



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

**67TH ANNUAL REPORT
2012-2013 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 67th Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club (Inc.) will be held at First Floor, Dockside Bar and Restaurant, Queens Wharf Wellington on Tuesday 29th October 2013 commencing at 5.30pm.

Business:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Establishment of Quorum
4. In Memoriam
5. Minutes of Previous AGM held October 30th 2012, and matters arising there from
6. Adoption of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
7. Election of New Members
8. Election of Officers for 2013/2014 Season:
 - a) Patron
 - b) President
 - c) Committee
 - d) Honorary Auditor
 - e) 12th Man
9. Subscriptions for 2013/14 Season
10. General Business

E.J. Gray

General Manager

OFFICE BEARERS - 2012/13

12TH MEN

His Excellency the Governor
General of New Zealand
Lieutenant General Sir Jerry
Mateparae GNZM, QSO

Sir Ananad Satyanand GNZM
QSO KtStJ

PATRON

T.G. McMahon

PRESIDENT

A.McBeth

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

C.J. Taylor

LIFE MEMBERS

W.B. Hunt
A. Hunt
M.D. Priest
R.J. Allen
B. Waddle
M. Coppersmith

COMMITTEE

A. Batson (Secretary)
M. Coppersmith
M. Roche
R. Kinsella
D. McLachlan
W. Marshall
S. McHardy
N. Blair
R. Allen

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am delighted to report we had a successful season both on and off the field with our balance sheet in good shape.

The highlights of the season are now the annual Governor General's College XI fixture at the Basin Reserve and the College T20 tournament which we host. This year, His Excellency Lieutenant General The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae was overseas and unable to attend. He was disappointed his busy schedule did not allow him to make an appearance but was pleased to learn that his side was victorious on the day.



The College T20 tournament took on a different format this year. The Division 1 Colleges played a round of matches in February and March with a final being played at the Basin Reserve. This year Hutt International Boys College was victorious over St Pat's Silverstream and won the Hunt Family Trophy.

This year we introduced a Division 2 T20 competition to try and get the second tier Colleges involved. The prize for the top two teams was appearing in a final on the hallowed turf of the Basin Reserve. The winning team were the first winners of the Richard Allen Challenge Cup. Although we didn't get the eight College teams we were hoping for, it was a successful competition and the final between Tawa and Newlands College was a great match which saw Tawa College taking home the Cup. We hope the success of last season's inaugural competition will see more colleges enter next season.

This season again saw us taking an under 17 team south to play the Willows Cricket Club at the picturesque Loburn in North Canterbury. Thanks go to our generous sponsors who made this trip possible and enabled the boys to experience a day and occasion they will never forget. Unfortunately the weather won on the day and only 19 overs were possible before the match had to be abandoned. The Club again thanks Mike Dormer for his generous hospitality.

This year we hosted for the first time a match at the Basin Reserve against the Parliamentarians XI. This was a thoroughly entertaining day in challenging weather conditions. We were successful on the day. At the social function afterwards, it was clear the Parliamentarians XI enjoyed the experience and we are hoping that this will be an annual fixture.

Our traditional college games continued. This year we played eight games against local colleges. A highlight was playing at Rathkeale College at their lovely home ground. Although a traditional fixture for the club, we hadn't played them for a number of years.

We hosted our usual pre test breakfast at the Basin Reserve before the English test. Jonathan Agnew again regaled us with entertaining stories of the past. It was a marvellous pre test breakfast enjoyed by all.

We also hosted a cocktail function at which we were entertained by Merv Hughes. I think he has so many stories up his sleeve he could still be going! It was a very successful event all round.

Our annual golf game at Manor Park was also a success. I thank the Club for their continued support.

I am pleased to report that the year was a successful financial year for the Club. As you will see from the financial statements, there was a significant increase in subscriptions, donations and profit from functions. I thank all members who paid their subscription and for their contribution to the Club's financial success and I thank our sponsors. The accounts show that we have a healthy bank balance to take us into next season.

We have been working on a new website for some time and I am pleased to report it will be up and running for next season. I thank Paul Steele for leading this project.

A big thanks goes to the Committee and Evan for their time and effort for the club. It was strange not having Richard Allen on the Committee. He was the backbone of the Committee for 32 years and in recent times was secretary. We are all grateful for the outstanding contribution he has made.

Finally I wish to thank Cricket Wellington for supporting us in their annual report, promoting membership of our Club and allowing use of the Basin Reserve. We will continue to work with them in developing our youth cricketers.

Our Club is in good health.

Alasdair McBeth

SCHOOL SPORT IS A POWERFUL TEACHER.

The enjoyment of school sport teaches valuable lessons that are ultimately just as vital as any conveyed in the classroom. It teaches youngsters, first, that life is competitive. For too long, educational experts have suggested that participation is the vital factor and that competition is largely irrelevant. But, as most adults would affirm, life is not like that.

Competition, fostered correctly, is a good thing which encourages individuals to improve. There is nothing like the disappointment of an early dismissal, to forge a determination to do better in the second innings. School sport provides a wonderful educational context in which the individual can learn to deal with both success and failure. In Kipling's immortal words, "If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat these two imposters just the same."

School sport is also a powerful teacher that "no man is an island unto himself." We are part of a community and must learn to work together. Sir Brian Lochore in speaking at a conference of secondary school principals said that it was a great vehicle to promote leadership and teamwork. Despite the current predilection in professional sport, for individuals to self promote, Sir Brian personified the great ideal of the team being more important than the individual. Such an ethos is a powerful message for our young people today, where an inflated ego is often elevated over personal responsibility.

School sport is about camaraderie. Lifelong friendship is not something that can be produced through the acquisition of material goods or university degrees. And yet, as one gets older, deep friendships, rooted in shared past experiences, assume an even greater importance.

