AWARD RECIPIENTS 2007-2008

A Reserve Grade Team

David Mills Trophy for Batting	Jesus Luque (258 runs at 25.8)
Tim Perry Trophy for Bowling	Mitch Nicholls (16 wickets at 20.81)
Fielding Award	Mark Naglost (8 catches, 1 run out)
Captain's Award	Andrew Greenlees
Player's Player Award	Damian Fuller (10 pts)
John Leslie Player of the Season	Jesus Luque (577 pts)

B2 Grade Team

Batting Award	Sandeep Singh (267 runs at 22.25)
Bowling Award	Kaushal Singh (27 wickets at 10.04)
Fielding Award	Karthik Prasanna (4 catches, 5 run outs)
Captain's Award	Ravi Vutla
Player's Player Award	Kaushal Singh & Sandeep Singh (9 pts)
Player of the Season	Sandeep Singh (595.5 pts)

C Grade Team

Batting Award	Geoff Meulman (427 runs at 30.5)
Bowling Award	Seraaj Slamang (7 wickets at 28.29)
Fielding Award	Nick Hughes (3 catches)
Captain's Award	Stephen Sharah
Player's Player Award	Peter Stankovic (10 pts)
Player of the Season	Geoff Meulman (790.5 pts)

C One Day Grade team

Batting Award	Greg Russell (737 runs at 67)
Bowling Award	David Welsh (27 wickets at 16.93)
Fielding Award	Arjun Dhir (7 wk catches, 2 stumpings, 1 non-wk catch, 2 run outs)
Captain's Award	Anthony Witherdin
Player's Player Award	Greg Russell (22 pts)
Player of the Season	Greg Russell (1470.5 pts)



Centuries			
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Vs.</u>
C One Day	176	Greg Russell	North Sydney Leagues CC
C	173	Geoff Meulman	The Roseville Memorial Bats
C One Day	114	Amit Gade	Roseville
C One Day	105*	Anthony Witherdin	Roseville
C One Day	104	Greg Russell	Lindfield
C One Day	100	Greg Russell	North Sydney Leagues CC
C One Day	100	Greg Russell	Lindfield



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 we do not have a recipient for this award. A number of players are getting very close to the 10 year mark, and many of them have contributed significantly to the club - so watch out next year!



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 **Mark Naglost** for his outstanding commitment and service to the club this year. Mark did a fantastic job every week getting the selections out in a timely manner and with a minimum of fuss. He created the current Northbridge website and provided regular updates to it all year. The development of the website was especially pleasing to the club, after a number of previous failed attempts by other players who promised but didn't deliver. Mark continued his off field commitment post season with the preparation of the 2007/2008 Annual Report, in record time.

Whilst performing all the duties of the club's Honorary Secretary, Mark also turned up every week to play cricket for our premier side, A Reserve. Whilst he batted down the order and was only called on to bowl a few times, Mark accepted his almost "specialist fielder" role with enthusiasm and passion. Many others would have tossed in the towel and gone elsewhere, but Mark made the most of his opportunities on the field, taking more non-wk catches than any other fielder in the club and taking the 2nd highest number across the entire A Reserve grade.

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
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



Previous Winners	
Year	Winner
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
2006-07	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 **Alex Stankovic** receive this award. Alex is a worthy recipient, a young player who continues to impress with both bat and ball and whose positive attitude and passion for the game is an example for all club members. Alex scored 192 runs this season playing in both B2 Grade and C Grade and took 7 wickets and 3 catches.

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



Previous Winners	
Year	Winner
2005-06	Alex Stankovic
2006-07	Sam Dempsey



The Stephen Peak Trophy

The Stephen Peak Trophy is a new award introduced last 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 the 3-2-1 votes were scaled based on the number of games played by each team. This was to compensate for the introduction of our C One Day side (which played a total of 16 regular season games) as well as the dismal weather (which saw one of our two day sides play only 7 regular season games).

This year saw **Mitch Nicholls** receive this award. Mitch is a worthy and outstanding recipient, who played in all four Northbridge teams this season. Mitch received 19.05% of the votes in A Reserve Grade and 4.55% of the votes in C Grade.

Previous Winners	
Year	Winner
2006-07	Jesus Luque



NORTHERN SUBURBS CRICKET ASSOCIATION TROPHIES

We would also like to congratulate **Chris Davies**, **Kaushal Singh**, **Geoff Meulman** and **Greg Russell** for taking out Association awards this year.

Chris Davies won the umpire of the year award, **Kaushal Singh** took out the NSCA Bowling Award for B2 Grade, and **Geoff Meulman** took out the NSCA Batting Award for C Grade.

Greg Russell took out the NSCA Batting Award for C One Day Grade as well as the overall Champion Player Award for C One Day Grade.

These are all great honours, especially given the fierce competition across these three Grades.

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

Whilst there was two invitational 20-20 matches scheduled for this year, to commemorate the 75th birthday of the Cammeray Cricket Club, both were washed out. Northbridge was intending to field a considerable number of players in the A/A Res Grade side, continuing its support of the NSCA and these additional fixtures.



