



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

**65TH ANNUAL REPORT  
2010-2011 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 65th Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club (Inc.) will be held at DLA Phillips Fox, Lvl 5 Tower Building, 50-64 Customhouse Quay, Wellington on Wednesday 26th October 2011 commencing at 5.30pm.

Business:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Establishment of Quorum
4. In Memoriam
5. Minutes of Previous AGM held 22nd September 2010, and matters arising there from
6. Adoption of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
7. Election of New Members
8. Election of Officers for 2011/2012 Season:
  - a) Patron
  - b) President
  - c) Committee
  - d) Honorary Auditor
  - e) 12<sup>th</sup> Man
9. Subscriptions for 20011/12 Season
10. General Business

**E.J. Gray**

**General Manager**

# OFFICE BEARERS - 2009/10

## 12TH MAN

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

## PATRON

T.G. McMahon

## PRESIDENT

A.McBeth

## IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

C.J. Taylor

## LIFE MEMBERS

A. Hunt  
J. G. Revell  
M.D. Priest  
R.J. Allan  
B. Waddle  
M. Coppersmith

## COMMITTEE

R. Allan (Secretary)  
M. Coppersmith  
M. Roche  
R. Kinsella  
D. McLachlan  
W. Marshall

## HONORARY AUDITOR

D. Lander ACA

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with great pleasure I present to you my first report as President of the Club.

On a number of levels the Club continues to go from strength to strength in meeting its core objectives of helping foster, promote and develop our young cricketers.

Your committee continues to work hard and I thank them for their input over the last 12 months. I also thank Evan for all the work he has put in. Without Evan as our paid Club Administrator the Club would never have been able to achieve what it has.

I thank all the players who turned out for the Wanderers in our 12 games this year. It is an opportunity to play with people equally passionate about the game and to pass on that passion and enjoyment of cricket to our young cricketers.

The highlight of the year again was our annual Governor General match at the Basin Reserve. This has become a marquee event in the Wellington cricket calendar. This was the final match for our outgoing Governor General the Right Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand. I thank His Excellency for his support and commitment to this fixture and to Wanderers. This year he had to change his schedule and forgo a family engagement to attend. The game was a T20 match and was special because it featured as opposing captains the father and son Larsens. I also thank Stephen Fleming for making himself available for the game, Cricket Wellington for their support and Don Neely who had the idea.

We were extremely privileged to be invited by His Excellency and his wife Lady Susan to a formal dinner at Government House. The dinner was held jointly with the Carillon Club and was a wonderful evening. Our guest speaker Greg Turner gave an outstanding after dinner speech. His Excellency has now retired as Governor General but we look forward to his continued involvement with Wanderers and to developing a new relationship with the new Governor General His Excellency Lt Gen the Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae.

Our relationship with the Carillon Club is a very positive relationship and we will continue to hold joint events with them. Last season our joint event for the launch of Shane Bond's book was not as successful as hoped. We have some excellent possibilities for the forthcoming season and I hope members are able to support them. The Committee sees this as an opportunity to provide a social environment for members particularly former players to meet and also the opportunity to raise funds for the Club's activities.



Our annual Golf game at Manor Park was another success with 22 teams participating. Thank you again to Leisure Days, Kevin Kelly and Kirstin Phipps and Steve Wallace and the staff at Manor Park Golf Club.

Another highlight was our test breakfast before the start of the Pakistan test. This was one of the best we have had and I thank Ramiz Raja for speaking to us so informatively.

We once again held the College T20 tournament in mid September. I thank Tracey Deveraux and John Hormal at College Sport for their assistance in liaising with colleges and organising the draw. I also thank the Taita Cricket Club in particular Dave Gillespie for their assistance in running the two days. The final was held at the Basin Reserve between St Pat's Town and at St Pat's Silverstream. As a curtain raiser for the Wellington v Auckland T20 match. St Pat's Town won an exciting game. This year Wellington High School participated and we hope that next season we get even more teams to participate.

On the financial side it has been a struggle. I thank those who made donations and those trusts who gave us grants. It is also pleasing to see subscriptions up. We are overly reliant on grants and couldn't have achieved what we did without them.

All in all it has been a very successful season and we have another one on the way.

# GOLF DAY

The Wanderers annual golf day was once again held at Manor Park Golf Club. This year's event in spite of the rain was the best yet. Thanks for this must go to Don McLachlan for his efforts in raising the number of teams entered.

The tournament this year was won by Karori Cricket Club with fast finishing Ponake Rugby Club runners up. It was in no small way due to the efforts of those participating that we were able to get through the day. For the first time we had inclement weather but the attitude of those participating was "we are golfers let's get on with it".



One of the issues in running a tournament of this nature is finding the correct format and to some extent relying on the honesty of players who do not belong to a club and thus have no official handicap. It is a judgement call but it is not fair on others if people play off a 36 when they should be on a 12. It is not golf and it is certainly not cricket.

Thanks must again go to Alan Hunter who year in and year out assists with the running of the event and also to Kirstin Phipps and Kevin Kelly at Leisure Days for their help and expertise in putting the day together. Steve Wallace manager of Manor Park is always most obliging, nothing is too much trouble.

