



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

**69TH ANNUAL REPORT
2014-2015 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 69th Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club (Inc.) will be held at West Plaza Hotel, 110 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Tuesday 20th October 2015 commencing at 5.30pm.

Business:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Establishment of Quorum
4. In Memoriam
5. Minutes of Previous AGM held October 30th 2014, and matters arising there from
6. Adoption of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
7. Election of New Members
8. Election of Officers for 2015/2016 Season:
 - a) Patron
 - b) President
 - c) Committee
 - d) Honorary Auditor
 - e) 12th Man
9. Subscriptions for 2015/16 Season
10. General Business

E.J. Gray

General Manager

OFFICE BEARERS - 2014/15

12TH MEN

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

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
M.D. Priest
R.J. Allen
B. Waddle
M. Coppersmith

COMMITTEE

M. Roche
W. Marshall
S. McHardy
N. Blair
P. Steele
R. Allan (Grants Sub Committee)
A. Batson (Secretary)

HON TREASURER

M. Coppersmith

WELLINGTON WANDERER'S CRICKET CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT - 2014/2015



What a summer of cricket. The Cricket World Cup brought the country to its feet. People who had previously showed no interest in cricket became experts and were caught up in what was a wonderful six weeks. This interest has flowed through to boys and girls who want to become the next Brendon McCullum, Kane Williamson or Tim Southee. Already I am hearing that junior cricket numbers for some clubs are up 20% 25% from last year. This is marvellous for cricket and we need to foster and grow this interest.

I think it is significant that the Black Caps under the leadership of Mike Heston and Brendon McCullum have not just captured the New Zealand public but the entire cricketing world for their values and the positive way they play. The values this team portray are values that our club has stood for since Day 1 - respect, humility, sportsmanship, playing hard but fair, playing for the team and honouring the traditions of the game. The often used idiom 'it's not cricket' epitomises this.

Our Club has a role to help develop these young cricketers to come through and to grow their interest and love of the game and also instil these values in them. I think we are doing this well.

Last season was a busy one for the Club. The highlight was the tour of UK which took in the first test match between New Zealand and England at Lords and then we played three games. It was a marvellous trip and I thank Scott McHardy for all the hard work he put into organising it. What was special about the trip was the fact that we called on young players who were playing their off season in the UK to play for us. Most of these were Wellington based, Brett Johnson, Matt Wills and Ben Skilton, but in the Spirit of Anzac, two of our young Australian cousins, Tom Healey and Sam Wilson, each played a game. Luke Woodcock also played two games for us and he travelled from Somerset to play.

We hosted a successful function in conjunction with New Zealand Trade and Enterprise at the Boatshed. The event preceded the New Zealand/ England World Cup match. British Winemaster Oz Clark warmed the crowd up and then we were highly entertained by Jonathan Agnew and Stephen Fleming. It was a great evening and well attended.

A highlight of our calendar this year again was the Wanderers XI and the Governor General School's XI match at the Basin Reserve. This year, the

Governor General, Sir Jerry Mateparae, was able to attend which made the day special.

Our usual fixtures against the local college First XIs went well. We are in the process of reviewing our relationship with the colleges and looking at involving local clubs and former old boys in these fixtures.

We have, in recent years, formed a good relationship with the Clifton Cricket Club in Hawkes Bay. Last season saw the Wanderers tour the Hawkes Bay during January and play the Clifton Cricket Club and then Hastings Boy High School. Clifton returned to Wellington during the World Cup and we hosted them at Anderson Park. This connection is growing and is a welcome addition to our Fixture List.

I thank Evan and the Committee for their efforts during the year and also to our sponsors. Without them, we would not have been able to achieve what we did.

Alasdair McBeth



Wanderers at Lords

GOLF DAY

The storm weather and resultant flooding Wellington experienced in early April meant that our annual golf tournament at Manor Park had to be cancelled and rescheduled for the start of the coming season. The date scheduled is the October 16th. Depending on the success of this revised date we may decide to make this a permanent shift. It could be a fun way to start the coming season.



April Floods

HUNT FAMILY TROPHY AND RICHARD ALLAN CHALLENGE CUP T20 TOURNAMENT.

The World Cup and the resultant build-up of fixtures at the back end of the season coupled with an early Easter meant we were not able to complete last Season's T20 tournament.

We took the decision in consultation with Cricket Wellington and College Sport to play the finals at the start of the coming season. The Hunt Family Trophy Match will be played on The Basin Reserve on Sunday 22nd November. This match will be a curtain raiser to a Wellington Firebirds T20 match. That in itself will add some credibility and excitement to the day.

MINUTES OF THE 68TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB INC.

Held on Thursday 30th October 2014

At West Plaza Hotel at 5.30pm

MEETING STARTED AT 5.45PM

A proposal was made that in the absence of A. McBeth the meeting would be chaired by P. Steele. This was proposed by T. Foster and seconded by R. Cubin

THOSE PRESENT:

Apologies the sign in list has been misplaced so I am unable to list those present

1. APOLOGIES;

M. Borthwick, J. Batson, K. Bitchener, E. Chatfield, M. Coppersmith, R. Dean, L. Dry, F. Goodall, T. Hall, M. Horsley, T and D Hunt, J. Hynes, I. McCarrison, A. Satyanand, S. Shearer, C. Taylor, B. Waddle.

2. THE CHAIR WELCOMED EVERYONE.

3. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Yes

4. IN MEMORIAM:

Bill Hunt – a full appraisal of his life is in the annual report.

5. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM WERE APPROVED. PROPOSED BY M. ROCHE SECONDED BY B. HALL

6. ACCOUNTS:

It was noticed that a loss has been made this year.

Proposed by S. McHardy and seconded by A. Batson

7. NEW MEMBERS:

P. Monnery)

J. Walker)

R. Hanning) Proposed by A. McBeth seconded by M. Roche

G. Dobson)

G. Yule)

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Patron:	T. McMahon	p. A. McBeth	s. P. Steele
President:	A. McBeth	p. P. Steele	s. B. Hall
Treasurer:	M. Coppersmith) p. A. McBeth	s. M. Roche
Secretary:	A. Batson)	
Committee:	N. Blair)	
	B. Hall)	
	W. Marshall) p. A. McBeth	s. E. Gray
	S. McHardy)	
	M. Roche)	
	P. Steele)	
	C. Taylor)	
Auditor -	TBA		
12th Man -	Sir Jerry Mateparae) Sir Ananad Satyanand)	p. A. McBeth	s. E. Gray

9. SUBSCRIPTIONS:

It was recommended they stay the same as last year at \$50 full membership and \$25

Associate membership. P. M. Coppersmith s. A. McBeth

10. GENERAL BUSINESS:

a) UK Tour

Fixtures were in place – 4 currently. The tour [party will arrive before the test. Tickets were approximately \$150. At present there are 24 names to tour. \$4000 is estimated cost of flights, accommodation and tickets. Anan was hoping to arrange a dinner for the tourist. It was mentioned that this year is Hamish Marshall's testimony year. NZ Cricket were hoping to follow the progress of the tour.

b) World Cup

It is hoped that an event can be organised around the NZ v England game – possibly a gala dinner in conjunction with CW.

c) Carillon Club and WW to perhaps get John Key to speak in mid March.

d) Website

It is hoped to register all members and list events. Photos are needed and updates listed.

Meeting closed at 6.03pm and some of the attendees stayed for the meal.

WELLINGTON WANDERERS YOUTH XI V THE WILLOWS

This season was our turn to visit The Willows in their beautiful surroundings in Loburn, North Canterbury. Scott McHardy and Robbie Kerr selected, coached and managed our Youth XI when they travelled south on March 5th full of determination to do well against our Southern Sister Club.

The Wellington Wanderers arrived at early on the 5th to find the ground shrouded in heavy fog. This only added to the anticipation of the team as the ground and the surrounds were revealed as the fog slowly burnt off. The pitch and ground were in excellent order, with the effects of a long, hot, dry Canterbury summer manifesting itself in a flat pitch and lightning fast outfield.



Ravindra leaving field

Wanderers had first use of the wicket to bat on and slowly but steadily got into their work. The innings was built around a fine 102 retired by Rachin Ravindra. Rachin paced himself beautifully throughout his innings and took full advantage of most opportunities to score. Zac Donaldson's energetic 58 injected some much needed urgency into the Wanderers innings, with the



Ravindra batting

highlight being a six that bounced on the veranda of the pavilion, rebounding through the open door and collecting the photo of the great Sir Jack Hobbs, Walter Hadlee and Wally Hammond.

The Willows bowlers toiled hard as the mercury continued to rise

through the innings and whilst it was felt that a core of 280/7 was probably ahead of a par score, Willows were still confident in their ability to chase it down.

Led by some hostile bowling from Jack Sargentina (3-24), the Wanderers were able to put pressure on The Willows from the outset. Whilst The Willows innings had useful contributions from Dave Kelly (41), and Jeremy Benton (35), they were ultimately short of a significant innings to underpin the chase. Coupled with inevitable scoreboard pressure, the Wanderers never relinquished their advantage and in the end won comfortably.

The match was played in excellent spirit and I know that the Wellington Wanderers team thoroughly enjoyed their day at one of New Zealand's special cricket venues. Thanks to Mike Dormer and his team at The Willows for their most generous hospitality and we look forward to reciprocating this year. A special thanks also to those who contributed towards Wanderers travel costs, Sir Ron Brierley and the Norwood Cricket Trust.

Scott McHardy

Wanderers Youth XI: Nick Pile, Dan Pile, Rachin Ravindra, Michael Fenton, Mitchell Rush, Craig Turner, Zac Donaldson, Ben Sears, Jack Sargentina, Jack Anderson, Chris Leitch, T. Campbell, Robbie Kerr (Coach), Scott McHardy (Manager)

Wanderers Youth XI

N. Pile	c.Benton b Mchardy	18
R. Ravindra	Retired	102
M. Fenton	b Michel	29
Z. Donaldson	c Benton b Michel	58
C. Leitch	b Gray	16
C. Turner	b Gray	26
T. Campbell	c Kelly b Gray	8
B.Sears	c Kelly b Michel	2
J. Sargentina	no	10
D. Pile	no	2
Extras		9
Total		280-7.