A RESERVE GRADE CAPTAIN'S REPORT – Kingsley Chapman

Ladies and Gentlemen and in particular all members of the A-Reserve Northbridge cricket team, I welcome thee to another annual report to reflect primarily on the memorable moments we shared on and off the field. The commencement of the season showed no signs of the hangover from the B-grade celebrations we inflicted last season and started out of the blocks with an outright victory against Comenarra at Blackman Oval. Our promotion to A-Reserve appeared well received by all members and we started one of many trips to the Freeway Hotel to reflect on such glory.

Another win against North Shore kept us at the Top of the Table and en route with a Round 4 clash with Old Ignatians. Jesus Luque made a determined 92 runs however we fell short of a large total set by Old Iggies. The usual gamesmanship which always seems to absent from Old Ignatians play was on display and the calm and controlled Mick Gardner seemed to wish to partake in 12 rounds with any of their 11 players at the completion of the game. A next up win against Cammeray kept us in first position with Damian Fuller collecting both wickets and runs.

Then the rain came, and it rained and rained and rained. Any momentum which Northbridge had developed was slowly being bogged down and we spent Saturday afternoons at the Freeway scoring runs with a schooner glass and listening to the fables of Benny and Stoney from their 'house of sin'. Apparently it is made out of gingerbread and lures unsuspecting victims. Round 6 and 7 washout.

Round 8 and another meeting with Old Ignatians. A total of 160 off 40 overs was reasonable however luck again deserted us and rain started around our 5 over mark resulting in the ball becoming difficult to handle and the runs started to flow. The heavens opened at 19.2 overs and I took the team off the field. Old Ignatians were above our run rate however without the 20 over mark being hit, a result in their favour would not occur. Evidently they commenced to carry on and Nick May offered tissues and empathy as Nick does. After 20 minutes the rain stopped momentarily and the pitch now under an inch of water. In the Northbridge tradition, we walked back on the field and bowled four balls to give the win to Old Ignatians. I am proud of my mates for the way they did this without fuss and it is a real credit to have players such as we do playing at Northbridge. We believe as a team and club that it is the way we play the game and our opponents that truly reflects upon us. On the other hand Old Iggies have serious flaws and this was typified when they hit the last ball for six after we stood around the pitch giving them the win. I would have to kick my own arse should I play for a team like that.

Round 9 before Christmas was a loss to Comenarra. Anthony Greenhill made a long awaited return in Round 10 and collected 4 for 15. The game finished as another washout however Greeny needed one over to find a line and length that others struggle for. Round 11 was our second Bye and Round 12 was, you guessed it – another washout! Despite recent losses and washouts, Northbridge were sitting in the Top 2 on the ladder. Round 13 and finally a game however the lack of game time showed and we lost outright to The Roys.

Round 14 came and a loss would see us lose our semi final spot to Old Ignatians on run rate. A win would see us into second and a washout see us into fourth. Damian Fuller had been promoted (or demoted) to Captain and upon attendance at Gore Hill Oval, a large puddle of



water at one end of the pitch determined the result as a washout and we had 'staggered' into the semi finals. We should take great pleasure that our semi final position was at the expense of Old Ignatians and that the result in Round 8 did not cost us our semi final position. It appears that Karma does exist!

Another semi final for Northbridge and it was against The Roys who had defeated us heavily 2 weeks prior. Fielding first we again bowled The Roys out cheaply for 131 with Ben Maw and Mitch Whyman collecting 3 wickets a piece. A slow start revived by Nick May saw Northbridge 3 for 53 at the end of Day 1 and in a position to take the win. Day 2 however was not kind and saw Northbridge lose wickets and despite a gallant Captain's knock from Damian Fuller, Northbridge bowled out for 113 – just 18 runs from victory. Stuart Meighan from The Roys bowled 17.2 overs and received 7 for 19 – certainly the match winner.

Northbridge went for Outright however time beat us and allowed our pace attack to consist of NP May (2 for 20), PH Dave (1 for 12) and DW Stonestreet (1 for 3). A sight surely not to be seen again at Northbridge ☺ The Roys went on to smash Mosman in the Grand Final and we were the only team that could bowl them out for less than 140. Unfortunately our season was lost in our batting department which was disappointing given the quality of our batsmen. From averaging over 200 runs last season, we did not reach those heights again this season.

On a personal note, the rain certainly hampered our season and I did not play as many games in A-Reserve as I hoped for. I was selected for more washed out games and I'm sure the Freeway Hotel was the only winner from the rain. I thank my vice-captain David Stonestreet, who led the team throughout the season as did Jesus Luque and Damian Fuller at the business end. To the 23 players that represented Northbridge in A-Reserve, I thank you and well done. The experience in players such as Maw, Raikar, Luque, Gardner, Dave, Naglost, Whyman and May combined with the youth of Greenlees, Fuller, Stonestreet and Chapman ☺ and new players Nicholls, Moulton and Parsons, we are the best that Northbridge offers and a semi final position was a great result for the club and the players.

I was fortunate enough to experience playing in all four teams this year and the spirit and ethos throughout our club is fantastic with all players enjoying their cricket with Northbridge and their mates. I encourage all players to actively promote and recruit for Northbridge for the 2008/09 season as we will see 5 teams playing for Northbridge in the NSCA. For the A-Reserve players don't get too comfortable as our rise to A-Grade next season will bring about our true quality and form on turf pitches which will have the lower grade players competing for selection. Every club looks upon the players in the top team and we must present a unified and professional approach as Northbridge is not just a cricket team, but a cricket club.