We look forward to being back there again to celebrate another Wanderers season.

# MINUTES OF 64TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.) HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT THE LEUVEN BAR MEETING ROOM AT 6.30PM

## PRESENT:

20 members

## APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from 16 members.

## OBITUARY:

A minutes silence was observed to mark the death earlier in the year of one of our stalwart members, Larry Macer. President Chris Taylor spoke of his contribution to the club.

## MINUTES OF THE 63RD AGM:

These had been circulated with the annual report, were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Evan Gray, seconded: Alasdair McBeth.

## ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

There was no discussion on the annual report which and in the absence of Treasurer Murray Coppersmith the statement of accounts were presented by Secretary Richard Allan who reported that the club was in a sound financial position but needed more members to be financial and that we will need to be proactive in fund raising efforts to maintain the services of our Club Manager Evan Gray. There was no further discussion and the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts was approved.

Moved: M Roche, Seconded: T Cooper.

## NEW MEMBERS:

There were no nominations for any new members.



## ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The following were elected:

The 12th Man:	The Hon. Sir Anand Satyanand	E.Gray/A.McBeth
Patron:	Trevor McMahon	P.Steele/M.Roche
President:	Alasdair McBeth	C.Taylor/T.Cooper
Committee:	Richard Allan	
	Murray Coppersmith	
	Don McLauhlan	
	William Marshall	elected
	Roger Kinsella	as a group
	Mathew Roche	T.Cooper/B.Waddle
Honorary Auditor:	Dennis Lander	

## SUBSCRIPTIONS:

These are to remain the same as last year.

Full-playing membership:	\$50.00
Associate membership:	\$25.00

## ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBER:

Roger Kinsella nominated Murray Coppersmith for the position of life member. He spoke of Murray's long service and commitment to the Wanderers Cricket Club. He also described his skills on the cricket field – some good, some not so. There were also some interesting anecdotes and stories.

His nomination was seconded by Richard Allan and unanimously approved, with acclamation, by all members present at the meeting.

## GENERAL BUSINESS:

Evan Gray spoke regarding the upcoming club activities, fixtures and fund-raising events. He also commented that, as it was becoming harder to fill mid-week fixtures against colleges, he was considering playing the games under the 20/20 system. This would mean the games could start later – maybe 3.30pm - so members wouldn't have to take a full day off work. This would hopefully mean more members would make themselves available for selection. This would also make it more attractive to the schools around exam time as the boys would not have to miss any classes.

There was no further general business and the meeting concluded at 6.48pm

# BRETT GRAY

BORN WELLINGTON, NZ 8TH JULY 1959 –  
DIED BALTIMORE, MARYLAND USA 31ST  
AUGUST 2011



Brett Gray and Karori Cricket Club are one in the same. Brett made a huge contribution to cricket in the Western Suburbs both on the playing field and as an administrator. His contribution to Karori, a club he joined while at primary school encompassed over twelve years in the senior team and even longer in the administration of the club. One of the reasons Karori is in its current strong position is because of the vision he had many years ago to build a club from the ground up and with a strong management structure.

Born in Wellington, Brett grew up in Northland. His education began at St. Vincent de Pauls at The Rigi in Northland. From there he went to Marist Thorndon and for a period Marist Wilton and finally to St. Pats Town by the Basin. He excelled both in the classroom and on the playing fields. He was in the First XI and First XV.

Brett had a passion for life and maintained a balance in everything he did. He was a man who loved family and friends and he looked after people. He was someone who could be relied upon to do the right thing in difficult situations. The respect and love people had for Brett was shown at his funeral on September 9th where 750 attended St. Marys of the Angels to bid him farewell.

He loved his cricket, but accepted that there was more to life than sport. He carved out a very successful career, mostly in the Insurance Industry with Crombie Lockwood O'Shea. In recent years he was voted New Zealand's Insurance Broker of the Year. He was initially at National Radiators going on to Sedgwick Forbes, then Marsh McLennan before travelling overseas. On returning he went into business with Jim McArley when they formed Nelson Irrigation. On leaving Nelson Irrigation Brett joined Crombie Lockwood O'Shea, a company then in its infancy. He stayed with the company over twenty years, becoming a partner and where he remained until his death a month ago.

While he loved cricket Brett's first passion was horse racing and he commented to his racing partner Albert Bosma, "People forget that at the end of all this, they put you in a wooden box. You have to live life". This maxim succinctly underpinned his lifestyle.

Brett packed a lot into his 52 years and followed his passion of owning horses and enjoying them. He celebrated their successes and accepted their defeats gracefully, often a difficult thing to do.

Brett's favourite track was Trentham and his favourite horse Pycok Flyer, known as "Cocky" to his owners. The last time Cocky and Brett were on a course

together it was at Trentham in January 2011 and to Brett's delight he won.

It was a very kind gesture by Brett's racing partner Albert Bosma to sponsor a race at Trentham in Brett's name as a way of celebrating his life and love of racing, and this was done on Friday 7th October. Most fittingly Pycok Flyer was top weight and ran a top race in conditions which did not suit.

