



**WELLINGTON  
WANDERERS  
CRICKET CLUB (INC.)**

**61ST ANNUAL REPORT  
2006-2007 SEASON**

**Dedicated to young cricketers who  
keep alive the traditions of the game  
through generations**

## **OUR OBJECTIVES**

**To provide Cricketers and  
Enthusiasts with an opportunity  
of playing social cricket with their  
contemporaries and to encourage the  
game by participation in matches  
against Schools and Colleges in  
New Zealand.**

# WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC)

Notice is hereby given that the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club (Inc.) will be held in the Norwood Room, R.A. Vance Stand, Prime Finance Basin Reserve, Wellington on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007 commencing at 7.00pm.

## Business:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Establishment of Quorum
4. In Memoriam
5. Minutes of Previous AGM held 4<sup>th</sup> October 2005, and matters arising there from
6. Adoption of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
7. Election of New Members
8. Election of Officers for 2007/2008 Season:
  - a) Patron
  - b) President
  - c) Committee
  - d) Honorary Auditor
9. Subscriptions for 2007/08 Season
10. General Business

**E.J. Gray**

**General Manager**

# OFFICE BEARERS – 2006/07

## PATRON

T.G. McMahon

## PRESIDENT

P. Steele

## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

M. Horsley

## LIFE MEMBERS

W.B. Hunt

C.L.W. Randall

J. G. Revell

M.D. Priest

R.J. Allan

## COMMITTEE

R. Allan ( Chairman)

M. Coppersmith

R. Dean

R. Kinsella

## HONORARY AUDITOR

D. Lander ACA

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2006/07 season will be remembered as a milestone for the club for the introduction of former international Evan Gray as the first paid official/administrator. Evan's remuneration was entirely funded by third party grants.

The other key development was the reinforcement of the club's affiliation with Cricket Wellington.

Your committee views these events and their ongoing support by the members as essential for the future health and wellbeing of Wellington Wanderers. The boost to the playing schedule (in spite of many weather related frustrations in the first months of last summer) and the drive to get more playing members have set the scene for this more secure position.

Evan's enthusiasm and commitment to the role is evident in this Annual Report. On behalf of the Committee and members I thank him for his dedication and contribution.

I also extend thanks to all those people who have assisted in both governance and practical contributions to assist Evan and the club. A special thank you to Erv McSweeney and Carol Harris at Cricket Wellington for their support, encouragement and counsel. Thanks too to Al McBeth and Don McLachlan for their assistance and of course to your other Committee members, Richard Allan, Murray Coppersmith, Richard Dean and Roger Kinsella.

The highlight of the playing programme was the Introduction of the Governor General's match on the Basin Reserve. A special thanks to Don Neely for his help in working with the Governor General the Hon Anand Satyanand in ensuring the day was such a success for the College's X1. This looks like being a regular fixture on the Wanderer's calendar.

Apart from the enhanced playing programme other highlights included the Breakfast at the Basin, which from what I hear now seems firmly entrenched as a must on the social calendar, and the golf day at Manor Park. Both events offer opportunities to boost Club funds and membership numbers.

The Club is exploring other ways to add more benefits to Club membership, and the Committee encourages all members to offer suggestions and assistance. All this resources the club for its key objective- the fostering of secondary school cricket in the Wellington Region.

I have enjoyed my time as president of this proud club. Thanks to the members for the privilege, and here's to further success and better weather in the season ahead.

**Paul Steele**

# WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB INC- A BRIEF HISTORY

The Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club played its first fixtures in the summer of 1946-47 having been formed by the efforts of two men, Dutchy du Chateau and John Standish. They wanted to have a social cricket team who, because they didn't have their own ground, travelled gypsy-like to each venue.

The striking club colours of navy blue, green and yellow were produced and with active recruiting of members from national and local representative teams the Wellington Wanderers undertook games against teams such as the NZ Nomads (Wairarapa), London NZ, The NZ Army, Erewhon and The Nondescripts as well as club sides from Johnsonville, Eastbourne etc. One of the primary objectives of the club became the promotion of the game of cricket to Secondary Schools by games against first XI's. The Wanderers teams would always contain some Wellington representative players and occasionally a NZ player, which would provide inspiration to the young college cricketers. This promotion of the game at Secondary School level is what the club is now all about.

As a result of Dutchy du Chateau's friendship with Peter Field, a farmer from Waikanae, a cricket ground was formed on one of Peter's sheep paddocks and the Wanderers had a home ground to call their own. In December 1961 the first game was played and the pavilion followed in 1961. The original grass wicket was replaced in the mid 70's by a coir matting wicket and then in 1988, with the financial help of the Norwood Trust, a top class artificial AstroTurf wicket was installed. Sadly due to a lack of interest the last game was played in 2003 and the ground is no longer used, which means the Wellington Wanderers has returned full-circle to its roots as a 'wandering' cricket club.

One of the most important group of fixtures in the club's history has been "The Tour" which originally was a five day escapade starting with a social match against a Horowhenua XI at Foxton, then the more serious business of Wanganui Collegiate, Palmerston North Boys High School, Dannevirke High School and finally Rathkeale College. More recently the tour has been scaled back to two or three fixtures, but with the current resurgence of the Wellington Wanderers the return of The Tour is a high priority. Along with the high profile fixtures against Cricket Wellington's youth representative sides and the recently played fixture at the Basin Reserve against the Governor Generals Secondary Schools XI, The Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club Committee with support from Cricket Wellington is strongly placed to take the game of cricket to more and more Colleges.