Yours in Cricket
Kingsley Chapman

**Main Ladder – Northbridge A Reserve Grade 2007/2008**

Rank	Team	P	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	WKTS LOST	RUNS FOR	WKTS TAKEN	RUNS AGST	Points	Points Ratio	%
1	The Roys	12	1	4	6	1	0	50	1212	76	1298	60	5.000	1.4193
2	Mosman	12	0	4	5	3	0	59	1311	69	1475	50	4.167	1.0395
3	North Shore	12	0	3	6	3	0	76	1725	64	1265	48	4.000	1.1483
4	Northbridge	12	1	2	5	3	1	65	959	55	1091	48	4.000	0.7438
5	Old Ignatians Titans	12	0	3	5	4	0	79	2087	56	1538	46	3.833	0.9619
6	Cammeray	12	0	3	5	4	0	64	1416	77	1819	46	3.833	0.9366
7	Comenarra	12	0	3	4	4	1	52	770	48	994	42	3.500	0.7151

Batting Partnerships – Northbridge A Reserve Grade 2007/2008

WICKET	P'SHIP	BATTERS	ROUND	INN	OPPONENT
1	30	Palash Dave - Jesus Luque*	5	1	Cammeray
2	80	Jesus Luque* - Andrew Greenlees	4	1	Old Ignatians Titans
3	83	Jesus Luque* - Kulwant Dhillon	3	1	North Shore
4	41	Andrew Greenlees* - Nicholas May	SF	1	The Roys
5	73	Kingsley Chapman* - Damian Fuller	8	1	Old Ignatians Titans
6	39	Mick Gardner - Damian Fuller*	5	1	Cammeray
7	27 *	Damian Fuller* - Nitin Raikar*	3	1	North Shore
8	29	Damian Fuller* - Nitin Raikar	SF	1	The Roys
9	No partnerships of 25 runs or greater				
10	49	Nitin Raikar* - Mark Naglost	2	1	Comenarra

Individual Performances – Northbridge A Reserve Grade 2007/2008

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

Batting	Bowling
Jesus Luque (92)	Anthony Greenhill (4/15)
Kulwant Dhillon (51)	Kulwant Dhillon (4/28)
Kingsley Chapman (44*)	Nitin Raikar (3/15)
Nitin Raikar (41*)	Damian Fuller (3/19)
Jesus Luque (40)	Damian Fuller (3/25)
Damian Fuller (40)	Nitin Raikar (3/26)
Andrew Greenlees (39)	Mark Naglost (3/26)
Jesus Luque (37)	Ben Maw (3/34)
Nicholas May (35)	Mitchell Whyman (3/39)
Mitch Nicholls (30*)	Mitch Nicholls (3/42)
	Mitch Nicholls (3/42)



Fielding

Jesus Luque (3 catches)

Jesus Luque (3 catches, 1 run out, 1 stumping)

Mark Naglost (2 catches, 1 run out)

Jesus Luque (1 catch, 2 run outs)

The comprehensive A Reserve Grade results for the 2007/2008 season can be found at www.northbridgecricketclub.org



B2 GRADE CAPTAIN'S REPORT – Michael Holmes

B2s had a pretty enjoyable season, as a great bunch of blokes came together in a pretty new look outfit. There was, in the end a bit of frustration at how events on the field went a lot of the time, and our eventual position on the ladder. We had some great wins but unfortunately a few not so great losses; but we were always competitive, losing four of our games by a margin of only 2 wickets / 10 runs or less. Those close losses of course came back to haunt us at finals time, as we were only off the pace by a couple of wins, and a finals berth would have obviously been very welcome.

I am happy to say that we had a number of real positives come out of the season. 2007/08 saw an almost complete change of personnel for the B2s with only two regulars from the previous season signing up for another tour of duty. This proved to be a great thing however, as we unearthed a lot of new talent, with a couple of genuine match winners in particular. A full strength B2s side was indeed very strong, as demonstrated the day we beat centrals outright by chasing 110 in ten overs. Kaushal Singh easily had the best bowling figures in the competition until the very last round, when the minor fact that he missed the last five games saw him pipped in the last round and slip to fourth place on the bowlers rankings. His 7/44 was the B2 performance highlight, and was the best individual bowling performance of the season for any club.

Generally speaking, the bowling attack was very good, with four bowlers in the top twenty on the bowlers ladder. Prashant “the Swordsman” Haldankar was always dangerous with a ball, - even more so with a stump – Ravi Vutla was always a great opener/first change option as was Sandeep Singh. A number of our batsmen produced some great innings – Sandeep Singh proved to have a Lance Klusener like ability to smash runs in the lower middle order, Amrish Bhatia was very good as a genuine opening bat, Karthik Prasanna, Mike Parsons, Ravi Vutla and Sam Rajaratnam all produced some great knocks, with Kenny Clarke and Sub Mukherjee showing some real promise with gritty innings. Our fielding did tend to be a bit patchy, we at times forgot that “catches do win matches”, but that’s something we will improve on.