On the cricket field Brett was extremely competitive and his love of gambling showed through in the way he captained the Senior Side. His attitude was that you had to be prepared to lose in order to win and it was better if both sides had a winning chance. His nickname on the field was "Sweeper" due to his penchant for hitting everything within reach to leg. He always thought umpires should treat his pads as a no go zone. He both played for and captained the Karori Premier side.

In an administrative capacity he served on the committee for over twelve years including being Club Captain. On retiring from playing serious cricket and thus from the committee he served on the Karori Cricket Foundation going on to be Chairman, a position he held for a number of years.

His contribution to the Wanderers was overtly less but he maintained his membership and played when work commitments allowed. He supported Wanderers through his business contacts, often buying tables at breakfasts and supporting the various other functions held by the club. He believed totally in what Wanderers do for college cricket.

Brett was diagnosed with renal cancer on May 6th this year. By the time of diagnosis the cancer had spread to his lungs and the situation was grave. In an effort to get further treatment and with the possibility of going on a clinical trial he flew with his partner Robyn to Baltimore, Maryland, where he underwent emergency treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital, one of the top cancer research hospitals in the world. Sadly the cancer was too advanced to get Brett on the trial. When he was told there was nothing more that could be done and it was too late to get him home, although devastated, he thanked the doctors and nurses at Johns Hopkins and said, "We gave it our best shot".

He accepted his situation with grace and dignity, kept his sense of humour until the end and died at the Hilton Homewood Suites in Baltimore on August 31st with his partner Robyn and close friend Nick Hales at his side. I was privileged to spend three weeks in Baltimore with him prior to his death and was enormously proud of his courage and empathy for others throughout this time.

Brett is greatly missed by all who love him. His spirit will live on with friends and family and he will not be forgotten.

To quote E.E. Cummings:

"I carry your heart with me (I carry it in my heart) – I am never without it".

Evan Gray

# SHANE BOND BOOK LAUNCH

## “LOOKING BACK”

Wanderers and Carillon again joined forces for the launch of former New Zealand fast bowler Shane Bond's latest book "Looking Back". The venue was Dockside restaurant and bar and the date 12th November.

Bond's career while curtailed in the end by injury was long enough and with enough highlights to put his record among the very best of New Zealand's new ball bowlers. At his peak he was undoubtedly one of the best in the world if not the best.

His ability to swing the ball late and at pace, meant that he was more than a handful for even the best opening batsmen. His record against Australia was outstanding.

All those present enjoyed his views on cricket in the modern game and his thoughts on where New Zealand go from here and who may possibly replace him and spearhead the attack in future years.

It will be interesting to see where Shane Bond goes from here. It is to be hoped he is not lost to New Zealand cricket as he has so much to offer.



# SPORTING HERO: CLIVE CURRIE

BY JUDGE ANDREW BECROFT



## PRINCIPAL YOUTH COURT JUDGE FOR NEW ZEALAND

Boys always want heroes. When I entered the third form at Rongotai College, Wellington in 1971, I was no different. The sixth and seventh formers seemed to us as men. Far removed and usually commanding instant respect. We quickly identified our own heroes among them. Mine was Clive Currie. He was two years ahead of me. Clive was immediately likeable and very popular. He was multi-talented, always calm under pressure, and someone of great integrity. Clive won the award for the best all-round sixth former. A year later he was Head Prefect, captain of the First XI cricket team and of the First XV.

Cricket was already my obsession. As a gangly fourth former I struggled to fight my ungainly leg spinners into the Wellington northerly. Leg spinning, in those pre-Shane Warne days, was something of an oddity. Before my mid-teen growth spurt I could really turn the ball. I remember endless evenings at the Kilbirnie park nets supervised by Don Neely and Trevor Rigby. Once, I bowled five of my best leg spinners in a row to Clive. A left hander, he carefully patted them onto the on-side. As he came down the wicket to hit the sixth, my embryonic “wrong un” bit and turned the other way, leaving Clive stranded yards down the wicket. He gave the slightest nod of acknowledgement. Nobody else saw it. But I felt real pride. Mind you, I wasn’t always so lucky. Bruce Edgar, also a fellow pupil at Rongotai College and a year ahead of me, told me in a similar situation that if I continued to bowl to him on leg stump he would hit me out of the ground. To my next delivery he did exactly that. Not only did it leave the park, but it also crossed Kilbirnie Crescent and landed on the second story veranda of an apartment block on the corner of Wellington Road. And I remember the bemused look of the elderly woman when she opened the door of her apartment and I asked if I could retrieve my cricket ball.

On another occasion, in a First XI trial match, I dropped a straight forward “skier” at mid on. The worst fielders are hidden there – it’s a position Monty Panesar made his own for England. Most of the team collapsed with laughter. There was nowhere to hide. Clive was bowling. He simply nodded in my direction, said it could have happened to anyone and returned to the start of his run up.