**Richard Allan**

## RICHARD DEAN

This year sees the end of Richard Dean's tenure as Secretary. It is with a great deal of reluctance that the committee accepted his resignation from the secretary's job. Richard took the position not long after David Grey passed away – over 10 years ago – and joined with myself and Murray Coppersmith in being determined to see the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club survive, despite the changes in society which have affected many clubs such as ours.

Richard has put an enormous amount of time and effort into keeping the club running. He has maintained the membership database, organized, printed and mailed annual reports, helped with team selections, cleared the mail box, arranged committee meetings, provided sons to fill Wanderers teams when necessary – he has done it all.

He has been instrumental in helping to hold things together, so now when the situation has turned around, the Wanderers are ready to move onwards and upwards.

Personally I will miss his wise counsel, his sense of humour and his close involvement with the Wanderers. Hopefully we will continue to see him at AGM time (if only his blazer would still fit) and other future Wellington Wanderers gatherings.

A true friend of cricket.

**Richard Allan**

## LORD HARRIS

“You do well to love it, for it is more free from anything sordid, anything dishonourable, than any game in the world. To play it keenly, honourably, generously, self-sacrificingly, is a moral lesson in itself, and the classroom is God's air and sunshine. Foster it, my brothers, so that it may attract all who can find the time to play it; protect it from anything that would sully it, so that it may grow in favour with all men”

**Lord Harris to The Times (3rd February 1931)**

# WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)

Minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Held at the Norwood Room, Basin Reserve  
On Wednesday 4 October 2006 at 7.10pm

## **Present:**

P. Steele (President), plus 23 members and guests.

## **Welcome:**

The President welcomed members and guests

## **Moment of Silence Observed:**

A moment of silence was observed in respect for former Patron Dutchy du Chateau who had passed away during the year.

## **Apologies:**

Were received and accepted from Messrs Heather, Priest, Niven, Brennan, Matthew, W.B. Hunt, Sir John Anderson, Bidwell (P and G), McCarrison, Norwood, Brider, Hammond, Patterson, Martin, Papps, Trevean, Gall, Alabaster and Myers.

## **Minutes of 59<sup>th</sup> AGM:**

The minutes from the previous meeting were noted, briefly spoken to by the Secretary and accepted by the meeting. (Kinsella/Taylor).  
There were no matters arising there from.

## **Presidents Report:**

President Paul Steele spoke briefly to his President's Report which had been in the pre-circulated papers for the meeting.

## **Annual Report and Statement of Accounts:**

Treasurer Murray Coppersmith spoke briefly to the financial statements which were distributed at the meeting. In addition to the club's financials, a full set of financial reports for the David Grey Youth Cricket Trust was also presented to the club for noting. There were no matters arising from the Club's financial statements, nor those of the Trust.

## **Election of Officers for 2005/06:**

The following were elected:

Patron: T.G. (Trevor) McMahon (Committee nomination and elected with unanimous acclaim).

President: Paul Steele (re-elected after completing his 2 year term and resigning as required)

Committee: R. Allan (Chairman), M. Coppersmith, R. Dean, R. Kinsella.

Honorary Auditor: D. Lander ACA



**Subscriptions:**

The outgoing committee's recommendation to maintain the current subscription levels of \$25 (playing membership) and \$15 (associated membership) was approved by the meeting. (Coppersmith/Allan).

**General Business:**

Recruitment of New Members. The secretary advised that the recruitment letter sent to all Wellington region colleges where boys' cricket was played, as well as to each Wellington cricket club inviting nominations for club membership has met with no response whatsoever.

**Alignment with Cricket Wellington:**

The club has recently secured a Trust Fund donation to enable the employment for 6 months of Evan Gray to coordinate the development of club membership, in conjunction with Cricket Wellington.

There being no further General Business the meeting closed at 8.04pm.

**Richard Dean**  
**Secretary**

## OBITUARY

**R K H Johansson (1925-2007)**

Reg Johansson was a member of the Karori senior cricket team from 1945-1965, and none of his contemporaries could argue with that, after all, the K in his initials was for his name, Karori.

He was a squat, right-hand batsman, who delighted in striking the ball not to the boundary, but over it, as far as possible. Legends abound about his hitting prowess. In a lower grade game he once hit five of the six balls bowled to him over the creek for six. Another time, he terrorised the ladies in the croquet club, which bordered the number one wicket, with the frequency that he was hitting the ball onto their green, so much so that they eventually refused to return the ball.

During his 20 years of senior cricket, Karori won the senior championship five times. He was an effervescent personality that was always chattering away to his team-mates as well as to his opponents. He was a character who delighted in playing the game.

He enjoyed a golden season in 1952/53, when he was the leading batsman in the

Wellington competition, scoring 531 runs at an average of 44.25, including his highest score of 127 not out against Midland and 115 against Johnsonville. He played 127 games for Karori, scoring 3433 runs at an average of 19.61.

Surprisingly for a man who was born, educated and lived in Karori for most of his life he opted to play his other sporting passion, hockey, for WCOB at a time when Karori was the heart of hockey in New Zealand. Reg Johansson was a champion hockey player, who represented Wellington and New Zealand. The highlight of his career was to play at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, where New Zealand finished a creditable sixth. His captain, Jack Tynan, also a team-mate at Karori cricket club, maintained that Reg was a world-class full-back, whose power was immense and his speed around the field most deceptive.

## AUDIT REPORT

### To the Members of the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club (Incorporated)

I have audited the financial report on pages 1 and 2. The financial report provides information about the past financial performance of the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club (Incorporated) for the year ended 30 June 2007 and its financial position as at that date.