I am grateful to Auckland Grammar for the education I received, but even more thankful for the group of friends I made during an average, but very enjoyable career in cricket and rugby. My minimal sporting feats have faded long ago, but the bonds of friendship have transcended particularities of time and place. "The Wanderers" provides and unforgettable experience for youngsters in perpetuating this ongoing and enduring tradition.

Roger Moses, ONZM

Headmaster, Wellington College



Photo of Roger Moses and His Excellency The Rt Hon Sir Anand Satyanand GNZM QSO KtStJ

**MINUTES OF THE 66TH AGM OF WELLINGTON
WANDERER'S CRICKET CLUB
DOCKSIDE BAR AND RESTAURANT
ON TUESDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2012**

MEETING STARTED AT 6.10PM THOSE PRESENT:

A. McBeth, E. Gray, D. Pollock, M. Coopersmith, A. Cooper, C. Taylor, T. Foster, R. Allan, S. McHardy D. Priest, Mrs. A. Batson

APOLOGIES:

M. Roche, J. Norwood, P. Steele, R. Dean, B. Hall, D. Bain, T. Hunt, B. Hunt, T. McMahan, B. Wenlock, R. Kinsella, M. Hammond, F. Paterson, J. Martin

THE PRESIDENT WELCOMED THOSE PRESENT

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUOROM – BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES OF THE 65TH AGM WERE APPROVED AND NO MATTERS
ARISING:**

Proposed by A. McBeth, Seconded by R. Allan – passed

FINANCE:

Murray reported that subscriptions were down for the year and the club relied heavily on sponsorship. He said that the club ran from year to year and was running at a loss. Sponsorship came from Norwood Foundation, Wellington Cricket Foundation, Infinity Foundation, Four Winds Trust and other areas. It was stated that the functions do well and continued support was needed. It was asked that the accounts be accepted.

Proposed by M. Coopersmith, Seconded by S. McHardy – passed

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Jon and Ann Batson

P. Elenio

B. Gardener

Cricket Wellington members – a new setup in the hope of gaining extra membership

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012/13:

Patron:	T. McMahon	p. A. McBeth	s. C. Taylor
President:	A. McBeth	p. R.Allan	s. T. Foster
Life Member:	C. J. Taylor	p. E. Gray	s. M. Coopersmith
Committee:	as before except for Richard Allan who has stepped down as secretary		
	B. Hall	p. E. Gray	s. A. McBeth
	Mrs. A. Batson	new Secretary	
12th Man:	Sir Jerry Mateparae	p. E. Gray	s. A. McBeth

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

To remain the same as the previous year – playing membership \$50, associate membership \$25. It was suggested by D. Pollock that invoices be sent to members and a follow up one 4 weeks later. This was agreed by all present.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A suggestion was made that any functions paid up members attend they should receive a reduction in the price of the ticket.

The game at the Willows is to take place on 18 January and there should be encouragement for supporters to attend.

D. Pollock explained that he had resurrected the Tararua Cup with the 4 sides being – Wellington City, Hutt Valley, Wairarapa and Manawatu. The first game was 4 November followed by 25 November and 16 December. The finals will be 17 February. It was planned to have Wellington play Hutt at the Basin for a 3 day game 20-22 January. Sponsorship and any other financial support are needed. CW has given the Wellington City team the previous Firebirds strip. The cost to go to Palmerston North for the Manawatu game was about \$1000 (coach hire etc) which, hopefully, was going to come from D. Catley. Four Winds had provided \$2000 for catering of home games. There was a trophy available already so no expense was needed there.

It was proposed that Kerry O’Keefe be brought over for a function in February. The cost was \$4-5000.

There was no other business so the meeting closed at 7.10pm

COLLEGE T20 TOURNAMENTS

HUNT FAMILY TROPHY AND RICHARD ALLEN CHALLENGE CUP

This year the format of the Hunt Family Trophy was changed. In order to get more colleges involved it was decided by Cricket Wellington and College Sport that round robin matches would be played after school during February and March. This format worked well with St Pats Silverstream and Hutt International Boys School winning their way through to the final.

The final was played on the Basin as part of two days of Wanderers Cricket. The first day we held the College T 20 final between Stream and HIBS for the Hunt Family Trophy. In addition we had the Div two final for the Richard Allen Challenge Cup between Tawa and Newlands Colleges. The second day we held the Parliamentary XI v Wanderers and the Governor General's XI match.

The Hunt Family Trophy was won for the second time by HIBS and for the second time Stream was beaten in the final. Both teams were very well coached and managed and it was encouraging to see former International Ewen Thompson doing such a good job with the Silverstream XI. Congratulations to HIBS, they have a well balanced side and play a top brand of cricket.

The Richard Allen Challenge Cup was won for the first time by Tawa College who beat Newlands College in a closely fought final.



Tawa and Newlands teams before their final.

From a Wanderers point of view it is gratifying to see so many schools having the opportunity to play on the Basin. This year in the Div.2 tournament we had teams from Wellington High School and Taita College. While they did not win through to the final they showed promise and they were competitive.

We look forward with much anticipation to hosting the two College T 20 tournaments again. Thanks must go to Cricket Wellington, College Sport, The Cricket Wellington Trust and the Norwood Foundation for their continued help and support.



Richard Allen presenting his cup to Daniel Rose Tawa Captain.



Stream and HIBS captains plus umpires before their final.



Winning Tawa team with Richard Allen Challenge Cup.



HIBS win the toss.

WANDERERS GOLF DAY

The Wanderers annual golf day was once again held at Manor Park Golf Club. Again we were blessed with a perfect day; sadly some of the scoring did not match the weather.