Personally for me the best part of the season was the great team spirit that we have built in the B2s – everyone enjoys each others company, and everyone loves the game. This spirit will no doubt continue from this season, where the close finishes, our efforts to at times “bring back the biff” and our great curry night at the Malabar are all things we can carry forward into next season, in which, I have no doubt, we will be successful and make those coveted finals!

Many thanks to all the guys that played with us, Ken and Prashant in particular for taking the kit so many times, Amrish and Sam for their great advice as well as their batting and especially to Chris for being the great captain and role model that he is. I look forward to seeing everyone again for a successful 2008/09!

Cheers!
Mike

**Main Ladder – Northbridge B2 Grade 2007/2008**

Rank	Team	P	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	WKTS LOST	RUNS FOR	WKTS TAKEN	RUNS AGST	Points	Points Ratio	%
1	Pigs CC	12	2	6	4	0	0	92	2014	128	1855	72	6.000	1.5106
2	NSSC	12	1	5	4	2	0	90	1974	104	1660	60	5.000	1.3741
3	Kirribilli Crusaders	13	1	6	3	3	0	107	2306	100	1845	64	4.923	1.1681
4	Gnomes	12	0	5	3	3	1	111	2137	114	1916	54	4.500	1.1455
5	Centrals	12	0	5	2	4	1	77	1320	106	1747	46	3.833	1.0402
6	Northbridge	13	1	2	2	8	0	137	2362	115	2272	46	3.538	0.8727
7	North Shore	13	0	2	5	6	0	108	2000	64	1680	44	3.385	0.7055
8	Comenarra	13	1	3	2	6	1	128	1890	136	2615	38	2.923	0.7679
9	Cammeray	12	0	1	5	3	3	94	1514	77	1927	32	2.667	0.6436

Batting Partnerships – Northbridge B2 Grade 2007/2008

WICKET	P'SHIP	BATTERS	ROUND	INN	OPPONENT
1	77	Chris Davies - Sam Rajaratnam*	2	2	Centrals
2	57	Amrish Bhatia - Ken Clarke*	13	1	Gnomes
3	58	Michael Parsons* - Sam Rajaratnam	9	1	Kirribilli Crusaders
4	53	Amrish Bhatia - Andrew Greenlees*	14	1	Pigs CC
5	61	Karthik Prasanna* - Ravi Vutla	7	1	NSSC
6	64	Nicholas May - Sandeep Singh*	13	2	Gnomes
7	44	Alexander Stankovic - Andrew Hesketh*	1	1	Cammeray
8	72	Sandeep Singh - Subhayu (Sub) Mukherjee*	4	1	Kirribilli Crusaders
9	51	David Mills - David Collits*	5	2	Pigs CC
10	No partnerships of 25 runs or greater				

Individual Performances – Northbridge B2 Grade 2007/2008

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

Batting	Bowling
Sam Rajaratnam (68*)	Kaushal Singh (7/44)
Nicholas P May (67)	Kaushal Singh (5/37)
Jesus H Luque (65*)	Prashant Haldankar (5/67)
David K Mills (64)	Michael Holmes (5/71)
Amrish Bhatia (62)	Prashant Haldankar (4/19)
David K Mills (55)	Kaushal Singh (4/32)
Sandeep Singh (53)	Jesus H Luque (3/8)
Sandeep Singh (53*)	Ravi B Vutla (3/15)
Sandeep Singh (50)	Kaushal Singh (3/20)



Karthik Prasanna (47)	Kaushal Singh (3/24)
Karthik Prasanna (46)	Michael Parsons (3/25)
Amrish Bhatia (43)	Sandeep Singh (3/27)
Amrish Bhatia (39)	Michael Holmes (3/29)
Sam Rajaratnam (37)	Michael Holmes (3/32)
Kingsley Chapman (36)	Kaushal Singh (3/37)
Ravi B Vutla (34)	Ravi B Vutla (3/52)
Chris Davies (31)	Ravi B Vutla (3/56)
	Sandeep Singh (3/56)

Fielding

Chris Davies (4 catches, 2 run outs)
Chris Davies (3 run outs)
Karthik Prasanna (1 catch, 2 run outs)

The comprehensive B2 Grade results for the 2007/2008 season can be found at www.northbridgecricketclub.org



C GRADE CAPTAIN'S REPORT – Peter Stankovic

2007/08 was a season of grey skies and wet fields. Northbridge C Grade wasn't as badly affected by rain as other grades but still only managed ten completed matches because of two wash outs and two byes (two too many).

As a consequence of a bye in December, a casual match was organised. This resulted in a clash of two families (Meulman's and Stankovic's) who both had three members in each side. Sufficient people turned up to almost field two full teams. The day turned out to be an enjoyable cricket and social occasion and introduced new players to Northbridge. We would hope to see some of them join us next year.

Thirty players graced the field for the Cs this season, eleven managing only one match. This resulted from players from higher grades helping out for the occasional match as well as regular C graders playing for higher grades. In particular Dave Mills was often needed as a keeper for B2, thus denying his services (batsman and drinks provider) as well as his biting wit to C Grade. This inter-change of players is healthy for a multi-team club as it allows some players to develop and play at a higher level as well as providing an opportunity for higher graded players to get a game when otherwise they would miss out.