#### Club Committee

The Club Committee is responsible for preparation of a financial report which fairly reflects the financial position of the club as at 30 June 2007 and of the results and operations for the year ended 30 June 2007.

#### Auditor Responsibilities

It is my responsibility to express an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Club Committee and to report my opinion to you.

#### Basis of opinion

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. It also includes assessing:

- the significant estimates and judgements made by the Club Committee in the preparation of the financial report; and
- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club (Incorporated) circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in New Zealand, except that my work was limited as explained below. I planned and performed the audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which I considered necessary in order to provide sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial report is free from material misstatements, whether caused by error or fraud. In forming my opinion I also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of the information in the financial report.

#### Qualified Opinion

Control over revenue prior to being recorded is limited and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control.

In this respect I have not obtained all the information and explanations that I have required.

In my opinion, except for adjustments that might have been found to be necessary had I been able to obtain sufficient evidence concerning revenues, the financial report fairly reflects the financial position of the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club (Incorporated) as at 30 June 2007.

My audit was completed on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2007 and my qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.



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Wellington

**WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Subscriptions		995	565
Interest		154	53
Donations		260	230
Grants	1	35,200	0
Profit on club functions		3,441	805
		<u>40,050</u>	<u>1,873</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Club administrator	1	25,200	0
Box rental		125	125
Gift		0	100
Gear and balls		1,061	144
Insurance		336	321
Match expenses		450	0
Secretarial expenses		157	104
		<u>27,329</u>	<u>794</u>
<b>Excess Income Over Expenditure</b>		12,721	879
<b>Unusual Items</b>			
Sale of pavilion		0	1,000
<b>Surplus</b>		<u>12,721</u>	<u>1,879</u>

**WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2007**

	Notes	2007 \$	2006 \$
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>			
Balance 1 July 2006		6,049	4,170
Surplus		12,721	1,879
		<u>18,770</u>	<u>6,049</u>
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Ball Stocks		584	0
Bank		7,937	6,041
Debtors		0	192
		<u>8,521</u>	<u>6,233</u>
<b>Less Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors		0	164
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Jerseys	1, 2	6,806	0
Laptop	1, 2	3,443	0
		<u>10,249</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>18,770</u>	<u>6,049</u>



**Murray Coppermith BCA, CA  
Hon Treasurer**

**WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1 Grants**

During the year the club received a grant of \$25,200 from the Century Foundation and a grant of \$10,000 from the Infinity Foundation. The Century Foundation grant was applied to engagement of a Club Administrator over the period September 2006 to March 2007. The cost of the Administrator is shown in the expenses of the Club. The Infinity Foundation grant was applied to the purchase of a set of short and long sleeve playing jerseys, as well as a notebook computer for the use of the Club Administrator and the maintenance of Club records. The jerseys and the notebook computer are recorded as fixed assets. The uses of the grants are in accordance with the funding applications approved by each of the foundations.

**2 Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets are recorded at cost. Both the playing jerseys and the notebook computer will be depreciated on a straight line basis over a period of three years. No depreciation is recorded in the year ended 30 June 2007 because the assets were acquired at year end.

# PATRON OF WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)

## TREVOR MCMAHON

Trevor was appointed in September 2006 to replace the late V.H. (Dutchy) Du Chateau as Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club (Inc.) Patron. Trevor's role as Patron of Wanderers is a continuation of over 60 years service to Wellington Cricket for over 60 years.

His rise through the Wellington Cricket ranks included college 1<sup>st</sup> XI, Brabin XI's, and a club career (with the Wellington Club and after amalgamations, the Wellington and College Old Boys and lastly Collegians Clubs) which spanned 35 years. He was rewarded with selection



Trevor McMahon  
India and Pakistan 1955/56

in the Wellington Plunket Shield Side in 1953/54 and he made his debut that season against Central Districts on the Basin Reserve. He played a total of 26 matches for Wellington until his last season in first class cricket 1964/65.

The highlight of his playing career was selection in the New Zealand Side for the tour of Pakistan and India in 1955/56. Trevor made his test debut against Pakistan at Karachi on that tour. Trevor played the last of his five tests against the West Indies in Dunedin in 1956.

In addition to his extensive playing career Trevor had two periods as a Wellington selector 1971-1974 and again in 1979-80. He was also a New Zealand Secondary Schools selector from 1978 to 1980.

Trevor has four sons Philip, Craig, Campbell and Scott all of whom played senior cricket for Midland St. Pats. Philip who played Shell Cup for Wellington is still playing Senior Cricket for Eastern Suburbs.

Trevor is a life member of Collegians Cricket Club, a Vice-President of Cricket Wellington and an Honorary Cricket Member of Cricket Wellington.

Trevor continues his contribution to Wellington Cricket as Patron of Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club.

## PRESIDENT OF NEW ZEALAND CRICKET: DON NEELY, MBE

Don was appointed in October 2006 to replace J.R. Reid as New Zealand Cricket President. This is a position which is a climax to Don's cricketing career where he has rendered unstinting and selfless service for over 60 years. Don's rise through the cricketing ranks include college 1<sup>st</sup> XI, club and colts tournament representation, club captaincy, Wellington B captaincy, captaincy of a Wellington Plunket Shield winning team and finally representing Auckland for a period of three years.

Don has been President of Wellington Cricket, is a life member of New Zealand Cricket, life member of Wellington Cricket, life member of Kilbirnie Cricket Club and received the Sutcliffe Medal for services to New Zealand Cricket in 1999.

In addition to many years of administration and selectorial work for Wellington Cricket, Don was a New Zealand selector for 14 years between 1979-1993, several of which he acted as convenor.