M. Hawke 6-0-12-0, D. Kelly 3-0-13-0, S.McHardy 6-0-21-1, J. Benton 10-0-49-0, B.Michel 8-0-67-2G. Brooke 4-1-28-0, A. Gray 8-0-39-3, Michael 5-0-46-1

The Willows

K. Scott	c Donaldson b Sargentina	27
T.McConnell	b Sargentina	10
D.Kelly	c Leitch b Rush	41
Michael	b Sargentina	1
J. Benton	b D.Pile	35
S.McHardy	lbw Rush	3
J.McKegg	run out (Donaldson)	0
B.Michel	c Anderson b Ravindra	21
G. Brooke	c Fenton b Ravindra	6
M. Hawke	not out	4
A.Gray	c ravindra b D.Pile	4
Extras		7
Total	42.3 overs	159

J. Anderson 5-0-33-0, J. Sargentina 7-3-24-3, B. Sears 7-0-35-0, M. Rush 10-1-29-2, D.Pile 9.3-1-32-2, R. Ravindra 4-1-5-2

Win to Wanderers Youth XI by 121 runs.



Willows vs Wanderers

JOHN REID BY DES WILSON

JOHN REID SPENT WEEKDAYS SELLING FUEL TO FARMERS, WEEKENDS BATTING IN THE LOCAL PARK AND HOLIDAYS PLAYING FOR NEW ZEALAND. DES WILSON CELEBRATES A REMARKABLE ALL-ROUNDER.

Oamaru on the South Island of New Zealand is base camp for a farming community. Fifty years back it had no pubs; the sale of alcohol was prohibited. You “dined out” at the local pie cart. There was an “opera house”, a milk bar, and a weekly dance. There were four cricket clubs, none of them able to guarantee 11 players every Saturday afternoon. And there was John Reid, who, had he played for one of the Ashes countries, would now be a cricket legend.

After Shell appointed Reid its local manager the New Zealand captain could have chosen to drive to the nearest city to play more competitive cricket. Instead he joined the weakest of the Oamaru clubs. He practised on



John Reid)

an uneven concrete wicket at the local park and on Saturdays faced players unable to challenge the power of his batting or the pace of his bowling.

To appreciate Reid’s achievement you have to imagine Ian Botham with no county to play for, only the village team on a Saturday; Botham unpaid and with no commercial contracts, with no proper practice wickets and minimal first class cricket, much of that mediocre; Botham combining the captaincy of his country with running a local Shell depot and, finally, having no world-class team-mates to share the burden of his country’s reputation.

For years Reid alone stood between New Zealand and humiliation. Neville Cardus called him “a club cricketer in excelsis” and that is exactly what he

was; a club cricketer who from time to time slipped away to do what club cricketers dream of.

His greatness is not fully reflected by the statistics, impressive as they are. He averaged over 40 in 246 first-class games, most of them for the national side, and took 466 wickets at 22.60; he also played 58 Tests, averaging 33 and taking 85 wickets. What these figures conceal is how many momentous performances were produced in desperate circumstances or when Reid was virtually without support. In 1951, for instance, he scored a century for Wellington while the remaining 10 players contributed 39.

Like Botham (and Keith Miller), Reid habitually scored runs when they were most needed and took wickets or a blinding catch at just the right time. He was that kind of cricketer—an aggressive all-rounder who made things happen. The best of all New Zealand cricket writers, RT Brittendan, wrote that Reid was “never more dangerous than when his back was to the wall..... He breathed life into a game by his very presence.

Shortly after Reid came to Oamaru I was one of a handful who gathered on a Saturday morning to bowl to him so he could prepare for New Zealand's 1955-56 tour of India and Pakistan. As he politely and sensitively patted back this 14-year-old's innocuous medium-pacers he must have wondered how on earth this could be described as “preparing”. Yet in the first match of that tour, in Karachi, coming from the chill of a South Island winter to a steamy heat, he took 7 for 28 and scored 150 not out. It was a difficult tour, yet in first-class games Reid hit 1,032 runs, averaging more than 50 and took 39 wickets.

The following season, while still in Oamaru, he led New Zealand to their first Test win – over the West Indies at Auckland. That ended 26 winless and painful years, in which they played 44 Tests. What a moment for Kiwi cricket.

Reid performed well on his first two England tours. He was 20 when chosen to tour as a reserve wicketkeeper in 1949, but he scored nearly 1500 runs and forced his way into the Test team, where he thrived. He scored another 1500 on the 1958 tour, but Reid's best performances were reserved for South Africa, in 1961-62 when he led his side to two Test wins, hit seven tour centuries in nine innings and score more Test runs than any two colleagues.

Sprinkled throughout that time were some memorable Plunket Shield moments. At a time when officials elsewhere in the world were pushing for “brighter cricket” Reid was a one man sunbeam, with the best moment of all a stunning 296 for Wellington in 1962-63 – with 15 sixes, a world record until 1995.

For 10 years he carried the weight of leading a sub-standard Test team. When he eventually retired he had appeared in 58 of New Zealand's 86 Tests and led

them in 36. His acceptance without complaint of the burdens thrust upon him, his modesty, his courage and his skill built the foundations that Hadlee, Crowe, Turner and others were later to build on.

Now in his 70's, having been for a while a respected international referee, Reid lives quietly on the North Island. Does he ever wonder what he could have achieved at a different time or in a different place? The answer must be much more. But thank God for New Zealand cricket that John Reid was a New Zealander.

One last memory of Reid: as he walked without celebrity down the main street of Oamaru, a 14-year old approached him with a piece of paper containing "his selection" for the New Zealand team for the upcoming Test. Reid solemnly studied it and made one or two comments, before assuring the boy his suggestions would be fully considered by him and the other selectors. I have never forgotten the thrill of that moment. And I will never forget John Reid.

Des Wilson is a journalist and author who has also worked for the England and Wales Cricket Board, been chairman of Friends of the Earth and president of the Liberal Party.