The tournament this year was won by NZ Hospitality. This four have been regular participants over the years without ever winning a major prize so it was fitting this year that they could put it all together when it counted. B3 captained by Bobbie Hall was in second place and Poneke RFC as usual filled one of the major placings this time finishing third.

The tournament was well supported this year with twenty two teams participating. We will work towards getting twenty five teams next year making it an extremely worthwhile exercise. Thanks to all those who participated and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

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 and his staff are always most obliging, nothing is too much trouble.



ARTHUR MORRIS

FEET ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN BATSMANSHIP.

EXCERPTS FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH ARTHUR MORRIS AGE 91, AUSTRALIA'S OLDEST LIVING TEST CRICKETER, TALKS ABOUT BATTING, COACHING, SELF DOUBT, THE DON AND BEING MATES WITH LINDSAY HASSETT



Arthur Morris gates Hurstville Oval

You scored 196 in Don Bradman's last innings; do people ask you about that innings not knowing your score? It did occur in business when a fellow came up and didn't know all that much about cricket, but he did know about Bradman's duck. In the conversation something reminded him of that and he said, Bradman got a duck. I said yes, I was there. He said, "Were you? What were you doing over there? Were you on business?" I said no, I was up the other end." He said, "Did you get any runs?" I said, "196" that stopped him in his tracks.

You were part of the 1948 Invincibles team. What made that team so special? I think it was a very good side. The English side was also a very good one – Hutton, Compton and Bedser. It was just after the war and we had all the



Arthur Morris on the drive

players click. Neil Harvey was the only one who hadn't been in the forces and the others had played the Englishmen in 1946-47 and India in 1947-48 before we went to England.

Did the fans love seeing the Australians? It was very important that we did play. This was before colour television. Unfortunately a lot of players today think the game only started when colour television came on. It was very important for the counties because it was a source of revenue for them. I felt sorry for Don, because every county wanted him to play, because it meant more people. It was a great tour.

The 1948 tour was the first in 20 years in which an Australian outscored Bradman in the Tests. You scored 700 runs. Yes I enjoyed batting over there. I think the more you played the better you got.

You started the tour slowly. Is it important to have a good number of warm up games and to stick with the players and let them strike form? I think you're right. Well, that happened in those days. Today they fly everywhere. You get so many more Test matches in small amounts of time. On the tour, Don and I got hundreds in the first match in Worcester. In fact I got centuries in my first match in South Africa, West Indies and England.

In that world-record chase at Headingley when Australia chased 404 on the final day on a turning pitch, you and Bradman put on 301. Did you give yourself a chance of chasing the total when you walked out to bat? I know Don wrote in his diary that he thought we'd be beaten. I was bloody sure we would be beaten. Lindsay (Hassett) opened because Sid Barnes had been hurt in the match before. He got out early and we battled away. I was a bit lucky with a stumping. The ball bounced and hit Godfrey Evans on the chest and bounced back. That showed what the wicket was like. It turned a lot, but slowly. We were able to penetrate the field because Yardley, their captain- and everybody else- was thinking they would win the match so he kept the field up.

What are your thoughts on coaches? In our day there were no coaches to tell you not to do what came naturally. I believe in coaches teaching the fundamentals to youngsters. Cricket doesn't have a place for coaches who say when a bloke is bowling a 100mph and drops one short to say don't hook that there's a bloke out there. Your computer in your head tells you what to do. If you see kids with a lot of ability, don't coach them. Let them develop their own cricket because they will learn better by watching better players play. Bradman, McCabe, Trumper had no coaches. It started when the big money came in. Then you started having coaches for everything.



Didn't you and senior players like Lindwall play a kind of coaching role to younger ones coming through, like Richie Benaud? Very little. If they asked a question we would help, that's all. When you get into bad habits you can ask another player, what am I doing wrong here. You don't need a coach to tell you put your foot there or do this or that. I think Ian Chappell was right when he said he used coaches to get to the ground. I would never get involved in coaching or go tell a player that this is what I think you should do. Sometimes I could say, please use you back leg a bit more, or use your feet a bit more instead of getting defensive, use your back foot to get into defence, because once you put your weight on your front foot, you're stuck there. Feet are the most important thing in

Sir Don Bradman and Arthur Morris, a formidable duo.

batting. If your feet are in the right spot, you're a good player.

Do you think many modern batsmen tend to lunge on the front foot too early? I think so. I've seen it, particularly in opening batsmen. It is very good defensive but it doesn't win games. McCabe never played forward in his life and he was the fastest batsman I saw. I found most of the back foot players were fast scorers.

In those days you travelled to England by ship. Did that help in getting to know one another and what was the difference in pay between then and now? Very important I think. We didn't have to hug each other the way they do these days. If I had put my arm around Bill O'Reilly I wouldn't be here talking to you right now. We had enough to get by for drinks and so on. I wouldn't like it today actually being told what to do and when to practice.

Bill O'Reilly had a big influence on you and turned you into an opening batsman. What was he like? Oh, great. I fielded in slips to him at St. George. He had just come back from South Africa and he came onto bowl. I had never seen anything like it, fast spin, he cut his leggie but his wrong'un was superb and it bounced. Shane Warne is a great leg spinner but if you look at Tiger's wickets to number of runs, it will be half of Warne's. I've never seen a better bowler, but I think Shane is the best orthodox leg spinner I have seen. I was a middle order batsman. I used to bowl a bit for St. George until Tiger really took over. He was a great captain, could've been captain of Australia. One day he said to me, "You're opening son", so I opened. At that time I was opening for my school, but it was wonderful that he took that decision for me.