In 1973, Clive was selected for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' cricket team. The next year Bruce Edgar and Ian Smith (who had attended Rongotai College in his third and fourth form years) were also selected, followed by my friend Peter Rowe in 1976. The just over 1000 Rongotai College pupils all came from fiercely working and middle class families. Parents made huge sacrifices for their sons. We were encouraged academically and in sport. I often ponder why so many nationally prominent sportsmen (including the Rufer brothers) were produced from such a small part of Wellington's Eastern suburbs.

Clive continued to excel at cricket. We always thought he would become what is now called a "Black Cap". And while he did represent Wellington at an early age (21) he only played three first class matches, all in 1977, with an inconspicuous average of 14.75. I admit it – I am a sick man: cricket statistics always have fascinated me. It is worth noting that Clive's highest score, 36 not out, was made on debut against Canterbury in January 1977 at Lancaster park, against an attack comprising no less than Sir Richard Hadlee (as he then wasn't), his brother Dayle, Alan Hounsell, Stephen Boock and Bevan Congdon. Wellington won. And by that time Bruce Edgar was already playing for Wellington.

Clive made his All Black debut in October 1978 against Cardiff, aged 22. All of us who knew him were immensely proud. There was the realisation that All Black status was suddenly not that distant and unattainable. Clive played against London Counties and then made his first international appearance against Ireland.

A week later, just 21 days after his All Black debut, his rugby career ended at Cardiff Arms Park. Eight minutes into that famous Welsh test, Clive always beautifully balanced and safe under the high ball, fielded an up-and-under in his own twenty-five. As he caught the ball, the aggressive Welsh second five Steve Fenwick flew across the TV screen, viciously tackling him head-high, ball and all. It was a tackle that would have put Fenwick on report even if he had been playing Rugby League. And it certainly would not have withstood the modern day citings procedure. A concussed Clive was led shakily from the field, his jaw broken. He was invalidated out of the All Black Tour. I don't think he ever played serious rugby again. Clive was replaced by Brian McKechnie, who kicked a last minute penalty securing a thrilling 13-12 All Black win. Had it not been for Steve Fenwick's reckless tackle, it might have been Clive Currie who became immortalised in rugby history. Oh, the fickleness of sporting success and the randomness of career-ending injuries!

What happened to Clive Currie? I don't know. I lost track of him. That is not the point of this story. For me, and for scores of my mates, Clive fulfilled our collective dream. He proved that it was possible for "one of us" to become representative cricketers and All Blacks.

Thirty-five years later, as I sit as the principal Youth Court Judge, some things haven't changed. Boys still seek out role models like heat-seeking missiles. The only issue is who will that role model be? A gang leader? A repeat burglar who heads "missions" with kids in his orbit? That role model could, on the other hand, be an older pupil at secondary school. Someone who has a sound value system which is modelled to boys who come after them. This is part of how boys become responsible adult males. Something, it seems to me, that most serious young offenders in the Youth Court have never experienced.

Equally, what stands out is the lack of "community correctedness". There is a sign outside Blenheim airport: A Kid in Sport Stays out of Court". Trite? Simplistic? Not from my vantage point. Very few serious young offenders are involved in organised sport. Or indeed any form of organised community activity or club. Such involvement provides, as it did for me, much needed team discipline, the pursuit of common goals, good role models and mentors, and correctedness with the community.

For me, there have been other heroes since then of course. As a committed Christian myself, I was always encouraged by the faithful Christian witness of such test cricketers such as Bruce (Bags) Murray, Victor Pollard and Brian Yule in the 1970's. And then there was the peerless Michael Jones in the 1980's and 90s. All enjoyed significant national and international success although they never played on a Sunday. If only the young boys I see in the Youth Court had similar heroes and opportunities for involvement in sport.

More recently, my real hero has been my younger brother David. A former captain of the New Zealand Volleyball team, he was involved in a very serious car accident in his early thirties, leaving him severely paralysed on the right side of his body – the result of a life threatening head injury. He is the most competitive and determined person I have ever known. With that same attitude he has fought over the years to cope with his disability with astonishing courage and grace. I respect him as much as any man in the world.

But it was Clive Currie who was my first sporting hero. As I put the full stop to this article, I decided to search the web. I found that Clive Currie won the men's doubles championship at the Ngatarangi Tennis Club, at Stanley Point in Auckland with an old South Auckland lawyer friend of mine, Ian Tucker. I suspect Clive could have excelled in many sports. I also noted a media release from Westpac Bank, announcing the bank's partnership with All Black captain Richie McCaw. Towards the end of the release, almost as an afterthought, a former All Black now Westpac private banker, one Clive Currie, is quoted as explaining amongst other things "..... we all know that rugby can be tough on the body....." I suppose few would know better than Clive.