NEW ZEALAND'S ASHES CONNECTIONS

Another Ashes series has finished with the Poms securing the Urn in what was a bizarre five Test Series. No pundit picked the result, no one picked the margins of each one sided win. A major contributing factor was the Kiwi connection in the form of Ben Stokes. His contribution with bat and ball was pivotal in England's success. In what is Cricket's most rivalrous encounter since the dawn of Test Cricket in 1877, a number of New Zealanders have had a say in the outcome of this incredibly equal contest. If you doubt the equality, here are the facts:

- 325 Test Matches
- 69 Series
- England won 32 Series
- Australia won 32 Series
- 5 Series have been drawn!



Clarrie Grimmett, Wellington, Victoria, South Australia and Australia

The Ashes appear to bring out the best in Stokes. He seems combative and very much like Botham, responds to the challenge of the Aussie assault of the senses. He announced himself with an 'I'm not laying down' 100 at the Gabba in that disastrous series of 2013/14. Followed up with his 100 at Lords this English summer and the break through performances with the ball, swinging it both ways at pace has announced him as a major Cricketing All Rounder.

10 years ago, who can forget the 2005 Ashes encounter and the role that Billy Bowden, NZ's International Umpire had on the series. Pre Decision Review System (DRS), Billy's decisions were outstanding throughout the series. In such a cauldron, it cannot be easy for an umpire, but he showed his quality. Unfortunately for Billy, the focus on that 'hand off bat' Kasprovicz decision for England to win the Edgbaston Test by 2 runs will taint his contribution to that series.

The 1990's saw the great Australian team dominate continually at the expense of England. Andrew Caddick taking the new ball for England through that

decade performing admirably. He ended up with over 200 Test Wickets for England. Not bad for an unwanted Cantab, who took himself off to England to further his cricket.

When the West Indies dominated in the 1980's the Ashes was a secondary thought for many not from the

participant countries. However, NZ's greatest administrator, Bob Vance, used his influence and guile to argue and subsequently secure NZ's only 4 x Test Series against the Poms in 1983. His argument: 'We're better than both you and Australia – why do we only get 3 Tests?'

The Ashes series in Australia were always important to New Zealand Cricket pre Air Travel. In the formative years of cricket here, the MCC regularly travelled to these shores after a Test Series in Australia. While these series were post scripts to the Ashes, they've contributed to a rich history including Walter Hammond's record triple hundred at Auckland after the infamous Bodyline Series of 32/33. A rather forgettable bit of Cricket History after England's 54/55 Ashes Tour when visiting New Zealand they bowled NZ out for the lowest ever Test score of 26 at Eden Park!



Andrew Caddick, Canterbury, Somerset and England



Ben Stokes, Wellington U16, Durham and England

But my favourite NZ Ashes connection is the great Clarrie Grimmet. Unsung hero of the Bradman era. He was the first bowler to take 200 Test wickets. His art and craft as a leg spinner still stands as an essential guide to any young leg spinner bowler. He invented and mastered the 'flipper'. His control of length was exemplary (similar to Warne). His

economy rate was less than 3 an over. His average an astonishing 23. His contribution was often dwarfed by Bradman's antics and his association with his spin twin Bill O'Reilly, who went on to become a high profile journalist. Clarrie Grimmet only played 37 Tests. He was born in Dunedin.

Doug Pollock

THE WIZARD OF WAIPAWA

How did a company in a one-street Kiwi town become a bat-making powerhouse?

Waipawa lies in deepest, darkest Hawke's Bay, a 45-minute drive south of Napier, first-class cricket's most easterly outpost. The journey takes you through dusty, dry farmland and rolling hills of wine country, past parched sheep and sun-soaked vines, the Pacific popping in and out of view. Waipawa is out in the sticks: beautiful, but quiet. Really quiet.

Cruising into this pretty place, essentially a typical one-street Kiwi town of 2000, there is little sign of cricketing life. There is no immediately obvious club, just the staples: supermarket, butcher's, library, liquor store, petrol station and a couple of cafés. Nothing to see here. Or so you would think.

Nestled at the southern end of that one street, is an innocuous looking warehouse cum workshop, fronted by a tiny shop that is home to a company that does business with the game's biggest names: a world leader in cricket's oldest and most refined craft. Welcome to Laver & Wood Cricket Bats.

The business that James Laver has built in Waipawa is a curious one, full of contradictions. His workshop is low-tech to the point of being no-tech, and the craft and method of making bats - at least making bats with human hands, the way he does it - hasn't changed for a century. Yet his business model is utterly reliant on technology, dependent on the internet. The company is known - particularly in professional playing circles, where word travels fast on such matters - for making bats for legends of the game. He won't reveal the active players on his roster, but Sachin Tendulkar, Brian Lara and Sanath Jayasuriya are among Laver's more illustrious clients.

Every change made to a cricket bat - longer, heavier, lighter, wider, fatter edges, length of handle - has a trade-off. Laver's job is to strike the deal with the devil.

Laver's bats are all over the world, but he can still pick one up, however old, and know that it was his hands that crafted it. So how did he end up here, both geographically - at the edge of nowhere - and professionally, as the pre-eminent purveyor of his craft and the man the pros want to know?