One of your team mates in your first Test was Lindsay Hassett. He became a great mate of yours. What are your memories of him and what did he do to you in the Prime Minister's XI game. He was a wonderful character. I was vice-captain to him for 25 matches. I got along very well with him. He was a very nice delightful man. I was furious about the Prime Minister's match. I had retired after my first wife died, and I hadn't played cricket for a while. The English boys came out in 1958-59 and they played the Prime Ministers XI in Canberra. Hassett was also chosen. I had bought a bat, a beautiful bat I had a great loving regard for. As I was going out, Hassett had to go in to bat. He said, "I haven't got a bat," I said, "Well here's mine." I think he had had a couple of gin and tonics, so I thought there is no way he'd be able to do any damage to this bat. So off he went. I'm standing next to the Prime Minister, Bob Menzies, who loved Hassett. And he said, "isn't that typical?" I said, "What happened?" And he said, "Hassett's just got out and he's given his bat away to a little boy in the crowd." I remember the words I said. "Pig's arse, that's my bat!" He gave my bat to this bloody kid! And the Prime Minister is saying how typical of him, what a wonderful character, what a gesture to give his bat to this little boy. And I had to even sign it when the kid came in. If the team hadn't been there, I'd have hit him on the head with it and run off with it.

WANDERERS TO THE UK IN 2015.

Following our Parliamentary Match earlier this year two of our members Scott McHardy and Nick Bryant wondered out loud whether there would be any interest from Wanderers for a playing/supporters tour when New Zealand return to England in 2015.



A Boundary Babe, English Country House Cricket.

Working on the assumption that there will be a test at Lord's as part of the programme, thoughts centred around a mainly London based programme that would involve playing against teams that our members have strong connections with, including Wanderers CC, the Royal Household,



Royal Household Cricket at Windsor Castle.

London New Zealand, The Forty Club, Lords Taverners, Sir Tim Rice's Heartaches Cricket Club and an approach to the MCC about arranging a fixture.

It would be great to gather member's interest in this idea with a view to setting up a group to more fully scope this exercise, including fund raising options. If you are

interested at looking at this potentially exciting opportunity please contact Scott on (scott.mchardy@mbie.govt.nz) and Nick Bryant (nick.bryant@parliament.govt.nz).

If Wanderers are to be successful in arranging this then planning needs to start in the next couple of months. This is an exciting opportunity to see New Zealand play at Lords and also to play against some iconic England sides in stunning surroundings.



Windsor Castle dwarfing cricket ground.

Scott McHardy and Nick Bryant

**WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013**

	Notes	2013 \$	2012 \$
INCOME			
Subscriptions		2,315	650
Interest		49	134
Donations	2	7,375	4,150
Grants	1	52,166	48,583
Surplus on club functions	3	13,526	4,774
		<u>75,431</u>	<u>58,291</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Club administrator		46,000	46,000
Box rental		185	160
Gear and balls	4	5,994	6,838
Insurance		424	389
Match expenses	5	4,814	4,353
T20 Tournament	6	2,113	2,070
Secretarial expenses	7	2,339	1,503
		<u>61,869</u>	<u>61,313</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<u>13,562</u>	<u>(3,022)</u>

**WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2013**

	Notes	2013 \$	2012 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance 1 July		5,945	8,967
Surplus		13,562	(3,022)
		<u>19,507</u>	<u>5,945</u>
REPRESENTED BY			
Current Assets			
Ball Stocks		2,720	6,164
Bank		12,189	7,806
Debtors		5,395	0
		<u>20,304</u>	<u>13,970</u>
Less Current Liabilities			
Grant in Advance		0	7,667
Creditors		797	358
		<u>797</u>	<u>8,025</u>
Net Assets		<u>19,507</u>	<u>5,945</u>

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 2013 financial year were as follows:

Issuer	Amount	Use
Four Winds Foundation	2,500	Balls
Infinity Foundation (various)	45,498	Club Administrator
Infinity Foundation	4,168	Willow s Trip
	<u>52,166</u>	

2. Donations

The club received donations from a range of benefactors during the year. While many of these wish to remain anonymous, the club would like to acknowledge the ongoing support of the Norwood Trust and the Wellington Cricket Trust, whose generous support has helped offset expenses in relation to matches and the college T20 tournament

3. 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, a golf day and two functions run in association with the Carillion Club (Merv Hughes and Martin Crowe).

4. Gear and Balls

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

5. Match Expenses

These relate to the Governor General's XI and Parliament matches and the trip to play the Willows club in Chrsrcchurch.

6. 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.

7. Secretarial Expenses

Includes the cost of printing the Annual Report and setting up the club website.

8. GST Registration

The Club is not registered for GST.

WANDERERS AT WAIKANAE IN THE 1960'S

PETERFIELD OVAL

A Few Reflections.

There was little Cricket, Club or otherwise, played in Wellington in the 50s and 60s outside of Saturday afternoons. This was one of the motivations that led to the Founders of the Wanderers to establish the Club.

The Founders were always keen to have a ground they could call the Club's own and the offer from Mr Peter Field of a paddock on his property on SH 1 near Waikanae absolutely fitted the bill.

A place in the country to take the family to watch and share with Dad his favourite pastimes (of playing cricket with kindred spirits, picnic lunches with a beer, and several of the same as sundowners after stumps), were occasions to look forward to and cherish.

These "England Their England" experiences didn't come without some sweat though.

On arrival at the ground on playing days (well before 10am) there were jobs to be done before the opposition turned up. The place became a Boot Camp as the protective netting fence around the pitch was rolled up and off to rest outside the northern boundary, the grass wicket mown and rolled, and clippings disposed of, boundaries pegged, the scoreboard arranged.

Another squad would clean the shower and toilet shed, and pitch the modest sized tent which would serve as the pavilion and changing room for the day. A selection of brightly coloured rather dilapidated canvas seats would somehow appear around the tent and along the boundary.

Food lovingly prepared by wives, mothers, sisters and sometimes even girl friends would be laid out. Single blokes, selected to bowl fast or chase boundaries would normally get away with a contribution of just a packet of biscuits.