Don has written several cricketing books including "The Summer Game" and "Men in White" which are well known publications. He is currently on the Basin Reserve Trust and is Chairman of the New Zealand Cricket Museum at the Basin Reserve in Wellington.



Don Neely in full flow for Wellington at the Basin Reserve

## “LIFE IN COUNTY CRICKET”

August has arrived but it can be truthfully said that summer is only just beginning. Where are the flashing blades, flat wickets, spectators reclining on deck chairs on the boundary's edge awakened by the thwack of bat on ball, all under a hot English sun? Probably submerged!

I would like to say “What a summer it has been” but frankly it has been rain and floods, more rain and more floods. My county Gloucestershire has been particularly hard hit with many houses and businesses submerged under the floodwaters.

The season seems to be taking an age to get going but we have managed to play some cricket.

It's a very full on schedule during an English summer; you seem to go from game to game. Gloucester has even played back to back four day games; they have felt like the timeless tests of bygone eras! There are times when you are away from home for long periods, but they are always enjoyable, spending time in different parts of the country and catching up with friends in opposition teams. Last week I played in Nottinghamshire and caught up with Stephen Fleming. Even though it's great to catch up with a fellow Kiwi on the circuit we still managed to give each other some good banter.

We've just finished the 20/20 competition where we were beaten in a thrilling final by Kent. This was played in front of a full house at Edgbaston.

The finals day was a special occasion in that it included both semi finals and the final all played at Edgbaston on the same day.

Gloucestershire beat Lancashire by 8 wickets in one semi final with Craig Spearman making 86 off 55 balls and Kent beat Sussex by 5 wickets in the other. The competition has been very popular with the spectators and has helped revive interest in county cricket. I enjoyed the final scoring 65 but the result decided on the last ball was disappointing.

The atmosphere in the ground for the finals day was great especially later on as the crowd were fuelled by more than a few pints.

The season is made up of sixteen four day games, eight 50 over games, pro 40 games and 20/20 games giving a total of 88 days cricket. In addition, include the beneficiary for that season who will have golf days and celebrity matches and pub nights throughout the season and you very rarely get days off.

There are many things to enjoy about County Cricket, the history, the support and passion for the game, the friendships you make and the standard of cricket you play. For me it's the chance to play with and against such seasoned cricketers that I really enjoy. It is a life which I thoroughly enjoy and hopefully my body and form holds out so I can continue for many years to come.

**Hamish Marshall**

## NEW ZEALAND GOVERNORS-GENERAL AND CRICKET.

Over the years, various Governors of New Zealand, and from 1920 onwards, Governors-General, have had an abiding love of cricket. In 1910 there was a photo of the then Governor of New Zealand, Lord Islington, bowling in a game for Government House against Wellington College. Lord Jellicoe enjoyed playing and had his own team that played in various parts of New Zealand, such as Tokaanu.

The Hon. Charles Lyttleton captained Worcestershire in the English County Championship from 1936-1939. During his term, 1959-62, he had a practice net at Government House and international fixtures were played under his auspices. In 1935-36 he toured New Zealand with the MCC and played against Sir Dennis Blundell, 1972-77, the former Wellington right-arm fast-medium bowler, who captured 73 first class wickets in 19 games for Wellington.



Wellington Wanderers v Governor Generals Colleges XI

Sir Paul Reeves, 1985-90, opened the batting for Wellington College and Sir David Beattie, 1980-85, was a keen follower of all sports.

On 28 November 2007, a team comprising of secondary schoolboys in Wellington played at the Prime Finance Basin Reserve, on a first-class wicket as the Governor General's College XI against the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club.

Under the patronage of the current Governor General, the Hon. Anand Satyanand wrote letters inviting the boys to play and at the formal luncheon he presented



each boy with a tie – which he remarked would not surprise him if they used it in later years to tie up tomatoes.

Anand Satyanand has always loved cricket. As a small boy he was present at Eden Park on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 1956 when New Zealand won their first test match against the West Indies and he has a photograph, which appeared in the Weekly News to prove it. The landscape photograph shows a group of New Zealand players running from the field being engulfed by the excited crowd. Don Beard, Harry Cave, John Reid and Don Taylor are visible to the right of the photo. The left side has more of the rapturous crowd surging towards the players. Isolated in the middle of the photograph is a young schoolboy applauding vigorously.

That small boy is now this country's 19<sup>th</sup> Governor General.

### Don Neely



Grant Cederwall



Robert Vance

Graham Burnett



Three Wellington Stars of the 80's enjoying the Wanderers v Govenor Generals XI match

# A BALLADE AGAINST UMPIRES

Previously unpublished  
Written by Roald Dahl while at school

(The stertorous rumblings of the poet's heart on being given out – caught at the wicket off a ball which he deems not to have played)

It moves me not that rambler-roses climb  
Round the Pavilion End, all spick and span;  
I am not soothed by evening's gentle chime,  
Nor by the Passing of the late Queen Anne

Out on the shining square there stands a man –  
A mope-eyed sot, a gutless leprechaun,  
White-coated, black at heart, Hell's sacristan!  
I think all umpires should be shot at dawn!

He said – oh , may he rot in Stygian slime!-  
I snicked the ball! I never e'en began  
To try to hit it: It's a blooming shame!  
His reason's warped: A fortnight in the Sun  
Fed at long intervals on fish and bran  
Might turn to Brain his undirected Brawn:  
But on the whole I know a quicker plan:  
I think all umpires should be shot at dawn!