Because of a successful pre-season recruitment drive, the club benefited from enhanced numbers and four teams were fielded, one more than in the previous season.

New club members who played for C Grade included Ryan Brown and Seraaj Slamang (both keeping us amused during matches with their South African banter and entertained at the pub with stories of bizarre experiences); Brian Delamont (who will travel to Iraq with the Navy during the off-season, probably to escape further involvement with a strange but committed cricket team); Robert Tagell (a left hand batsman originally from a non-underbelly family in Melbourne); Nick Hughes (a superb fielder and enthusiastic member who will return to Durham in the UK); Gautham Suresh (an Australian, born and educated, supporting India against the Australian cricket team – quite peculiar); Oliver Hambidge (a player who seemed to be permanently unavailable according to ResultsVault); David Collits (batted a bit, bowled a bit and played not much); Lance Moulton (bowled so well in his first match that he was never again allowed to join C Grade), Mike Verney, Michael Stankovic and Paul Hynes.

We played the Wanderers, finalists in 2007/08, twice. In the first match, Northbridge equalled their first innings score after batting twice. With scores tied, the Wanderers' openers walked out in their second innings in a somewhat arrogant fashion. Alexander Stankovic opened the bowling. First ball, dot ball. Second ball was whacked into the air and the batsmen ran down the pitch in jubilation only to see Greg Bligh running hard and then holding on to a spectacular catch. No other batsman was padded up. We may not have won but due respect is required.

In our second match against this team, Northbridge reached 8 – 158, after sensational six hitting, four in total, by Ryan Brown who cleared the pavilion on one occasion. After a number of their batsmen were dismissed in quick succession - superb bowling courtesy Steve Morrison and Daniel Zatz - their earlier exuberant spirits flagged and it took determination and luck for them to eventually end up with 8 – 159.



Some special mentions are warranted:

- Geoff Meulman's splendid 173 on Georges Heights 1. Geoff had a great season gathering over 400 runs which was highlighted by this gutsy effort.
- Ryan Brown's wonderful over against Kirribilli-Crusaders. The first delivery was defended, the second was a pearl clean bowling the batsman who was set. The rest of the over was a struggle as Ryan found it difficult to get the ball either on the pitch or anywhere near the batsman's half.
- Lance Moults fine spell of 6-55 to clinch the match when it looked as though the opposition might get away from us.
- Kingsley Chapman's double of 88 runs and 3-36 against West Pymble. He batted with purpose and bowled with grunt, taking any initiative away from the opposition.
- Peter Stankovic, required to score a 4 when on 96 in the last over of a forty over match against the Bats, managed to miss all deliveries except one which went for a single to leave him on 97 not out. More practice required.
- Dave Allan needed to see out a nail-biting 5 balls against Kirribilli-Crusaders in the second innings to help Northbridge avoid outright defeat. He did so with solid defence and this should give him confidence to bat long periods in future.
- Michael Stankovic, 14 years old at the time, played in his first match for Northbridge against Macquarie University and top scored.
- In the game against Mosman, Neil Rickard, stationed at short mid wicket, may not have expected more than a sultan when a ball was hit rocket like to him. He fell sideways and there would have been concerns regarding his well-being but he emerged having pouched a screamer of a catch.
- Stephen Sarah was given a bowl in one match in which other bowlers had been severely punished. During his first over he bowled a ball so slowly (did I mention he is a slow bowler) that the batsman had not only moved across his stumps but had almost fallen over from swinging so ferociously and then the ball arrived to up end his leg stump.

I'd like to thank all who joined us on the field and later for a drink at the Freeway Hotel. Feedback suggested that the season, despite not hugely successful cricket-wise, was a success in terms of fun and comradeship.

Peter Stankovic
Captain

**Main Ladder – Northbridge C Grade 2007/2008**

Rank	Team	P	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	WKTS LOST	RUNS FOR	WKTS TAKEN	RUNS AGST	Points	Points Ratio	%
1	Wanderers	13	1	8	4	0	0	68	2139	110	2066	74	5.692	1.6748
2	Pigs CC	13	1	7	3	1	1	78	1612	107	1449	66	5.077	1.5261
3	North Sydney Leagues	12	2	3	4	2	1	74	1719	86	1379	58	4.833	1.4487
4	West Pymble	13	1	5	1	5	1	122	2080	98	2174	60	4.615	0.7685
5	Mosman	12	1	4	1	6	0	99	2170	113	2261	50	4.167	1.0955
6	Macquarie University	12	1	4	2	4	1	103	1777	75	1560	50	4.167	0.8294
7	The Bats	13	0	3	3	5	2	106	1881	79	1934	40	3.077	0.7249
8	Kirribilli Crusaders	12	0	2	2	8	0	76	1678	106	2099	36	3.000	1.1150
9	Northbridge	12	0	2	2	7	1	110	1918	62	2052	34	2.833	0.5268