And so the scene was set and the opposition would begin to arrive.

After a welcome speech from the day's captain and a cup of tea with a scone, then the toss, play would be underway about 11 am. All quite civilized.

Those teams were never short of characters. Most were accomplished players, many were wise and wily, and some were stars. Personalities such as Rue Morgan, Jack Ashenden, Mick Randall, J.H. Rose (Hon Sec), JEF Beck, J St J Parson, A.D.Grey, JAL Gibson and our present Patron, Trevor McMahon are some that come to mind.

Diddy Knapp originally from the West Coast was always good for a story. He would have been the crustiest cricketer known to many. He loved that old Waikanae grass track (to bowl on). He batted in a style that Rolf Harris may have invented.

Traditionally matches would finish at 6 pm (with breaks for lunch and tea), and they would not be of the limited over format. The element of time remaining had to be considered, and the spirit of the game was often presided over by the resident umpire, Sir Charles Clifford, always neatly attired in a white coat.

By 5 pm the club's friendly farmer and landlord Mr. Peter Field and our Patron Dutch du Chateau had usually joined the gathering around the tent. The glow from the whiskies mixed with that from the descending sun made for a noisy audience, what ever the state of the match.

After match functions could extend well past the gloaming but always there was the clean up Boot Camp. The protective netting rolled back out and erected, the tent dismantled, the empties and rubbish and gear all packed away, the kids relocated and chucked in the back seat, the front gate locked, and away back to Wellington until the next happy day at Waikanae.

Duncan Priest

PS Delivering the gear bag to Peter Field's home on the nearby hill usually carried the bonus of a couple more Johnny Walkers so volunteers for that job were never hard to source.

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

Richard Allen has been an Onslow man since 1955 when as a five year old he started playing cricket and rugby. He attended Wellington College from 1963-68 and in his last year played mainly in the second XI with a few games for the first XI in his position as a top order batsman.

On leaving college he returned to the Onslow club and progressed through the grades to the second team. At that stage Onslow's top team was in Senior Reserve. After having a very productive season in 1970, which included a top score of 175 he was promoted to the top Onslow which regained Senior First status. This side included Jeremy and Chris Coney, Steve McKenzie and Mike Du Chateau. The three years he had in the senior side were primarily as an opening batsman and in those days that meant facing the likes of Richard Collinge, Mike Coles and Jim Moss, no easy task.

He then decided to join the Onslow 1A 'A' side (40 over cricket). He played in this champion side for over twenty years and enjoyed considerable success. It is while playing for the 1A's that he discovered a talent for bowling a cricket ball at reasonable speed and thus enjoyed the role of team all-rounder. Being one of the younger members of the team meant he was always in the action.

In addition to joining the Onslow club on leaving college he also joined the Wanderers Club and was playing Sunday and midweek cricket as well as Saturday club cricket, not an uncommon situation in those times. Long time Wanderer Tony Cooper hijacked him onto the committee in 1976 where he remained until 2013. During his time on the committee a lot of effort was put into maintaining the Waikanae ground, firstly with the grass track, then the coir matting wicket, then the astro-turf artificial surface which was a fantastic asset for the club. It meant he was spending less time at Waikanae, just making sure the shed was tidy and the outfield mowed. On several occasions when the contractor forgot to do the job on a Friday he was required to cut the outfield with a domestic motor mower before the match took place on the Sunday.

When club finances permitted a ride on mower was purchased which certainly made the job much easier.

During his nearly thirty year stint on the committee he has filled every role except President and for many years organized teams and arranged fixtures. This became quite a struggle when Sunday and midweek cricket became less popular with young cricketers. It was sad, but inevitable when the Wanderers home ground at Waikanae was finally relinquished.

In those days Wanderers undertook a five match tour at the beginning of each season. This tour included matches in Foxton, Wanganui Collegiate, Palmerston North Boys High School, Rathkeale College and Dannevirke College. Richard Allen went on three of the first five tours and by all accounts these tours were epic events.

Like many Kiwi males he played rugby and as always he was an Onslow man. Starting at age 5 in the super midgets and finishing at age 30 after ten consecutive years in the Senior 1st side where he ended up as the Onslow club's all time points scorer just ahead of another Onslow legend Jim Gregg. Towards the end of his senior career he was selected several times in the Wellington Centurions.

Those twenty five years were interrupted by two years at Pharmacy School in Petone where he played in the Third First Grade (later to become the U21 grade). This team was a fantastic mix of talented young rugby players from all over New Zealand, several of whom later played rep rugby. Notable among these was Frank Walker, later to become Wellington Rep captain and a Maori All Black and still a fellow pharmacist in Wellington's western suburbs.

After retiring from playing he was not lost to the game and for ten years he refereed and was early on named number one in the "Junior Big Five" of young referees and after several years progressed to senior level.

Progression through the refereeing ranks meant he was often in charge of players he had played with and against and who were on their way back down the grades. A lot of them would question his knowledge of the complexities of forward play (and according to Allen they were correct!).

Issuing discipline to the likes of Fred Baker and the Hakaria brothers at the famous Poneke club had its special challenges. Their sledging and general commentary throughout the game was non-stop, and most of the time very entertaining. They all seemed to know when the refs were being graded and would give you marks out of ten for any decisions you made – especially the ones that went against them.

One of the highlights of refereeing was being involved with First XV rugby. Allen was lucky enough to do quite a few of these games, once earning the displeasure of Andy Leslie when he missed a late tackle on his son John in the Silverstream v PNBHS fixture. That aside these games were a real pleasure to be involved in.

One game in particular stood out for him in his refereeing career and that was a match involving HOB when they had three ex All Blacks (Mark Shaw, Steve Pokere, and Hika Reid). During and after the game Reid explained all the intricacies of front row play all of which was lost on an ex fullback!