It's no use hoping “ Better luck next time”;  
Why should I truckle to a surpliced ban?  
Why should I go on trying to fit a rhyme  
Into a verse-form that won't even scan?  
Hand me my truncheon and my yataghan:  
Bullets, not ballades for such vipers spawn!  
Nor let him pale beneath his blocked tan:  
I think all umpires should be shot at dawn!

Prince, I detest your face and loathe your clan  
When next your idiot finger bids “Begawn”,  
For pity's sake don't mouth “hard luck old man”-  
I think all umpires should be shot at dawn.

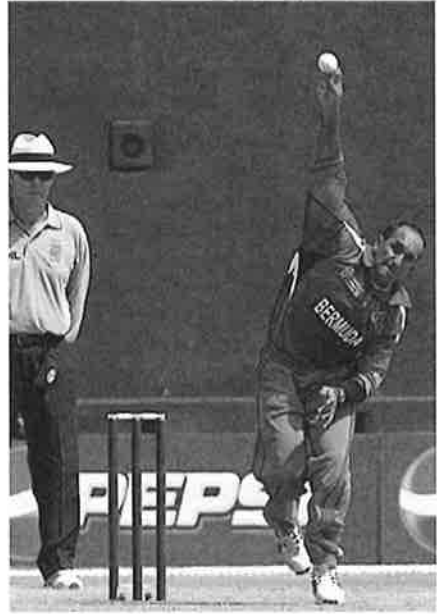
## LIFE IN THE MIDDLE

Life in the middle has provided me with a lot of laughs and memories, especially in the last couple of years. Since my first overseas appointment two years ago (England v Bangladesh Test at Durham) I have found myself in many strange places and situations- and I have treasured every minute of it.

In that time I have visited, in order, England, Dubai, Ireland, Sri Lanka, Namibia, Pakistan, South Africa, Scotland, Malaysia, Kenya, West Indies and India. Couple that with the international programme in New Zealand and it has certainly been a whirlwind couple of years – my air points have sure benefitted!! Remember, I am on the International Panel; those on the Elite Panel have flown to more places and for longer – amazing!

My first flight was really uneventful but when I went to Ireland, Murphy's Law kicked in, and I found myself at the airport with no luggage, no transport and no liaison man to help out – that's when you quickly find out how resourceful you can be and what a waste of time it is fretting over the small stuff. Imagine my relief on the next trip to find my contact in Sri Lanka waiting for me at the doors of the plane before I even touched Sri Lankan soil.

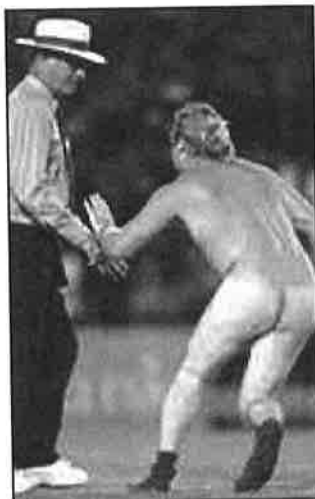
In Namibia we had a meeting before the series started and the local man in



Tony Hill umpiring in England v Bermuda World Cup warm-up match

charge spoke words which I wouldn't forget. "Namibia has the worst rate of aids in Africa. If any of your players want to go out batting at night, make sure they are wearing gloves". Magnificent!

The trip to Pakistan was an eye opener security wise. I was there for the England ODI games and the change in attitude at the hotel once the teams arrived was very marked. For a Kiwi away from home it was a bit different to open your hotel room as you head to breakfast and find an armed guard at the end of the corridor. At the ground they were outside our changing room



The other side (backside) of umpiring  
Tony Hill and streaker

armed with machine guns. To top it off they put a minesweeper over the pitch before the last game (remember this would have already been rolled!!!!).

I created a first for me in Kenya – leaving the field during an ODI. We had experienced a shooting in Nairobi (I walked past the body lying on the street just outside our hotel) and I thought that was enough, but in Mombasa the local water caught me out and I left the field halfway through the 6<sup>th</sup> over, but not before I had emptied my stomach in the gully area (much to the amusement of the crowd) who applauded most heartily.

The World Cup provided highlights galore including being at square leg while Hershelle Gibbs belted his six sixes! Yes, there have actually been cricket games going on while I have toured even though most of the above has been off field!

Much has been written about the World Cup and I hope that the experience of hosting such an event in spite of some troubles will act as a catalyst in reviving West Indian cricket.

Lastly, I have just returned from India – my first trip there and I thought I was prepared for everything..... but not an insect invasion. The first game at Bangalore had us covered in insects during the evening session- flying into us as the bowler came in and delivered, crawling over our faces and generally making concentration difficult- an experience to remember forever.

That gives you a small taste of what has been happening- in between these events there have been some magnificent cricketers to observe from a close range as they display their marvellous skills.

Bring on the next season.

**Tony Hill**

# MAD (SEA) DOGS ENGLISHMEN, KIWIS AND WEST INDIANS...

Sunshine, sailing, cricket, rum and big smiley faces

Eighteen months ago I was sitting in the Long Room at the Basin during the test thinking about the World Cup in the West Indies and how much fun I had there a few years ago.

There were some appealing tour groups going with Gavin Larsen and Alan Hewson as tour leaders, sounded like fun but not cheap. Tony Hill joined me at the bar and we discussed his sailor friend who was thinking of chartering a boat and sailing to the various games at leisure.

As a complete landlubber the thought intrigued me and I signed on. At \$100 a night, which added to the air fares compared more than favorably to the expected budget of \$10K for the

organized tour option, leaving plenty to spend on rum (and food)!