It comes as no surprise that Laver stumbled upon both bat-making and Waipawa. The slightly scrambled vowels of a Kiwi accent mask the fact that he hails from England, where after a stint at London's South Bank Polytechnic, he started working as a construction engineer. But weeks later, in the midst of the 1992 recession, he was laid off. A chance meeting with Julian Millichamp - of Taunton-based Millichamp & Hall - revealed that they sought an apprentice.



James Laver The Wizard of Waipawa

An interest in cricket, that engineering degree and fond memories of making furniture with his father saw Laver head down to Taunton, and stay. For someone who had never even contemplated making a bat before, this was a trial by fire. Millichamp's place was the kind of spot that the world's best cricketers would just wander into.

Ian Botham, Viv Richards and Lara were customers Laver encountered in his early days in Somerset, so he had to learn, and fast.

"Loads of top players were coming through the doors," he tells me once we've settled down in his Waipawa workshop in early March. "So I had to get to grips not only with making bats, but making bats for specific people and tailoring a bat to a batsman, which was more difficult because I wasn't particularly a player myself. If it comes naturally to you, you can become competent quickly, within a year or two. The key for me was just picking the brains of all these top guys about exactly what they looked for and how it linked to their game. That taught me what shapes, weights and specs would suit certain types of batsmen."

After a year, Laver knew he had found his calling. He rose through the ranks at M&H to become overseer of all bat production ("as high up in the company as I was going to be without being a partner, I guess"), making bats for the great and the good, and stayed until September 1998, when he resolved - as he had always wanted to ("it was just a case of when") - to move to New Zealand with his Kiwi wife, Nicola. That, naturally, meant a professional shift. First, there was six months away from making bats in Waikanae, near Wellington. But having decided to start his own business, he was drawn to Waipawa by George Wood, who made polo and croquet mallets, and with whom he would enter into partnership in 1999. Laver & Wood was born.

So we have our bat maker, our accomplished - if not quite master - craftsman. But how, then, did sleepy, silent Waipawa become a bat-making powerhouse, and Laver's the number the stars wanted on speed dial?

The business set-up is small and, for one with such global reach, involves a small number of employees working very hard. Laver parted ways with Wood many years ago as their aims diverged ever more. These days there's Pilar the administrator, Kim who runs the website, Simon the business manager, Ant dealing with sales, and Toby the apprentice, alongside Laver, who makes

the bats and runs the business with his wife. Laver is in at 5am daily to make bats. However busy he may be with the business side of the company, and as uncomfortable as he is saying it, when it's no longer his hands on the handle, Laver & Wood will cease to exist.

Laver's bats are all over the world, but he can still pick one up, however old, and know that it was his hands that crafted it.

As he shows me around his workshop - returned bats of legends hanging on the walls, works in progress scattered about, the different grades of wood, the unmechanised tools of the trade, Toby is busy putting the finishing touches to a blade behind us - Laver begins to take me through the bat-making process. As the conversation gets technical, and to the edge of my understanding of both physics and batsmanship, the sheer depth of his knowledge and experience shines through.

"It's important to see the bat as simply an extension of the batsman's body," he says, throwing an interesting slant on bad workmen blaming their tools. You can't blame something that's part of you, can you? "Many people can make beautiful bats. But it's about marrying them to a batsman, and that's the most important aspect of my trade. Our aim is to be utterly unique, and the way we do that is through lengthy discussion about the way a player bats and watching them, too. We can make any shape or weight distribution. You walk into shops and workshops and there are just so many bats to choose from that you don't know where to start. We need to break it down for people. So as soon as a player starts missing certain balls consistently they'll be trying to correct that. When you talk to a guy he'll know what he's doing wrong and it's your job to try to help, so knowing batting inside out is crucial."

Every change made to a cricket bat - longer, heavier, lighter, wider, fatter edges, length of handle - has a trade-off. Laver's job is to strike the deal with the devil. Want to stand up taller? You'll want a longer blade, says one shoulder. But in doing so, says the other, you'll lose bat-speed, and while it may be longer but no heavier, that weight is further away from the hands, so it will feel heavier and more difficult to control. Thus, two bats weighing exactly the same can feel worlds apart in weight. A thin handle offers greater control, says one shoulder, but also makes the bat's pick-up heavier, reminds the other. All these are aspects of batsmanship that the layman may be able to feel, or identify, but is unlikely to be able to articulate, explain, or use to cure one's own batting ills. All of which makes Laver sound less physicist than physician, diagnosing batting problems and offering a prescription. It's no panacea, but having the right kit can do no harm, surely.

"Most players - even the pros - a rough spell comes along and they're trying to change their set-up or weight or spec or whatever. Jacob Oram was a great example. He was using these long bats and was a big, strong bloke but they were just so, so heavy. I was watching his game and said he needed a lighter bat, just through the weight distribution, making it slightly thinner and pushing all the weight up a bit. He tried it and loved the difference. Previously,

because he'd wanted long bats, the makers just hadn't been getting the weight distribution right, so they'd feel too heavy for him.

"Jayasuriya scored a double-century against England but broke his bat at the end of innings. From there, every bat he had, he wanted absolutely identical to that "James Laver".

"With the big names, it's a wonderful bonus. Many who I made for at Millichamp followed me here, so I was making bats for internationals again within a few months of Laver & Wood starting. They'll say, 'My usual spec is this, can you make it?' I'll offer a couple of suggestions and we'll go from there. Jayasuriya is a classic example. I made a bat for him in 1997-98. He then scored a double-century against England but broke it at the end of the innings. But he thought it was the best stick he had had, so from there, every bat he had, he wanted it absolutely identical to that. If he was going through a bad patch, which happens to everyone, his bat would never change. But that guy hit the ball so hard he could get through 20 bats a year."