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**WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011**

	Notes	2011 \$	2010 \$
<b>INCOME</b>			
Subscriptions		2,375	1,900
Interest		85	133
Donations		1,375	220
Grants	1	40,500	49,855
Surplus on club functions	2	8,931	7,390
		53,266	59,498
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Club administrator		45,767	45,000
Box rental		160	150
Gear and balls	3	8,262	8,494
Insurance		369	397
Match expenses	4	1,934	1,173
T20 Tournament	5	2,590	3,478
Secretarial expenses	6	1,533	2,026
Depreciation		0	3,416
		60,615	64,134
		(7,349)	(4,636)

**WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2011**

	Notes	2011 \$	2010 \$
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>			
Balance 1 July		16,316	20,952
Surplus		(7,349)	(4,636)
		8,967	16,316
<b>REPRESENTED BY</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Ball Stocks		3,000	2,262
Bank		18,839	11,862
Debtors		4,016	2,550
		25,855	16,674
<b>Less Current Liabilities</b>			
Grant in Advance		0	0
Creditors		16,888	358
		16,888	358
<b>Net Assets</b>		8,967	16,316

The financial statements are prepared on a GST inclusive basis.

**Murray Coppersmith BCA, CA**  
**Hon Treasurer**



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

**1. Grants**

The club was successful with a number of grant applications during the year. The amounts and the use of these funds shown as revenue in the 2011 financial year were as follows:

Issuer	Amount	Use
Endeavour Community Trust	5,000	Gear and balls
Infinity Foundation	6,667	Club Administrator
Four Winds Foundation	4,000	Gear and balls
ADGrey Youth Cricket Trust	8,000	Club Administrator
Norwood Trust	2,500	T20 Tournament
Infinity Foundation	7,666	Club Administrator
Infinity Foundation	6,667	Club Administrator
	<u>40,500</u>	

**2. Surplus on Club Functions**

The Club ran a number of successful functions which assisted with fundraising during the year. These included a breakfast centred around the Basin Reserve test match, as well as a black tie dinner hosted by the Governor General (in association with the Carillion Club) and a golf day.

**3. Gear and Balls**

This expense reflects balls donated to colleges as part of traditional fixtures, as well as balls used in the college T20 tournament.

**4. Match Expenses**

These primarily relate to the Governor General's XI match.

**5. T20 Tournament**

The Club ran a T20 tournament for Wellington colleges. Costs relate to ground and facilities rental, umpires and catering costs for the final held at the Basin Reserve.

**6. Secretarial Expenses**

Includes the cost of printing the Annual Report.

**7. GST Registration**

The Club is not registered for GST.

# THE NAWAB OF PATAUDI



**The Nawab of Pataudi who died on September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011 captained India in 40 tests and scored 6 Test centuries – all despite having only one functioning eye.**

He had seemed to become a batsman of supreme distinction. But on July 1st 1961, as a passenger in a car accident, his right eye was pierced by a shard of glass from the windscreen. Inevitably this made it difficult for Pataudi to judge the line and length of the bowling which he faced. His plight was the worse because he had always relied rather more on instinct than technique.

Immediately, though he undertook the challenge of rebuilding his career. After four months of concentrated experimentation in the nets he accepted an invitation to captain the Indian Board President's XI against Ted Dexter's MCC team in Hyderabad.

A month later in December 1961, he made his Test debut for India against England in Delhi. In his first four Test innings he registered scores of 13, 64, 32, and 103 (the latter in only 140 minutes), contributing largely to India's first victory in a series against England.

This was a truly heroic achievement. By the end of the season Pataudi reckoned that he had discovered the best means of overcoming his handicap, pulling the peak of his cap over his right eye to eliminate the blurred double image he otherwise saw.

He still had difficulty, though, in judging flight against slow bowlers. Inevitably, genius lost something to caution and orthodoxy.

Naturally, his record begs the question of what he might have achieved with two good eyes. Yet, Pataudi never made excuses, or indulged in self pity. In his autobiography, *Tiger's Tale* (1969) he admitted simply that he had had to abandon his early ambition of becoming the greatest batsman. Instead he wrote "I have concentrated on trying to make myself a useful one, and a better fielder than my father was."

The son of the 8th Nawab of Pataudi, he was born Mohammed Mansur Ali Khan on January 5th 1941 at Bhopal, of which his great grandfather was Nawab. Pataudi, some 30 miles south-west of Delhi and about the size of Rutland, had been granted to a forebear who supported the British during the Indian Mutiny.

The boy grew up in a palace boasting 150 rooms, run by well over 100 servants-eight of whom were employed as personal assistants to the son and heir, known from infancy as "Tiger". There was also a personal tutor, who ensured that he could speak English as well as Urdu.

His father ruled the tiny state as absolute monarch, albeit ultimately under British supervision. A talented cricketer in his own right, he had scored 238 not out for Oxford against Cambridge in 1931. Subsequently he played for England against Australia on the tour of 1932-33, making a century on his Test debut in Sydney. It was said, though, he disapproved of Douglas Jardine's bodyline tactics.

Though plagued by ill health, he became one of the very few cricketers to play for two countries when he captained the Indians in England in 1946. He sent his son to prep school at Hemel Hempstead, where his old coach, Frank Woolley, instructed the youngster.

Whereas Pataudi senior had been known for the elegance and delicacy of his stroke play, his son transcended classical style, relying at this early stage on eagle eyes that enabled him to get away with the slashing cut and the cross-batted pull, even against bowling which seemed to demand respect.