The trip started brilliantly with Tony being detained by U.S Homeland security because of a visa problem some years earlier (or that's his story) and then when we get to our Santa Monica hotel he lost his visa card. He even managed to lose his watch some days later!

The four Kiwis picked up the boat in St Lucia and enjoyed a sail through to Mustique (Mick Jagger and Richard Branson have houses there) where we met five poms who joined us for the trip to Grenada. As we sailed the beautiful Caribbean we solved the problems of the world picking the best world test and one-day teams.

On arriving in Grenada we anchored whereby Tony managed to fall off the



St. Vincent Ground

rubber dinghy in his best clothes as we made our way to the beach bar! Many cocktails later Tony and I were sitting (naked) on the boat surveying the scene drinking rum and cokes and wondering whether life ever got any better than this? It was here we had our first problem when the propeller fell off the dinghy and we spent ages paddling to and from the beach in relays for the next few days until a replacement could be sourced.

The weather was glorious; 30 degrees everyday with an ever constant breeze which our boat captain told us was perfect.

In Grenada we went to our first game and found out just how much the local cricket authorities had got it wrong. There were more volunteers outside the ground than spectators inside and unfortunately a 25,000 brand new stadium had about 5,000 people there. Ticket prices were about a week's income for the locals and so they just didn't bother turning up. We picked up the best tickets in the house from some Sri Lankan guys who gave them to us and included eight free beers and lunch. Suffice to say we struggled to manage lunch after the beers were all consumed in the first innings heat!

The local people however were fantastic. It was almost as if they were under orders to be nice and nothing was too much trouble. Everything happened at Island pace. There were smiling faces at every door and we felt very much welcomed.

After just a week the poms went home and we were down to a crew of three. We picked up Tony's nephew Dan

Vettori and took him out sailing for a couple of hours and then moored off the beach near his hotel. The captain had lost his cellphone in some nightclub so he jumped into a taxi to try and find it. Tony and I parked ourselves in a bar and caught up with emails. Two hours later we returned to the beach only to find out the boat had gone! It had dragged its anchor and had disappeared around a point near to some rocks. We could see was a million US dollars being smashed to pieces!

We managed to get a local boat owner to ferry us out to the yacht where we were just in time to save it. We then sat in the bay awaiting the skipper to come back and show us how to sail it away. It cost us a few US dollars for the boat owner's time and efforts. We then decided to anchor the boat that night in the marina with all the other boats only for it to again sail on its own after we had gone to the bar. That was more expensive costing us more USD and tickets to the cricket that afternoon. Some locals had caught it half way to the next island and towed it back. Unfortunately when we came to leave the following morning, the anchor had become stuck and it cost us more US dollars to get some locals to dive down and clear it!

I am sure that you all saw how poor the cricket actually was. Some of the teams just didn't turn up to play. There were far too many easy matches probably due to both India and Pakistan being ousted early. After 15 overs of the first innings we already knew the result of each game.

Australia however was the absolute exception. They were brilliant in every

aspect of the game and completely dominated. Matthew Hayden was undoubtedly the man of the series but McGrath was given this on a sympathy vote! Ponting was sensational and will probably be rated the next to Bradman when he hangs up his boots. Gilchrist was awesome in the final, and their bowlers always looked like taking wickets. New Zealand probably achieved what they expected to and no more.

Then there was the final. What a complete joke! The rain in Barbados that morning was nothing short of torrential, however the pitch was sand based and drained brilliantly. A 38 over game was possible but darkness comes quickly and if they get it wrong then there are problems finishing. Massive cloud began to build during the Sri Lanka innings and when Jayasuriya (their only real hope) was out trying to win it inside the

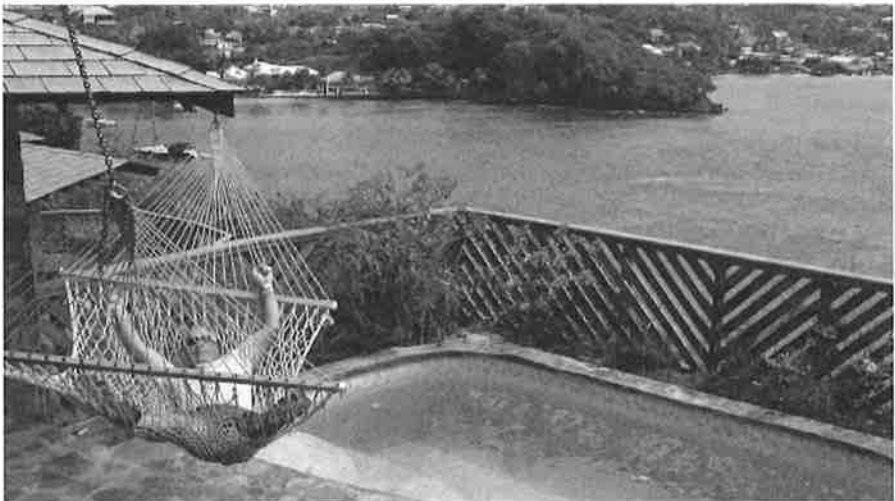
Duckworth Lewis system that was the end of the game as a serious contest. In the end the rain didn't come and the rest is history with Sri Lanka needing 80 to win off 3 overs in the dark. It was laughable.

Overall the West Indies is a paradise, the people were fabulous (warning you need to be careful where you go), the beer is rubbish (it is probably made by the rum distilleries to make sure you don't drink anything but rum!) and the weather is constantly perfect.

It is a fantastic place for a cricket tournament; it was just such a shame that the authorities got it completely wrong and over priced it for the locals who still have that burning desire to be cricketers, even if there is no real infrastructure to help them.