Batting Partnerships – Northbridge C Grade 2007/2008

WICKET	P'SHIP	BATTERS	ROUND	INN	OPPONENT
1	81	Peter Stankovic* - Seraaj Slamang	9	1	The Bats
2	107	Peter Stankovic - Geoff Meulman*	4	1	The Bats
3	83 *	Peter Stankovic* - Geoff Meulman*	2	2	Mosman
4	87	Kingsley Chapman* - Alexander Stankovic	10	1	West Pymble
5	45	Geoff Meulman - Neil Rickard*	3	1	North Sydney Leagues
6	56	James Clancy - Alexander Stankovic*	5	1	Wanderers
7	55	Geoff Meulman* - Seraaj Slamang	4	1	The Bats
8	58 *	Neil Rickard* - Sam Dempsey*	10	1	West Pymble
9	35	David Mills* - Ravi Vutla	11	1	Pigs CC
10	52	Neil Rickard* - David Allan	5	2	Wanderers

Individual Performances – Northbridge C Grade 2007/2008

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

Batting	Bowling
Geoff B Meulman (173)	Lance Moulton (6/55)
Peter A Stankovic (97*)	Geoff B Meulman (3/16)
Kingsley Chapman (88)	Seraaj Slamang (3/22)
Geoff B Meulman (67)	Steve Morrison (3/33)
Peter A Stankovic (54*)	Robert Tagell (3/34)
Peter A Stankovic (49)	Daniel Zatz (3/36)
Geoff B Meulman (45*)	Kingsley Chapman (3/36)
Daniel Zatz (43)	Greg J Bligh (3/38)
David K Mills (43)	Seraaj Slamang (3/68)



Alexander P Stankovic (42)
Ryan Brown (39)
Neil G Rickard (36*)
Peter A Stankovic (35)
Geoff B Meulman (32)
Geoff B Meulman (32)
Alexander P Stankovic (32)
Seraaj Slamang (32)
Ryan Brown (31*)
Sam Dempsey (31*)
Peter A Stankovic (30)

Fielding

Peter Stankovic (3 catches)

The comprehensive C Grade results for the 2007/2008 season can be found at www.northbridgcricketclub.org



C ONE DAY GRADE CAPTAIN'S REPORT – Enzo Calabria

What a season for a C One Day team to turn heads; and notice the incredible feats of the season which were thrust upon oppositions; and take note of a team which performed in a fighting spirit week after week. Even though we came off the field with a loss, the “Spartan warriors” of the C One Day team held their heads up high to claim a true fighting spirit yet again; and proud to wear the Northbridge colours, suffice to say if next season comes around any quicker we will unduly name ourselves the “Northbridge Spartans”.

The season started with a victory and was to be notable of this spirit within the team of the words “never give up”, with the opposition scoring 181 runs in 38 overs. We overcame the attack of bowlers to win on the last wicket and score 184 in 32 overs. This was a sign of things to come not so much in victories but many accolades made by Northbridge players from all grades to attribute to their personal tally of achievement.

First of all I would like to thank the players which filled in and helped my team to achieve results; Kingsley Chapman 6/16 bowling, Mitch Nicholls 0/15 off 6 overs, Nick May 48 runs, Palash Dave 58 runs, Mitchell Parsons 39 runs, Michael Parsons 66 runs, Ben Maw 3/16, Greg Bligh 2/31 and taking 5 catches. Thanks again for helping out.

If I was to pick out one match of the season which stood out and made the other teams playing on the same park (but on different pitches) ponder what the is going on over on that pitch, it's a run fest! I must say it's the game against North Sydney Bears, which should have stayed in Hibernation for next season. We scored a whopping 350 runs off 40 over with the loss of 4 wickets at Tunks 2, whereas the cubs were 9/138. The highlights of that game was the memorable 176 runs by Greg Russell who batted superbly that day (and all other days I might add); a 145 run 1st wicket partnership with Enzo Calabria (myself) and speed demon like bowling performance from Ben Maw 3/16, Rowan Lawson 2/14, Kirk Perry 2/25 and also a great batting performance from a true great Tony Cannuli 53 not out, who hit six 4's in one over. This match resulted in the second highest score for the Northbridge Cricket Club since the inception of ResultsVault (2000/01).

Another memorable game was the match against Roseville Bats, who should have waited for their nocturnal instincts to play that day! The Northbridge Spartans bowled them all out for just a mere 28 runs, the lowest score against the NCC. The outstanding performers on that day were Steve Morrison, with his blistering pace, who sent the Bats running scared with 6/14. Kirk Perry added value with almost a Hat trick on the very first 3 balls of the innings with a magnificent “ketch” taken by Amit Gade at square leg to remove the Wicket keeper/opening batsman “who just wouldn't Shut up” ; justice prevailed with a Golden duck!!! Palash's 58 runs did make a difference to the score line of 231 runs.

The following team of Spartans can not to be ignored and were a nucleus to the side. They were consistent week in/week out and covered for myself when I was absent. I am very proud they are part of my team:

- Greg Russell: the ever consistent all rounder with best figures of 176 runs and 3/16, and all round nice guy.



