

Report from the Club Secretary

Cricket is a game that has evolved over about 250 years. It is a game, and as such, takes its place in the fabric of society. The game of cricket (as does sport in general) provides an escape from the routine absurdity of everyday existence, without many of the side effects of other distractions! Cricket gives us the chance to experience the best that life has to offer, usually without serious consequences. We win, we lose, and then we go home and get on with life.

We submit to cricket's arcane rules, regulations and rituals. We recognise that we will need to show courage and skill, and we train hard for the event, knowing that we are undertaking an ultimately futile task. It is this futility that explains sport's universal appeal; that, and the desire to satisfy a basic human urge to play.

Sport loses its appeal when it is invested with fake importance. This is why some soccer competitions engender scant respect; managers who snarl and spit at players and officials from the sidelines; players who confuse competitiveness with sometimes vicious intent; supporters who cannot comprehend that, in sport, there must nearly always be a loser.

Sport is not more important than life, but merely a part of life.

The activities of the Club are primarily aimed at the playing of, and fostering of cricket. To this end, the Club organises peripheral activities. These activities include the provision of the canteen, and the support and organisation of an annual six-a-side competition, a trivia night, team photography session, grading/practice days and NSWDCA ("Rep") games. Much of the activity includes a generation of income for the benefit of all members. Our Club is one of the larger Clubs, but receives no major financial backing. That we have managed to provide such an array of activities with such a small organising committee is testament to such a hard-working and committed group of people.

There is a calendar of events listed in this Annual Report. I urge you to keep a copy for reference. All details are listed on our websites: www.kingscricket.com and follow the link to updates at PDCA.

We fielded 28 'Saturday' teams and 125 under 8 players (Minicricketers) at Pearce Reserve on Friday night. The Friday night proved as popular as ever, and it was interesting to gauge the support from the enthusiastic parents.

There was a senior team co-ordinating group, which became known at the 'KPT' Committee, in reference to the venue where the group met. Through this meeting, the Club was able to co-ordinate the allocation of players needed for senior teams. This seemed to work well, and we will continue with this way next season.

New Club records have been achieved in A Reserve grade, B1, B9, B13 and B14 grades. Congratulations to Craig Emery, Attila Pusztai, Murray Stroud, David Freney, Malcolm Pass and Phil Ragno. Jordan Mulder set a new batting average record at 12/1. Aaron Khongwar has equalled the highest score at 13/1 – 103. At 14/2, Josh Megarrity missed out on equalling the batting aggregate by 1 run, and by 0.13 runs with the average! He did however, set a new high score (103), and has set new records for the number of catches and stumpings. Dylan Duclos set a high record of 148 no and a new average of 77.60 at 14/1. Dean Coxall (16/1) also set a new Club record with 25 catches and 2 stumpings. Michael Finch (16/2) eclipsed the 16/2 high score with 139 not out, and a new average record of 67.57.

Please urge your friends to play cricket with Kings Langley CC ~ the Club Champions!

Michael Ashby