**Gary Spratt**

**Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club**



**"Relaxing in the West Indies"**

# WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB GOLF DAY

Manor Park Golf Club turned on one of the finest days of the summer for the inaugural Wanderers golf day. With the Wanderers flag flying proudly above the clubhouse (ADG would have been pleased), Richard Allan charcoaling the sausages, a field of British Open quality assembled for this white hot stableford competition.

The competition started on the hooter, with the Johnsonville team of Nigel Blair, Alan Isaac and Johnny Myers slight favourites over Team Steele. Neither of these teams could stand the pressure of the dark horses from Action Indoor who waltzed away with the top prize (on a count back from the Karori team, led by Lee Edwards who came home in one under par!). The Valley side were well led by the smooth flowing swing of Leigh Kelly.

The day which was an outstanding success should grow if Wanderers members take responsibility for the day and enter more and varied teams. It gives the ex playing members a great excuse to be involved, when perhaps their inclination to play cricket may have waned.

The Club profited by over \$2200 on the day. This was due to the extremely well run tournament, quiz, heads and tails raffle and food and drink all done through the expertise of Leisure Days. The gambling hole run by Alan Hunter was very profitable, while Willie Marshall ensured everyone on the course was fed and watered.

Looking forward to the next one.

**Matthew Roche**



Will Jurie, Pat Vinaccia, Gerald Jurie and Brian Kane taking refreshments from Willie Marshall during the golf tournament



# LETTER TO GARFIELD SOBERS

Staverton Road,  
London, NW2  
Garfield Sobers Esq.,  
Waldorf Hotel,  
London, WC2

My Dear Garfield Sobers,

What I think of great batsmen is all over this book [Beyond a Boundary], most particularly on p.147. I have shared in one of your greatest triumphs and greatest disappointments – the innings at Leeds when Lock ran you out.

Everything I think is in this book. I hope, very much hope that when the tests are over you will come over to the house one evening and talk. Meanwhile, I wish you all the luck in the world and particularly to take care of yourself off the field as on it. You do a lot on it, as much as any cricketer I have ever seen, and I am mortally afraid that you may not be yourself by August and September.

With best wishes,

C.L.R. James.

P.S. I am sending a copy of this letter to your manager. I never, never interfere, even with a letter, with a cricketer on tour without letting his manager at least know. I hope you do not mind.

Letter from C.L.R. James from to Garfield Sobers, taken from what is universally agreed to be the best book ever written on cricket and indeed one of the finest books on any sport.

C.L.R. James was born in Trinidad in 1901. In 1932 he moved to England and was for many years cricket correspondent for the Manchester Guardian and Glasgow Herald. He was a central figure in the Pan-African movement and the struggle for colonial emancipation. His other books include the classic "The Black Jacobins". He died in 1989.

## THE COWDREY LECTURE.

Every year, the MCC holds what has become a highlight of the cricket calendar.

The **Cowdrey Lecture** was inaugurated in 2001 in memory of the late **Lord Cowdrey of Tonbridge**, a past **MCC President**, who – with another ex president, **Ted Dexter** – was instrumental in the “**Spirit of Cricket**” being included as a preamble to the 2000 Code of the Laws of Cricket.

Previous lectures have been given by **Richie Benaud**, **Sunil Gavaskar**, **Clive Lloyd**, **Geoffrey Boycott** and **Martin Crowe**.

Over 500 invited guests and Members of MCC, together with many eminent figures from the cricket world, gathered to hear Christopher Martin-Jenkins give the 2007 lecture in the Nursery Pavilion at Lord’s Cricket Ground, London.

In his lecture he raised some interesting ideas including:

- (i) If the available technology shows a player nicked the ball and didn’t walk, the TV umpire should give the player out via a link to the field umpires. The player should then be asked by the referee why he didn’t walk and, should his explanation be deemed unsatisfactory, he should pick up a ban. After a brief period of acclimatising to the new rule, players would walk for nicks as they do for skiers to deep mid-wicket and as they do for most run-outs these days. We get a quicker, better, more honest game at top level.
- (ii) In the recreational game, there are real problems getting umpires for games as it is time-consuming and mentally and physically demanding. Umpires are really doing the players a favour (whether paid or not) and players should return that favour by helping them. In common with all sports, cricket is a cooperative activity whose participants consent to explicit and implicit rules. That cooperation should, in the recreational game, extend to umpires.