Golf was Richard Allen's next love and for quite a while he played off a six handicap. Golf's win was rugby's loss and he put the whistle away. Twelve years of interclub golf was the result and in one particular year he won the Wellington Intermediate Champion of Champions' competition. His love affair with golf continued until about three years ago when a damaged back caught up with him. Undaunted he then focussed on water skiing and having his own ski boat meant many fun times. Fitness levels were kept up with regular games of squash until one of his regular opponents snapped his Achilles tendon during a match together. This was not a pretty sight and the squash racquet was put away.

He acknowledges that he was very fortunate to be playing senior cricket and rugby in the non professional era, which meant it was very common on a Saturday afternoon to be coming up against All Blacks, Wellington Rep Players and New Zealand and Wellington cricketers.

Being in the same team as the talented Coney brothers was a highlight, but opening the batting against Collinge and Coles on a bouncy Kilbirnie Park or Bruce Taylor and Jim Moss at Anderson Park meant that Friday evening was usually a quiet night. Chasing leather when John Morrison, Graham Bilby and Barry Sinclair were in full flight was hard work and combating the combativeness of Harry Morgan was always a challenge.

In those days Petone was the premier Wellington club side. In the mid 1970's through to the 80's they had up to four All Blacks (Andy Leslie, John Dougan, Ian Stevens and Allan Hewson) and those who weren't All Blacks were in the Wellington side. The result of that was three wins in ten years, still a reasonable achievement from the Onslow lads. As a last line of defence he was often left with the task of tackling Stu Wilson, Bernie Fraser, Geoff Skipper, Ben Koopu and Vern Winitana, all a challenge. If he ever got close to a ruck there was always the chance he would run into Graham Williams, Gareth Head or Murray Mexted, different times indeed.

It may surprise the reader to know that he has for the last forty runs run his own Pharmacies in Ngaio, Khandallah and latterly Churton Park, contributing hugely to the communities of Wellington's western Suburbs.

Richard Allen, undoubtedly a Man for all Seasons.



Photo of Richard Allen caption- Family Man, Chemist, Sportsman, Wanderer.

KEITH MILLER ON LORDS

It is the worst thing in the world to fail at Lord's. First there comes the long straight walk back to the pavilion, followed by what seems the even longer walk through the appropriately named Long Room. You open the door and walk on rubber. You can hear no sound. Around you are some of the most distinguished persons in the land. Nobody says a word. In their quiet, dark conservative suits they are all looking at you; some sympathetically, some, you feel, gloating at your misery. Young Australians on their first tour are not too keen on playing there for this reason; but Lord's has a habit of growing on you, and as it does your liking for it grows as well. The day you walk through an applauding Long Room at Lord's it seems as if you have had a hallmark stamped on your career.

Quote from Keith Miller:

"These modern cricketers don't know what pressure is. Pressure is a Messerschmitt up your arse."



Sir Robert Menzies favourite photo of Keith Miller

WANDERERS V THE WILLOWS

Wanderers arrived in Christchurch for the second year running determined to repeat the victory of the previous year. Unfortunately Christchurch's unseasonal weather put paid to any meaningful cricket.

This year we were accompanied by New Zealand fast bowler Andy McKay. Andy was on the road back to full fitness and took this opportunity to travel south with the Wanderers squad in order to test his match fitness.

Sadly only 19 overs were possible as the weather quickly deteriorated. On the brighter side the hospitality we enjoyed courtesy of Mike Dormer was nothing less than outstanding. We were wined and dined royally throughout the day.

Accompanying our Wanderers Schools XI south, were Don Neely, Richard Allen and Duncan Priest, all of whom had done so much to make sure this fixture would take place. For the second year running Duncan has helped to secure sponsorship. In addition to Duncan's assistance we were supported by the Cricket Wellington Trust and to them we are indebted.

As a way of saying thanks to The Willows we have invited them to come north and play us on the Basin Reserve this coming season. The match has been confirmed and will take place in late March. We have been privileged to twice play at the beautiful Willows ground at Loburn and we are sure that The Willows will be equally delighted to walk the hallowed turf that is our Basin Reserve.

We anticipate this fixture eagerly.



Wanderers and Willows teams



Richard Allen and Duncan Priest, resplendent in blazers



Don Neely and Wanderers skipper Matthew Farrant discussing cricket



Years of experience watching proceedings. Note batting glove on Richard Allen's left hand!

THE UNLIKELY PHILANTHROPIST

Sir Julien Cahn's XI was country house in style, first class in performance.

Sir Julien Cahn wanted to be an English Country Gentleman. And what better way to do that than to buy a country house, become a Master of Hounds and run his own cricket team.

What a team it became. He owned grounds at West Bridgford in Nottingham and Stanford Hall near Loughborough. He signed up test cricketers from the southern hemisphere and entertained touring sides. His team only lost 19 of the 621 matches they played between 1923 and 1941, and their winter tours to such places as Canada, Argentina, Jamaica, Ceylon and New Zealand were spoken of years later.



Stewie Dempster, employed by Sir Julien Cahn so he could captain Leicester.

His father, a Jewish immigrant from Germany, had built up a furniture business in Nottingham before the First World War and Julien-seeing a fresh market in hire purchase sales-expanded to the point where his 'Jays' and 'Campbell's' stores could be found in all towns across Britain.

By the 1930's he was a wealthy man who spent lavishly and generously. It is said that he fell in love with cricket when, as a boy, he sat under Parr's tree at Trent Bridge, listening to the great Arthur Shrewsbury. In 1925 he joined the committee of Nottinghamshire, where his donations covered most of the new scoreboard, indoor nets and two new stands.