His father died in 1952, aged only 41, so that Tiger, aged 11, became the 9th Nawab of Pataudi. In 1954 he went to Winchester. It is said that Pataudi senior, filling in an early application form for the school, had answered a question about the boy's "other aptitudes" with just two words: "My son".

At Winchester "the Noob", as he was known, soon established himself as a cricketing prodigy. During his four years in the school XI he scored 2,956 runs at an average of 56.85. In 1959, when he was captain, he conjured 1,068 runs in the season, beating the school record established by Douglas Jardine in 1919. For good measure he also, in partnership with Christopher Snell, carried off the Public Schools Rackets championship.

Universally popular, he possessed even at this stage a certain dignity of bearing. Reflecting later on a beating he had received for some trivial offence, he remarked that it was better to have a sore bottom than a swollen head.

In 1957, in the summer holidays, Pataudi made his first-class debut for Sussex. By 1959 he was good enough to score 52 against a Yorkshire attack which included Trueman, Close, Illingworth and Don Wilson. Soon afterwards he went up to Balliol, purportedly to read Arabic and French. In his first summer at Oxford he made a century (131) against Cambridge at Lords.

The next year, 1961, Pataudi, now captain of Oxford, reached his absolute peak. Against the full Yorkshire attack, which included four England bowlers,

he scored 106 and 103 not out. When he turned Trueman, who was bowling at full pace, off his stumps for four down to long leg, the Yorkshire champion raised his hand in salute.

By the end of June, with three games still to play, Pataudi was only 92 runs short of his father's record total of 1,307 runs in an Oxford season. Then came the accident in Hove.

His extraordinary determination and success in overcoming the injury to his right eye led to his being appointed vice-captain for India's tour of the West Indies in early 1962. When the skipper, Nari Contractor, was laid out by a vicious delivery from Charlie Griffith in the game against Barbados, Pataudi took over and became, at 21 years and 77 days, the youngest captain in the history of test cricket.

In fact this was something of a poisoned chalice. St that period the Indian side was bereft of adequate fast bowling, while internal rifts and divisions added to the captain's difficulties. In 1964, however, Pataudi's side managed to draw all the matches in the home series against England. In the fourth Test, in Delhi, he scored 203 not out in the second innings.

With typical honesty Pataudi played down this achievement, explaining that the runs had largely been made when the match was already dead. He was far prouder of his 128 not out in the first Test against Australia in Madras in October 1964. And in the nest Test, at Bombay, his innings of 86 and 53 helped India to what was only their second victory against the Australians.

In 1965 Pataudi led his country to a 1-0 victory in a four-match rubber against New Zealand, saving his team in the second Test at Calcutta with an innings of 153, and then scoring 113 at Delhi. In 1966-67, however, the West Indian tourists proved too powerful.

The short tour of England in 1967 was marred by poor weather and a spate of injuries to the England team. India lost all three Tests; Pataudi, however, batted superbly in the first game at headingly scoring 64 and 148. He maintained good form with the bat in Australia in 1967, averaging 56.50; the Indians, however, were defeated in all four Tests.

Pataudi did not play Test cricket from 1970to 1972. Meanwhile in 1971 the government stripped Indian princes of their titles, so that he became known officially, though not popularly, as Mansur Ali Khan.

When he returned to the Indian side in January 1973 the team was led by Ajit Wadekar. He was, however, reinstated as captain for the highly contested home series, which the Indians won 3-2 in the final Test.

After dislocating a finger in the first Test, and missing the second, Pataudi was unable to find any form with the bat in the remaining matches, and never played for India again. In 46 Test matches he had scored 2793 runs at an average of 34.91. As captain he led India to 9 victories and suffered 19 defeats with 19 matches drawn.

In 1966 Pataudi had captained Sussex in the county championship. In Indian domestic cricket he had at first played for Delhi in the North Zone, before transferring in 1966 to Hyderabad in the South Zone.

Between 1957 and 1976 he played 310 first class matches, scoring a total of 15,425 runs at an average of 33.67. A fine fielder, he took 208 catches.

Though stripped of his title, Pataudi retained a certain regal bearing, not withstanding his affability and laconic humour. After retiring he undertook some work in journalism and television, and even dabbled briefly and unenthusiastically in politics. More recently he had been on the council of the Indian Premier League. On the whole, though, he preferred playing bridge and trying his hand as a cook; at his house in the centre of Delhi he was a most generous host. He also kept an apartment in London.

The crux of his life, however, was his family. In 1969 he married the film star Sharmila Tagore, the great-grandniece of the poet and philosopher Rabindranath Tagore. A rare beauty, and charming with it, she had made her name in Satyajit Ray's *The World of Apu* (1959). When she married Pataudi she converted from Hinduism to Islam.

Their son, Saif Ali Khan, born in 1970, has become one of the heart-throbs of Bollywood. Of their two daughters, Saba is a jewellery designer, while Sohas is a film actress, recently seen in *Mumbai Cutting*.

Tests between England and India are now played for the Pataudi trophy.