# MATCH RESULTS 2006-07 SEASON

**Wanderers v Governor General's College X1:** Played at the Prime Finance Basin Reserve 28.11.06.

**Wanderers 171-10 in 38.5 overs.**

S. Murdoch 32, S. Maguiness 30, R. Vance 29,  
S. Outtrim 2-21, N. Nagulesnaran 2-7.

**Governor General's Colleges X1 152-6 in 40 overs.**

A. Pennel 29 no,  
G. Cederwall 2-18, L. Dry 2-44  
**Wanderers won by 19 runs.**

**Wanderers v Scots College: Played at Scots College 29.11.06.**

**Wanderers 168-9 in 40 overs.**

J. Lowe 28  
P. Roberts 2-13, R. Bell 2-9

**Scots College 127-10 in 38 overs.**

N. Lunn 29,  
G. Bidwell 2-15, W. Marshall 3-20 including a hattrick.  
**Wanderers won by 41 runs.**

**Wanderers v Onslow College: Played at Onslow College 30.11.06.**  
Match abandoned without a ball bowled.

**Wanderers v SPC (Town): Played at Kilbirnie Park 6.12.06.**

**Wanderers 298-6 in 40 overs.**

D. Cudby 77, S. Murdoch 60, J. Lowe 29, M. Houghton 33, F. McLachlan 28no,  
J. Proctor 2-46, A. Boslem 2-26,

**SPC (Town) 93-10 in 25 overs.**

W. Marshall 2-35, M. Hammond 3-3,  
**Wanderers won by 205 runs.**

**Wanderers v State Wellington Blaze: Played at Scots College 10.12.06.**

**State Blaze 201- 8 in 40 overs.**

S. Devine 46, S. Bradbury 32

**Wanderers 118-10 in 40 overs.**

B. Stephen 35,  
S. Devine 3-19, S. Ruck 3-11, A. Cooper 2-28.  
**State Blaze won by 83 runs.**

**Wanderers v Wellington U19's:** Played at Scots College on 18.12.06.

**Wanderers 166-8 in 45 overs.**

N. Whittington 80,

**Wellington U19's 169-8 in 45 Overs.**

Green 57,

K. Forde 3-22, Gamble 3-32

**Wellington U19's won by 2 wickets.**

**Wanderers v Wellington U15's:** Played at Onslow College on 22.12.06.

**Wanderers 230-6 in 40 overs.**

M. Pollard 102

**Wellington U15's 203-9 in 40 overs.**

Joel 59

F. McLachlan 2-13

**Wanderers won by 27 runs.**

**Wanderers v Wellington U17's:** Played at Scots College on 12.01.07.

**Wanderers 165-7 in 50 overs.**

G. Bidwell 35, M. Pollard 37no

J. Widerstrom 2-38, Cargill 3-16,

**Wellington U17's 118-10 in 44 overs.**

J. Proctor 24,

Veitch 4-31, G. Bidwell 3-17

**Wanderers won by 47 runs.**

**Wanderers v Cricketers Club of New South Wales:** Played at Anderson Park on 26.01.07.

**Wanderers 261-8 in 40 overs.**

R. Kinsella 53, M. Hammond 53, J. Castles 53, N. Whittington 29,

J. Sarcella 3-26, N. Youngman 2-34,

**CCNSW 191-10 in 44 overs.**

N. Youngman 52,

B. Heather 2-15, T. Hunt 1-28, F. Paterson 1-20, K. Patterson 1-28,

**Wanderers won by 70 runs.**

**Wanderers v Wellington College:** Played at Wellington College on 14.2.07,

**Wanderers 237-9 in 40 overs.**

L. Edwards 54, J. Wright 37, C. Spring 28, S. Mather 29,

**Wellington College 218-9 in 40 overs.**

T. Blundell 77, H. Boam 32, R. Cargill 43,

S. Mather 2-11, B. Heather 1-16,

**Wanderers won by 19 runs.**

**Wanderers v Tawa College:** Played at Tawa College on 21.02.07.

**Wanderers 207-7 in 40 overs.**

A.McCash 98, G.Bidwell 30,  
Daniel 3-42,

**Tawa College 142-10 in 33 overs.**

Scott 31,  
G.Bidwell 3-26

**Wanderers won by 65 runs.**

**Wanderers v Wairarapa:** Played at Queen Elizabeth Park Masterton on 25.02.07.

**Wanderers 363-7 in 50 overs.**

P. Bascand 70, A. Brunt 64, H. Templeton 60, L. Edwards 68no,  
T. Ward 5-54,

**Wairarapa 134-10 in 29 overs.**

S. Harding 38,  
G. Sutherland 4-33,

**Win to Wanderers by 229 runs.**

**Wanderers v HVHS:** Played at HVHS on 7.03.07.

**Wanderers 233-6 in 40 overs.**

P. Bascand 27, K. Patterson 34, B. Williams 74, E.McSweeney 29no, E. Gray 22no,

**HVHS 235-5 in 39.5 overs.**

B. Williams 2-36, E. Gray 2-18,

**Win to HVHS by 5 wickets.**

**Wanderers v Rongotai College:** Played at Rongotai College on 14.03.07.

Match abandoned without a ball bowled.

**Wanderers v Cricket Wellington:** Played at Basin Reserve on 27.03.07.

Match cancelled.

**Played 15, Won 9, Lost 3, Abandoned 2, Cancelled 1.**

# MEMBERSHIP

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Sir John Anderson  
J. Attewell  
R. Bath  
G. Bidwell  
H. Bidwell  
P. Bidwell  
N. Blair  
R. Brennand  
A. Brider  
Sir Ron Brierley  
D. Brown  
S. Brown  
G. Carruthers  
G. Chapman  
D. Christoforou  
A. Clement  
T. Cooper  
M. Coppersmith  
B. Cubin  
C. Dry  
L. Dry  
T. Foster  
R. Gall  
M. Garratt  
M. Gell  
J. Gibson  
P. Gini  
D. Grainger  
B. Gray  
E. Gray  
C. Hamilton  
M. Hammond  
M. Harvey  
P. Hawkes  
B. Heather  
J. Hines

B. Horsley  
M. Horsley  
B. Hunt  
T. Hunt  
D. Jackman  
R. Kinsella  
D. Lander  
G. Larsen  
L. Macer  
P. Maisuria  
P. Marra  
J. Martin  
B. Matthew  
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S. Murdoch  
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THE LAST SEASON:**

**His Excellency the Governor General of New Zealand,  
The Hon Anand Satyanand, PCNZM, QSO**

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**Mark Hammond**

**Willie Marshall**



Roger Moses playing hook shot v Wellington College



Roger Moses playing cut shot v Wellington College



Wanderers and Wellington College teams