- Anthony Witherdin: the quiet achiever, all rounder with best figures of 105 runs and 3/10; sometimes you cannot hear him on the field (but he is certainly there!).
- Amit Gade: the smiling batsman with a century in quick time (114 runs including fourteen 4's and seven 6's) and a great run out with a twist and turn which any Salsa dancer would have been proud of.
- Arjun Dhir: the lurking wicket keeper ready to pounce on those stumps. 8 catches, 2 run outs and 2 stumpings, and advice when needed (he has his own personal help line ☺).
- Ajay Sampage: the unpredictable who will often succumb to himself with just pure excitement. I didn't even know what he was going to do next! Great fielder and a memorable 25 runs against Kirribilli.
- David Welsh: is a beautiful man but please do not ask him to tell jokes! 5/13 was his most prolific bowling performance and taking 6 catches. Also contributing to the opposition running only singles when shouting "NO" just when the batsman were contemplating running their second run on his bowling. Nice one Welshy!!
- Jonas Berglund: the flying Swede who took 5 catches and 1 run out, also saving a boundary with his feet by juggling the ball with his feet and flicking it up to his hands to throw back to the stumps...hmm!

These guys were there all season for me, so a special thank you. The magnificent Seven, that's including Scott Earl who bravely hobbled on to the pitch to help. Other team members who contributed to the nucleus or were outstanding players: Tony Cannuli, Kirk Perry, Matthew Hinksman, Steve Morrison, Ajaynath Chinnivar, Ken Vilijeon, Rowan Lawson, Simon Robinson, Oliver Hambidge and Lance Moulton.

A very memorable maiden season indeed, coming fourth and making the semi-finals. If this season's statistics are any guide, next year will see us win the championship... one would hope!



Main Ladder – Northbridge C One Day Grade 2007/2008

Rank	Team	P	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	WKTS LOST	RUNS FOR	WKTS TAKEN	RUNS AGST	Points	Points Ratio	%
1	Kirribilli Crusaders	18	0	11	3	4	0	87	2140	129	2303	86	4.778	1.3778
2	North Shore	18	0	10	4	4	0	117	2651	124	2095	84	4.667	1.3411
3	Lindfield PGLG	18	0	10	1	7	0	127	2559	151	2407	78	4.333	1.2641
4	Northbridge	18	0	9	2	7	0	122	3042	126	2590	76	4.222	1.2130
5	Lindfield Ramrods	18	0	8	2	8	0	116	2648	122	2883	72	4.000	0.9660
6	North Sydney Leagues	18	0	8	2	8	0	128	2644	112	2798	70	3.889	0.8268
7	Roseville	18	0	5	1	12	0	155	2292	119	2593	58	3.222	0.6786
8	The Roseville Memorial Bats	18	0	2	3	13	0	137	1879	106	2186	50	2.778	0.6651

Batting Partnerships – Northbridge C One Day Grade 2007/2008

WICKET	P'SHIP	BATTERS	ROUND	INN	OPPONENT
1	145	Greg Russell* - Enzo Calabria	13	1	North Sydney Leagues
2	190	Greg Russell* - Amit Gade	4	1	Lindfield Ramrods
3	93	Greg Russell - Michael Parsons*	8	1	The Roseville Memorial Bats
4	52	Tony Cannuli* - Rowan Lawson	13	1	North Sydney Leagues
5	78	Palash Dave* - Sandeep Singh	15	1	The Roseville Memorial Bats
6	58	Anthony Witherdin* - Nicholas May	9	1	Roseville
7	176	Amit Gade - Anthony Witherdin*	2	1	Roseville
8	52 *	Anthony Witherdin* - Ben Maw*	9	1	Roseville
9	32	Enzo Calabria* - Arjun Dhir	3	1	Kirribilli Crusaders
10	70	Anthony Witherdin* - Ajay Sampige	2	1	Roseville

Individual Performances – Northbridge C One Day Grade 2007/2008

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

Batting	Bowling
Greg Russell (176)	Steve Morrison (6/14)
Amit Gade (114)	Kingsley Chapman (6/16)
Anthony J Witherdin (105*)	Nicholas P May (5/12)
Greg Russell (104)	David Welsh (5/13)
Greg Russell (100)	David Welsh (4/19)
Greg Russell (100)	Rowan Lawson (4/31)
Amit Gade (84)	David Welsh (4/41)
Greg Russell (82)	David Welsh (4/46)
Greg Russell (70)	Anthony J Witherdin (3/10)
Greg Russell (68)	Kirk Perry (3/11)



Enzo Calabria (67)	Kirk Perry (3/16)
Michael Parsons (66)	Ben Maw (3/16)
Palash H Dave (58)	Ajaynath Chinnivar (3/27)
Anthony J Witherdin (56*)	David Welsh (3/36)
Tony Cannuli (53*)	Greg Russell (3/38)
Anthony J Witherdin (52*)	Lance Moulton (3/42)
Nicholas P May (48)	
Tony Cannuli (47)	
Enzo Calabria (46*)	
Enzo Calabria (41)	
Matthew L Hincksman (40)	
Enzo Calabria (39*)	
Enzo Calabria (39)	
Mitchell Parsons (39)	
Kirk Perry (34)	
Anthony J Witherdin (31)	
Amit Gade (31)	
Amit Gade (30)	

Fielding

Arjun Dhir (2 catches, 1 run out)

The comprehensive C One Day Grade results for the 2007/2008 season can be found at www.northbridgecricketclub.org