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# GOVERNMENT HOUSE

The Wanderers and Carillon Clubs combined forces on June 17th to hold a formal dinner in the newly refurbished ballroom at Government House. Their Excellencies The Hon Sir Anand Satyanand and his wife Lady Susan Satyanand generously agreed to host the night as a thank you for the contribution both clubs make to junior sport in the greater Wellington region.



Their Excellencies were soon to finish their time as the Queen's representatives in New Zealand and we were most grateful that they were able to find time in their busy schedule to accommodate us. The setting of Government House is spectacular and with the renovations now completed we have something all New Zealanders can be proud of. To have the opportunity to be one of the first groups to view the "New" Government House was very special.

Government House played host to 135 Wanderers and Carillon members and guests. Their Excellencies were gracious hosts and we were entertained by both speakers, the effervescent Mike Copeland as Master of Ceremonies and our guest speaker for the evening former New Zealand International and multi European and Australasian Tour winner Greg Turner. Greg kept us entertained with tales from the "Tour" and we are indebted to Greg and his wife Janie for giving up their time to celebrate the evening with us.

Since retiring from full time touring Greg has used his experience to forge another career, this time in golf course design through his company Turner Macpherson Golf Design. Currently one of their projects is the redevelopment of Royal Wellington.

Mike Copeland is often asked to MC events and he regularly gives up his time free of charge to entertain various groups around the country. Mike is an exceptionally busy person in his job as a consulting economist and he has been very generous to both clubs with his time over a number of years.

One of the benefits of having a formal dinner at Government House is the protocol which goes with it. Many do not get the opportunity to experience events of this nature and for those of us who were there for the first time it was a night to remember. The formalities are both different and special.

While the purpose of the evening was first and foremost fun, there was some profit from the event which will be divided between both clubs and poured back into youth sport in our area.

Thank you to the friends of both clubs who supported us and helped make the night so successful.

We thank Their Excellencies and wish them every success in the next chapter in their lives.



# GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MATCH

The Annual Wanderers v Governor General's match was this year back at its traditional home, the Basin Reserve. This was the final match for the outgoing Governor General The Hon Sir Anand Satyanad. When the idea was first mooted by Don Neely, Erv McSweeney and Sir Ananad Satyanand as a way of introducing our young cricketers to the Basin Reserve we had no idea it would grow and nurture the way it has. It is now a fixture eagerly awaited by the members of both teams.

In a change from past years we reverted to a T20 match. The idea was to embrace the new form of the game and to see whether this format was appropriate for the day.



This year we were fortunate to have former New Zealand Captain Stephen Fleming play and while his success with the bat was not to his usual standard, he excelled with his sometime off spinners. Years of standing at first slip to Dan Vettori paid off for the former skipper and the youngsters at their peril, took to Fleming's bowling in an attempt to hit him out of the ground. Little did they realise that a little flight and guile and the safe hands of Scott McHardy at wide long on would be their downfall. Two wickets in two balls and the former skipper was in uncharted waters, he was on a hat trick. To their credit the youngsters of the Governor General's XI did not let the part time off spinner realise his dream!

In a nice touch, Gavin Larsen was skipper of the Wanderers and his son Corey a very promising player was skipper of the Governor General's XI. Larsen the elder was delighted when he was able to hit Larsen the younger back over his head for a straight hit 6.

The beauty of the match is that it gives the college players from the Governor General's XI the opportunity to play on the Basin Reserve and also to mix with former first class and test players.

The format of the match is quite special. The players receive an official invitation from Government House inviting them to play. The Governor General attends the match; he dines with the players from both teams and has a team photo with his young charges. His Excellency speaks at lunchtime, makes a presentation to each member of the Governor General's XI team and



later on every player is sent a team photo as a memento of the day.

His Excellency has attended the match every year, this year his final match there was doubt as to whether he would be able to be there as he was scheduled to be out of town. Such was his determination to be part of the day and fulfil

his duties that he altered his busy schedule and made the trip to Wellington to attend.



His innovative idea five years ago has been embraced by the Wanderers, the Colleges and Cricket Wellington. We hope that this fixture will be carried on by the incoming Governor General, it is special and too valuable an occasion to be let slip away.

We thank Their Excellencies for the huge contribution they have made to youth cricket in our region and wish them well in their future endeavours.



# COLLEGE T20 TOURNAMENT – HUNT FAMILY TROPHY

The second Wanderers T20 tournament was again held in mid December at Fraser Park. Eight colleges took part in the tournament held over two days with St. Pats Town and St Pats Silverstream winning their way through to the final played on the Basin Reserve as the curtain raiser to the Wellington v Auckland T20 match.

The tournament could not take place without the support of the Taita Cricket Club. Dave Gillespie and the younger members of the club use this tournament as a club project and see it as a way of giving something back to the community. Too often these days we see cricketers who are only too happy to take what is given to them and it is refreshing to see a club and its younger members giving back. It is a credit to Taita and the way they run their club.

This year's participating colleges were: HIBS, Rongotai College, Wellington High School, Tawa College, Hutt Valley High School, Wellington College, St Pats Town and St Pats Silverstream. Wellington High School should be commended for entering. They play in the lower divisions of College Cricket and while they were a little underpowered they performed with some style. It is to be hoped that they participate this year.