Laver's relationship with the big names is odd. He wouldn't go traipsing about chasing them. He might catch up with a player if, by chance, they are playing in Napier, but generally, "we might work together for 15 years and never meet. Lots of companies will go in and make a bat for someone like Sachin, just give it to him, but always make sure there was someone taking photos of them giving him the bat. Instantly he's on their site and in the portfolio - 'he's using

That distant relationship with the players only adds to the mystique and mystery: these wonderful bats being crafted, tucked away where cricket never comes.

The bats Laver makes are as beautiful as the quiet corner of the world in which they are crafted. He only uses the finest willow - no knots, and utterly consistent - and glues the splice differently to standard manufacturers; it takes longer but means they get far fewer spliced bats.

Many bats in the workshop are labelled up in typically understated style, ready for sale or delivery to laymen cricketers. But a few are sticker-less, waiting to be sent off to a player's sponsor. I can't believe that this isn't a source of frustration for Laver. He produces a beautiful thing, and no one knows it's his. Here lies the final, peculiar contradiction in a contradictory, peculiar business. His bats are seen the world over, dressed up in larger, better-known firms' branding, yet Laver couldn't care less how they're presented, as long as they're creating bundles of runs. "Oh, I don't mind that," he smiles nonchalantly.

That, ultimately, is the place in a nutshell. A few old bats hang, but self-aggrandising photos don't cover the walls. Laver has no list of cricketers he has made bats for. No fuss, no carry-on, just a passion for creating wonderful bats in a warehouse tucked away in Nowheresville. Little wonder the big names keep coming back.

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WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
INCOME			
Subscriptions		150	1,105
Interest		134	130
Donations	2	7,570	3,100
Grants	1	45,983	45,997
Surplus on club functions	3	5,125	4,610
		<u>58,962</u>	<u>54,942</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Club administrator		46,000	46,000
Depreciation		745	0
Gear and balls	4	1,553	2,550
Insurance		420	426
Match expenses	5	4,536	1,528
T20 Tournament	6	1,355	1,234
Secretarial expenses	7	7,758	3,447
		<u>62,367</u>	<u>55,185</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		<u>(3,405)</u>	<u>(243)</u>

WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB (INC.)
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

	Notes	2015 \$	2014 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Balance 1 July		19,264	19,507
Surplus		<u>(3,405)</u>	<u>(243)</u>
		<u>15,859</u>	<u>19,264</u>
REPRESENTED BY			
Current Assets			
Ball Stocks		3,666	170
Bank		12,088	18,617
Debtors		520	1,020
		<u>16,274</u>	<u>19,807</u>
Less Current Liabilities			
Grant in Advance		1,167	0
Creditors		738	2,591
		<u>1,905</u>	<u>2,591</u>
Working Capital		14,369	17,216
Fixed Assets	8	1,490	2,048
Net Assets		<u>15,859</u>	<u>19,264</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 2015 financial year were as follows:

Issuer	Amount	Use
Four Winds Foundation	2,000	Cricket balls
Four Winds Foundation	3,000	Office rental
Infinity Foundation	3,000	Cricket balls
Infinity Foundation	3,150	Office rental
Infinity Foundation	34,833	Club Administrator
	<u>45,983</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 their on-going support.

3. Surplus on Club Functions

The primary club function and fundraiser for the year was the cocktail function held in conjunction with the Carilion Club around the Cricket World Cup.

4. Gear and Balls

This expense reflects balls used in Wanderers matches, as well as balls donated to colleges as part of traditional fixtures.

5. Match Expenses

These relate to the Governor General's XI match, the Willows match in Christchurch and a match in Hastings.

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. The assistance of Cricket Wellington in running these matches is appreciated.

7. Secretarial Expenses

Includes the cost of printing the Annual Report, operation of the club website, office rental and postage. Office rental costs were met in full through specific grants.

8. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets comprise a laptop that was purchased at the end of 2014. The laptop is depreciated on a straight line basis over three years.

9. GST Registration

The Club is not registered for GST.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MATCH

The Annual Governor General's match was held on the Basin Reserve on 16th December. As has become a tradition we were again blessed with a beautiful early summer, s day in Wellington. The Governor General The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae was able to attend the match, meet his chosen Schools XI, have photos taken and spend a couple of hours watching his charges in action.

The governor General's XI was chosen from 8 colleges in the Wellington Region and for the first time a player from Hastings Boy's High School, Michael Stirling was chosen. The wanderers XI was a very experienced team and comprised seven current or former first class players and two former Blackcaps in Chris Nevin and Matthew Bell. Alec Day and Dane Hutchinson both current Firebird players played and this gave an added impetus to the game as the Schools XI players were able to gauge their game against current performing first class players. Dane Hutchison bowled the last over in Wellington's T20 final win earlier in the season.

Wanderers batted first scored an imposing 285-8 in their allotted overs. Firebird Alec Day scoring 99 and the rest of the total made up of contributions between 20 and 40. Bowling for the Schools XI George Kitchingham took 3-43 off his 10 overs, Ollie Flemmer 2-54 off 10 and V. Desai 2-42 off his 10. In reply the Schools XI could only manage 186 all out with skipper Troy Johnston scoring 34, Michael Fenton 28 and star of the innings Zac Donaldson 62.