In 1926 he completed his West Bridgford ground, building a luxurious pavilion that housed a collection of ancient bats and that could be converted into a badminton court. Two years later he bought Stanford Hall, where he created

a second cricket ground, a nine hole golf course, a bowling green and a large lake stocked with trout.

He became a notable philanthropist and was made a baronet. He saved Byron's home, Newstead Abbey, buying it and donating it to Nottingham Corporation. But cricket was his first love and such was the strength of the sides he assembled that several of their matches were accorded first class status. So, in Kingston, Jamaica, aged 46, he made his first class debut, captaining a team containing eight Test cricketers – including the former England captain, Lord Tennyson and Surrey's Andrew Sandham who would return to the island the next winter and make Test cricket's first triple century. Cahn batted at No. 11, broke a finger and was bowled for nought – but he made his contribution in other ways, bringing plenty of Fortnum and Mason's hampers.

No English first class cricketer of the 20th century can have had less ability than Cahn. He was a hypochondriac, often preferring his electric wheelchair to walking, employing a nurse and thinking nothing of hiring a private train to bring Lord Horder, the King's reserve physician, to Stanford Hall. Conscious of brittle bones, he batted in special inflatable pads that it was his chauffeur's duty to pump up. His umpire John Gunn, the old Nott's cricketer, never gave him LBW and – keen to retain this fixture – neither did the opposition umpires. According to Jim Swanton, "the pads were very large, and the ball bounced readily off them for leg byes, which the umpires conveniently forgot to signal."





By the mid 1930's Cahn's philanthropy had extended to the near bankrupt Leicestershire. He arranged for Stewie Dempster, the great New Zealand batsman, to work as his store manager in Leicester so that he could captain the county. "At that time," Philip Snow says, "Dempster was regarded as the best player of slow bowling in the world. He was incredibly quick on his feet." He was outstandingly successful at Leicester but Cahn, who often took him off to play for his own team, limited his appearances.

Sir Julian Cahn's XI was far too strong for most opponents and that was how he wanted it. Minor County sides were often beaten by an innings and beside the West Bridgford pavilion the fox's tail that was raised for victory was rarely down. Lunch was terrific; he always saw that the opposing side were well victualled. But he kept an eye on his own team not to have too much wine.

The British establishment fascinated him. His parents were strict Jews but he was an atheist. He became a member of MCC, acting as its intermediary in approaching Harold Larwood after the Bodyline tour, but his Jewish roots and his trade background were not easily accepted at Lords and he fell out with the club when he was not allowed to serve on any of its committees.

Sir Julien was a driven man, requiring his office staff to start at 5.30am on cricket and hunting days and, when advised by his doctor to slow down,

he refused, dying at his desk at Stanford Hall in September 1994 after a day on duty as a magistrate at Nottingham Guildhall. – he had already sold his business to Sir Isaac Wolfson, upset by bad publicity about rationing irregularities at some of his stores. He sold Stanford Hall to the Co-operative Society the following year, retiring to Sussex where he never watched another cricket match.

Another Julien Cahn, Albert's son, born after his grandfather's death, has revived the family tradition, playing cricket with no great skill in fund-raising ventures for cancer research at the Royal Marsden Hospital and supporting "the real grassroots of cricket" with the London Community Cricket Association.

"My grandfather could be impossible at times but he was a great man. He lived his life to the full, his staff adored him and he took his civic duties very seriously. His work for the National Birthday Trust lives on.

So, too, does the pavilion at West Bridgford. After a spirited local campaign against demolition, Rushcliffe council is renovating it: a memorial to one of cricket's greatest eccentrics – and most generous patrons.



Stewie Dempster, always looked the part.

MARTIN CROWE AND MERV HUGHES

Wanderers and Carillon Clubs combined during the season to host two functions, one an evening with Merv Hughes and the second an evening with Martin Crowe to help launch his new book "Raw".



A youthful Martin Crowe

Both evenings were very successful and both as different as it is possible to be. Merv was extremely professional, very funny, with a host of stories. He is as large as life and had the audience in hysterics. His story about meeting Sir Don Bradman brought the house down.

The evening with Martin was quite different. There was certainly humour and lots of it. However we were all reminded of our mortality as Martin told us of his battle with Lymphoma. Thankfully it is a battle that at this stage he appears to be winning. It was a very relaxed Martin, engaging and enjoying the company of many friends.

It was a pleasure to host these two evenings, Merv, Martin and Lorraine were great company.

Thanks must go to, Warren Press, Mike Egan (Monsoon Poon), Rex Morgan and John Lawrence (Boulcott Bistro) and John Allred (Osteria del Toro) for their assistance in providing the superb venue and providing the hors d'oeuvres. We are indebted to all the wineries who came to the party and of course to Dominion Breweries who have supported Carillon Club since its inception.

Merv Hughes to Robin Smith: Mate if you turn your bat over you'll find instructions on the other side!



Merv Hughes with the new ball, a frightening sight.



Bryan Waddle and Martin Crowe.

WANDERERS V GOVERNOR GENERAL'S COLLEGES XI

The sixth annual Wanderers v Governor General's Colleges XI match was held on the Basin in early April. The lateness of the fixture in the cricketing calendar was due to a congested fixture list and it was not possible to get the Basin any earlier.

Unfortunately His Excellency was unable to be present as he was travelling overseas. He sent his apologies and best wishes and was in turn delighted to hear that his team were victors by 16 runs. His Excellency is nothing if he is not competitive and that brings the overall total to three matches a piece. Don Neely did an admirable job in standing in for His Excellency.

This year we were able to get eight colleges represented and for the first time we had a player from Taita College. The idea of the fixture is not necessarily to pick the best XI but to pick an XI representative of the schools in our region.

For the record the scores were:

Governor General's Colleges XI 164-8 in 20 overs.