The results in pool play were:

SPC (Stream) 201 v WHS 82,

SPC (Stream) 129 v HIBS 82,

HVHS 168 v WHS 61,

SPC (Stream) 147 v HVHS 146,

HIBS 148 v HVHS 137,

Rongotai 127 v Tawa 121,

Tawa 114 v SPC (Town) 120,

Wgtn Coll 200 v Rongotai 60,

SPC (Town) 165 v Rongotai 126,

Tawa 159 v WHS 101,



HIBS 241 v Rongotai 130,

SPC (Town) 138 v HVHS 135,

SPC (Town) 151 v Wgtn Coll 150

St Pats Town and St Pats Silverstream won through to the final played at the Basin Reserve under leaden skies and with slight drizzle. The match between the two old foes was fiercely contested with the Town XI finally coming out on top and winning the magnificent Hunt Family Trophy.



The toss was won by St Pats Silverstream who decided to bat.

SPC (Stream) 113-7 in 20 overs. J. Woodward 20, P Smith 22, L Sullivan 19no, A. Jayanadi 2-11, S.O'Connor 2-14.

SPC (Town) 114-8 in 19.2 overs. C. Gill 23, J. Cuttance 29, S.O'Connor 13no, H. Walsh 3-13.

A win to SPC (Town) by 2 wickets.







# SOUTH AFRICAN TRIP

In March and April this year Evan Gray visited South Africa to umpire two Super Sport first class matches. The matches were the Biz Hub Highveld Lions v the Chevrolet Warriors played at the Bidvest Wanderers Ground in Johannesburg and the Nashua Titans v the Chevrolet Knights played at Sahara Willowmoore Park, Benoni.

The following are photos from that trip:





Welcome to the  
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 at the ground today'

TOTAL	17
WICKETS	
OVERS	5
BATSMAN	x
BATSMAN	9
PARTNERSHIP	
RUNS TO WIN	5
OVERS LEFT	3
RATE ACHD	
RATE RECD	







# MATCH RESULTS 2010-11 SEASON

**Wanderers v Wanganui Collegiate (Cancelled rain)**

**Wanderers v Scots College (Cancelled Rain)**

**Wanderers V Governor General's Colleges XI: played at the Basin Reserve**

**Wanderers 175-7 in 20 overs (J. Wells 42, S. McHardy 32, T. Boyer 26, G. Larsen 22)**

**Governor General's Colleges XI 150-8 in 20 overs (C. Larsen 32, S. Fleming 2-22, G. Larsen 2-16)**

**Win to Wanderers by 25 runs**

**Wanderers v Onslow College: played at Onslow College**

**Wanderers 166-9 in 40 overs**

**Onslow College 167-8 in 36.4 overs**

**Win to Onslow College by 2 wickets**

**Wanderers v SPC (Silverstream): played at SPC (Stream)**

**Wanderers 157-8 in 40 overs (S. McHardy 76, R. Price-Moore 21, N. Bryant 20 J. Johnstone 2-20, M. Kelly 2-34)**

**SPC Stream 158-9 in 38 overs (J. Johnstone 36, C.O'Connor 26, T.Wenlock 3-39, N. Healy 2-15, N. Pile 2-7)**

**Win to SPC Silverstream by 1 wicket.**

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

**Wanderers 245-4 in 40 overs (R. Price-Moore 89, N. Ward 84)**

**SPC Town 170-10 in 33 overs**

**Win to Wanderers by 75 runs**

**Wanderers v Paraparaumu College:** played at Paraparaumu College

**Wanderers 191-9 in 40 overs** (H. Mullen 40, B. Thompson 37, M. Walker 2-25, B. Bohmer 2-11)

**Paraparaumu College 89-10 in 34 overs** (A. Pollock 2-18)

**Wanderers v Wellington College:** played at Wellington College

**Wanderers 176-5 in 20 overs** (B.J. Crook 55, A. Fletcher 64, H.Glogau 3-38)

**Wellington College 169-10 in 20 overs** (A.Royfee 32, J.Wiremu 36, Swain 24, S.Kuggeleijn 2-36, M.Ellison 3-22)

**Win to Wanderers by 7 runs**

**Wanderers v HVHS:** played at HVHS

**Wanderers 174-10 in 36 overs** (Davids 38, Saru 78, (D.Myers 3-33)

**HVHS 178-9 in 38 overs** (C.Aaron 46, B.Mitchell 31, P.Myles 25, Kevin G 3-23)

**Win to HVHS by 1wicket**

**Wanderers v Tawa College:** played at Tawa College

**Wanderers 189-9 in 40 overs** (N. Martin 51, N. Ward 31, T. Donaldson 28, G. Chambers 2-21, Sutton 2-18)

**Tawa College 115-10 in 25 overs** (R.Daniel 22, B.Saunders 4-9, M.Jones Middleton 2-13)

**Win to Wanderers by 74 runs.**

Scorecards not available for:

**Wanderers v Rongotai College**

**Wanderers v Eastbourne CC**

**Wanderers played a total of 12 matches with 2 rained out.**

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