The match should be used as a learning experience by the schools XI. Many of the players proved that given time they will be more than a match for their more experienced opponents.

We look forward to the coming season and what will be the last match held under the stewardship of our current Governor General Sir Jerry Mateparae. We thank him for his continued support and his and his staff's assistance in making this memorable event happen.

Thanks also to Peter Clinton, Don Neely, Bryan Dickinson, Rhys Morgan (coach) and Ryan Holland at Cricket Wellington for their assistance over the years. Ryan is an unsung hero. Things happen when he is around and it is only when the match has finished you realise the contribution he has made.



Evan Gray

The Governor Generals Schools XI

Wanderers XI

A.Day	c Johnston b Flemmer	99
D. Brown	c Firmin b Kitchingham	0
D Hutchison	c Partridge b Desai	26
J. Taylor	c Firmin b Kitchingham	38
M. Bell	c Desai b Kitchingham	25
M.Wills	c Fenton b Stirling	13
N. Martin	lbw Desai	34
S.McHardy	c Johnston b Flemmer	25
Extras		25
Total		285-8

C.Partridge 7-1-15-0, G.Kitchingham 10-0-45-3, M.Stirling 8-0-44-1,
O.McMahon 1-0-12-0, O. Flemmer 10-0-45-2, T. Johnston 4-0-30-0, V.Desai
10-2-42-2

Governor General's Schools XI

M. Scott	c Martin b Rose	1
O. Flemmer	c Nevin b Hutchinson	2
S.Mycock	b Brown	0
T. Johnston	c Brown b McHardy	34
O. McMahon	c Day b Younghusband	17
M. Fenton	c Nevin b McHardy	28
Z. Donaldson	c Hutchinson b Nevin	62
T. Firmin	c Hutchinson b Wills	4
V. Desai	c Hutchinson b Wills	0
G. Kitchingham	b Nevin	4
M. Stirling	not out	2
C. Partridge	dnb	
Extras		32
Total		186-10

D. Hutchinson 3-0-22-1, D. Rose 6-1-14-1, D. Brown 5-0-21-1, P.
Younghusband 10-2-26-1, A. Day 5-2-10-0, S.McHardy 6-0-48-2, M. Wills
6-0-33-2, C. Nevin 3-0-11-2

Win to the Wanderers XI by 99 runs.

WANDERERS V CLIFTON CCC

CLIFTON CC TE AWANGA

Wanderers were invited to play their first fixture at Clifton CC situated in a beautiful part of their Hawkes Bay in the shadow of Cape Kidnappers. This inaugural fixture was played in late January right in the middle of a fierce Hawkes Bay summer. As we played the pavilion was still being constructed in readiness for the Festival of Cricket played during the World Cup.



Completed Clifton CC Ground

Wanderers batted first and with the help of some generous bowling and fine batting by Lincoln Doull (82), Wanderers finally reached a total of 185. This was never going to be enough and Clifton easily achieved their target for the loss of 7 wickets with eight overs to spare. Lincoln Doull and Evan Gray both with 2 wickets each offered some resistance but the batting of Sam Howard and co was too strong for an outgunned Wanderers side.

Clifton CC provided an outstanding after match and we are grateful to them and their hospitality. Good company plenty to eat and drink, pity about the cricket!

Many thanks to Sam Howard and Duncan Priest for organising the fixture and also to Duncan and Jim Newbigan who both umpired.

Wanderers: 185: Lincoln Doull 82

Clifton CC 187-7: Sam Howard 65, Lincoln Doull 2-25, Evan Gray 2-7.

WANDERERS V CLIFTON CRICKET CLUB

ANDERSON PARK

In the spirit of cricket Clifton offered Wanderers a rematch later in the season, with the return match to be played in Wellington. The match coincided with the build up to the England v New Zealand ODI in the World Cup.

Anderson Park was the venue and second time around Wanderers had selected an entirely different XI. Certainly the average age was higher by about 10 years but the much needed cricketing experience was to the fore.

Wanderers had in their team the likes of Ross Ormiston, Brian and Grant Cederwall, Mike and Darren Sears, Chris Pile, Ronnie Nathu, Evan Gray, Bert Vance, Clinton Johns, with Steve Shearer and Fraser Lyons umpiring, Bryan Hall on the BBQ and Barry O'Brien behind the bar.

Clifton 195 in their 20 overs.

Wanderers 198-6 in 18.5 overs, Darren Sears 34, Mike Sears 66, Ronnie Nathu 33, Clinton Johns 26

Wanderers and Clifton both hope that these matches can be annual home and away fixtures.



Sam Howard

NEW ZEALAND V ENGLAND WORLD CUP

COCKTAIL PARTY

The saying goes that you can't beat Wellington on a good day and February 19th was one of those days. The day before New Zealand and England were due to meet in their World Cup pool match and with all the excitement and expectation that was surrounding the match, it is fair to say Wellington was buzzing and ready to lift off.

Wanderers and Carillon Clubs partnered with NZTE (Jeff Page) to put on this evening. NZTE themed the room and lent all their experience to make sure this was a professionally run event. No amount of thanks is too much for them.



Bert Vance and Neil Swindells NZ v England Cocktail Party

The Boatshed, Taranaki Street Wharf was the venue, a full house and three World Class Speakers in Jonathan Agnew, Stephen Fleming and Oz Clarke the outstanding British Wine Master. Coupled with fabulous wines from our regions, beautiful food from top Wellington restaurants, High Commissioners and Ambassadors from Britain, South Africa, Sri Lanka, India, Australia the Boatshed was the place to be.