Wanderers 149-6 in 20 overs.



Wanderers and Governor General's XI's before the match

HOW THE ASHES CAN RUIN YOUR LIFE

Fred Tate seemed destined for a life of near obscurity. He had been trundling a way in county cricket for a decade steadily taking wickets for Sussex. But 1902 was different. Appalling weather had spiced up the pitches, making this moustachioed, corpulent off spinner a menace to all who faced him.

At the same time England and Australia were engaged in one of the greatest Ashes series of all time. With Australia leading 1-0, England needed to win the penultimate test at Old Trafford to have a chance of retaining the Ashes. So the selectors, to the surprise of many, plumped for Tate at the expense of legendary all rounder George Hirst. Tate made his debut in the Old Trafford game which started on his 35th birthday.



The Great Maurice Tate.

On the first day, the peerless Australian opener Victor Trumper made a century before lunch, but the tourists were bowled out for 299. Tate bowled tightly without taking a wicket. England, in reply conceded a slight lead, before Australia, amid rainy weather collapsed to be 10-3 in their second innings.

Shortly afterwards Tate committed the error for which he has been dammed for more than a century. With Joe Darling on just 17, Tate was moved out to deep backward square leg for the last ball of an over. He never fielded in the deep for Sussex but reluctantly did the bidding of English skipper Archie McLaren.

To Tate's horror, Darling sent the ball sailing in his direction. Tate nervously put out a left hand and dropped an easy catch.

In what was becoming a tight game, Darling hit 20 more priceless runs. Yet Australia managed just 86 runs leaving England 124 to win. Despite the small target, England batted poorly, prodding and slogging finally reaching 116-9. With just eight required Tate came in at number 11. Almost straight away it rained, meaning Tate and his partner Wilfred Rhodes retired to the pavilion to ponder their fate.

A nerve fraying 45 minutes later, they came out again. Some of the crowd shouted helpfully: "two fours and we have won." Facing his first ball, Tate edged left-armer Jack Saunders for four. England was only four runs from winning the Test and levelling the series. Tate kept out the next two balls but was bowled playing a loose shot at the next. Australia had won the Ashes. As Tate walked off, some spectators booed. The Australians danced in celebration.

Tate sat in the dressing room and cried. He did the same in the waiting room at the railway station. His companion on the southward journey, England teammate Len Braund – off whose bowling Tate had dropped the catch, tried to cheer him up, to no avail.

Knowing his reputation was in tatters after his failure in the field and with the bat, Tate reportedly said these words: "I've got a little boy who'll make this up for me."

That boy was seven year old Maurice Tate, who was, a couple of decades later, to do just that, helping England to win the Ashes twice. Maurice, who also played for Sussex was the best bowler in the world for several years, breaking the record for the most number of wickets in an Ashes series in 1924-25. And in a tight game in Adelaide in 1928-29 he held onto a stunning catch in close to help England win.

In a cricketing sense, Maurice had more than made up for Fred's errors, but his father never found inner peace. Three years after the 1902 Old Trafford Ashes Test, Tate left the sport, travelling around doing coaching jobs and ended up as a publican in Derby. He frequently regaled customers with the story of what became known as "poor Fred's match."

Despite this star attraction, business did not go well. By 1937 Tate had sold the pub and was living in poverty. In December of that year, he went before a magistrate, accused of stealing a bottle of milk. Tate was acquitted, but was in dire need of money. A series of letters to the wealthy collector George Wolfe shows he was hunting for any memorabilia he could get his hands on. He begged Wolfe to help him "with a few shillings," an act unbecoming of a former England cricketer.

There were echoes in all this of Fred's ignominious start to life. He had been born illegitimate in the Brighton workhouse in 1867. From humble origins he had reached the pinnacle of the game, albeit briefly. The grandest stage had chewed him up, spat him out, and arguably, ruined him.

When he died in 1943, the Times newspaper gave him the unusual honour of a mention in its leader column. It expressed the hope that he had "remained sturdily indifferent to the tricks of fame." It was wrong.

At least Tate, one of only 657 men to play Test cricket for England, was not forgotten. Not many workhouse boys could say the same.

Justin Parkinson.

Biographer of Maurice Tate.



MATCH RESULTS 2012-13 SEASON

Rathkeale	173 ao	163 ao	lost by 10 runs	35 overs
St. Pats Silverstream	158 ao	160 - 4	won by 6 wkts	40 overs
Onslow	145 ao	229 - 9	won by 84 runs	50 overs
St Pats Town	181 ao	232 - 4	won by 51 runs	40 overs
Paraparaumu	275-6	296 -9	won by 21 runs	40 overs
Tawa	83 ao	87 ao	won by 4 runs	30 overs
Rongotai	213 ao	302 - 7	won by 89 runs	40 overs
Hutt Valley High	184 - 4	181 ao	lost by 6 wkts	40 overs
Governor General	164 - 8	149 - 6	lost by 15 runs	20 overs
Parliament	146 - 7	147 - 3	won by 7 wkts	20 overs
The Willows	Match abandoned			

Matches v Wanganui Collegiate, Scots College, Wellington College were cancelled.

PROGRAMME FOR 2013-14 SEASON

Matches:

Wanganui Collegiate

The Willows Cricket Club at the Basin Reserve

Governor Generals XI

College T20 Finals

Parliamentary XI

Rathkeale College Date

SPC Town Date

SPC Silverstream

Rongotai College Date

Wellington College Date

HIBS Date

Tawa College Date

Paraparaumu College Date

Onslow College Date

Collegians CC

Eastbourne CC

Golf Day.

Manor Park

Test Match Breakfasts

West Indies

India

Cocktail Party pre World Cup Football Qualifier (Nov 19th)

John Adshead and Steve Sumner

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