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS**

Rank	Player	Matches	Points
1	Russell, Greg	11	1455.5
2	Meulman, Geoff B	12	790.5
3	Luque, Jesus H	9	740
4	Witherdin, Anthony J	13	721.5
5	Singh, Sandeep	13	651
6	Gade, Amit	14	648.5
7	Chapman, Kingsley	7	591
8	Calabria, Enzo	16	582
9	Stankovic, Peter A	13	582
10	Welsh, David	15	539
11	Singh, Kaushal	8	535.5
12	Vutla, Ravi B	11	505
13	Haldankar, Prashant	11	500.5
14	Fuller, Damian	7	461.5
15	Holmes, Michael	12	447
16	Parsons, Michael	8	439
17	Stankovic, Alexander P	12	423
18	Nicholls, Mitch	11	409.5
19	Prasanna, Karthik	9	395
20	Brown, Ryan	10	386.5
21	Mills, David K	11	382
22	Davies, Chris	8	373.5
23	Bhatia, Amrish	8	368.5
24	Slamang, Seraaj	9	339.5
25	May, Nicholas P	5	327
26	Maw, Ben	9	311
27	Rajaratnam, Sam	8	311
28	Morrison, Steve	6	276
29	Perry, Kirk	5	269.5
30	Raikar, Nitin	7	268
31	Bligh, Greg J	9	253
32	Zatz, Daniel	8	245.5
33	Dave, Palash H	7	241
34	Greenlees, Andrew J	9	220.5
35	Moult, Lance	6	205
36	Cannuli, Tony	4	204.5
37	Dhir, Arjun	16	198
38	Dhillon, Kulwant	2	198
39	Sampige, Ajay	13	192

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS**

Rank	Player	Matches	Points
40	Sharah, Stephen	10	186.5
41	Lawson, Rowan	3	185
42	Rickard, Neil G	11	180
43	Chinnivar, Ajaynath	7	145
44	Naglost, Mark	7	135
45	Gardner, Mick	6	118
46	Parsons, Mitchell	5	114.5
47	Tagell, Robert	5	114
48	Allan, David	12	104
49	Mukherjee, Subhayu (Sub)	9	103.5
50	Clarke, Ken G	5	101.5
51	Hughes, Nick	8	92.5
52	Dempsey, Sam	3	91.5
53	Stonestreet, David W	5	85
54	Whyman, Mitchell	4	84
55	Hincksman, Matthew L	6	84
56	Delamont, Brian	5	82
57	Hesketh, Andrew J	7	78.5
58	Sekhri, Danish	5	77.5
59	Berglund, Jonas S	6	66
60	Collits, David	4	61
61	Greenhill, Anthony	1	60
62	Clancy, James M	2	57
63	Stankovic, Michael J	4	57
64	Hambidge, Oliver R	4	47
65	Nichols, Peter	1	43.5
66	Earl, Scott A	5	40.5
67	Viljoen, Ken N	4	23.5
68	Masterson, James	1	21
69	Robinson, Simon	3	19.5
70	Suresh, Gautham	2	16.5
71	Watts, Shane	1	15
72	Shirazi, Syed M	1	13.5
73	Verney, Lawrence M	2	10
74	Hynes, Paul	1	10
75	Spicer, Niall	1	9
76	Rosan, Simon	1	0



Runs	1.50	Catches	10.00
Unassisted Wickets (b, lbw)	15.00	Assisted Wickets	15.00
Unassisted Runouts	15.00	Assisted Runouts	10.00
100s	30.00	50s	10.00
Stumpings	10.00	5 wkts in Innings	20.00
Not outs	0		



THE FINAL WORD FROM THE 12th MAN

This year was a strange one for cricket. The international scene witnessed some of the most spiteful encounters between two countries in many, many years. Indian and Australian international cricket relations were at an all time low.

Northbridge however, as it often does, bucked the trend. In the words of a past 12th man and current NCC Honorary President - the Northbridge Cricket Club is often considered a 2nd family to many of its members. This year, Northbridge was focussed on extending its family in an attempt to grow from three to four teams. Its' ferocious Internet based recruitment drive found the Northbridge 'Players Wanted' online advertisement appearing in thousands of websites across the globe - many originating in the sub-continent and beyond!

Northbridge fielded queries from interested cricketers in India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, England and even Nepal. The talent ranged from previous first class players down to 14 year old hopefuls. In the end we recruited a swathe of talent, many from India and England. Thankfully, all of them had already moved to Sydney, and none expected to be paid to play!

Whilst Northbridge has always had a multicultural feel to its teams (Palash and Nitin are two stalwarts of the club), this year we upped the ante, and the end result was truly wonderful. Whilst on that fateful day when a certain Indian player possibly (or possibly didn't) call an Australian player a nasty name, the Northbridge Cricket Club was enjoying a day at the cricket, half our members wearing green and gold and the other half chanting the name of their cricketing hero "Sachin"! (oh and there was that one guy called Hughes wearing that England cricket shirt ☺).

It was on that day, sitting in the stifling heat, that I realised what we had accomplished - not only did we have a fully functioning four team cricket club, but we had a family of cricket fanatics who, regardless of who they were supporting, were enjoying each other's company and looking forward to the next match... Northbridge's true spirit on show for all to see!

The Final Thought

People who cheat at park cricket are very sad. People who sledge people who cheat at park cricket are the coolest ☺

Comments:

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