Ewen Chatfield and Oz Clarke NZ v England Cocktail Party

We were royally entertained by all three speakers and significant money was raised for Junior Sport in our Region. It was a very successful evening.

Thanks to: Coney Wines (Tim Coney), Te Hera Wines (John Douglas), Ohau Wines (Steve Maguinness), Palliser Wines (Richard Riddiford), Porters Pinot (John Porter), Te Kairanga (Foley Family Wines), Alan Estate, Brodie Estate Wines, DB Breweries (Simon Law).

Bryan Hall

WELLINGTON WANDERERS ENGLAND TOUR, MAY 2015

Like most great ideas, the thought for a Wanderers tour to the UK coinciding with a Black Caps test at Lord's came about from a couple of blokes having a pint in a pub! As Nick Bryant and I lamented the second innings demise of the 2013 Black Caps at Lord's the discussion quietly turned to a discussion on "sporting event bucket lists", with a test at the Home of Cricket rating very highly on each of our lists. Over the coming weeks and months as the ICC Future Tours programme was released, confirming an England test tour in 2015, enthusiasts from the Wanderers Committee lent support to the idea that heading the UK might be a good idea.

Buoyed by this and with great support from potential opposition teams in the UK, planning got underway. Expressions of interest were sought from players and supporters, accommodation, flight options and potentially UK fixtures were canvassed and finally the tour itinerary was finalised. The programme consisted of five days test cricket at Lord's, including an invitation to attend the final Black Caps' training on the Nursery Ground, three fixtures against the MCC, the Hampshire Hogs and London New Zealand and a smidgen of space for sightseeing and other extra-curricular activities (golf, Brick Lane curries, etc).

The tour party of Messrs Orpin, Boldt, Steele, McBeth, Shearer, McHugh, French and McHardy left New Zealand in late May and like so many Antipodean travellers in years gone by, congregated in Earls Court, making the Courtfield Arms, our de facto club rooms. This proved a popular choice of venue with other Kiwi cricket fans, with Stu McCullum and his tour party joining in the debriefing sessions held at the close of play!

The team enjoyed a pre-test breakfast with the London New Zealand team in the Marylebone High Street and trooped off the game in high spirits. History will show that the result of the Lord's test match did not go in our favour. However, we were treated to five wonderful days of cricket in what is surely the most special cricket venue in the world. The team flew the Wanderers colours with pride at the home of cricket and we received a large number of compliments for our tour party's turn out with Wanderers blazers on display for all five days of the test.

One of the key objectives of the Wanderers Club is the promotion of youth cricket. Whilst it might be stretching the definition to describe current Wellington Firebirds player Luke Woodcock as a "youth" (except perhaps when standing alongside Short Ball Shearer or El Pres McBeth!), one of the great successes of the tour was our ability to co-opt nearly a dozen young

Wellington cricketers to join us for our fixtures. This added undoubted strength, enthusiasm and agility to the teams that we fielded. We appreciated that people travelled from all over the UK to turn out for the Wanderers including York, Stockport (near Manchester), Bath, Marlborough, and Portsmouth and from various suburbs of London. In this regards, my sincere thanks go to Matt Wills for helping my put together the teams for each of the fixtures, often at late notice or on the back of texts flying backwards and forwards from Melbourne and Dubai airports.



Day 3. Things looking good for NZ

Full match reports are provided below for each of the three fixtures with the summary version being that they were all competitive fixtures played in good spirit and upholding the finest traditions of Wanderers cricket. The Wanderers managed to get on the right side of the results ledger in two of the three matches and there were some outstanding performances and some hilarious moments of individual adventure that helped make the touring experience enormously entertaining (thanks Short Ball).

Outside of the cricket, we managed to experience some of what London has to offer with West End shows, a team night out in the East End experiencing the finest Bangladeshi cuisine that 15 quid can buy (with three pints included in the price), golf in Oxfordshire with former Collegian and Wanderer Richard



The Pavilion at Lord's

Boon, watching the Queen and Phil the Greek head down the Mall for the State Opening of Parliament, museums and galleries and of course, spending time in the company of a high quality bunch of individuals that all of the Wanderers tourists proved to be.

On a personal note, as contemplated over two years ago, a New Zealand test at Lord's is a bucket list event that I am pleased to report has been ticked off. That I was able to do this in the company of fellow Wellington Wanderers added to the experience immeasurably. It was a great privilege to share the Lord's and subsequent playing experiences with such a great bunch of people.

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I would like to pay special thanks to a few folk who helped make this such a



The view from the Pavilion

Alasdair McBeth for steady support and wise counsel over the planning period, Hana Ashcroft from the Karori Flight Centre for her patience and Matt Wills for securing players, often at late notice, and to all the lads who turned out to play for and against the 2015 Wellington Wanderers.

Scott McHardy

Tour Captain, September 2015

great experience. This includes James Overy, Kate Matheve and Simon Wakefield from the MCC, Jack Tyrwhitt-Drake from the Hampshire Hogs, Chris Hamilton, the entire Penman family and Marty Conway from London New Zealand, Doug Catley, Mike Sandle from New Zealand Cricket for inviting us to training at Lord's,



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh



With Boony, El Pres and Frenchie at the Oxfordshire Golf Club

WANDERERS V MCC AT THE BRONDESBURY CRICKET CLUB, 26 MAY 2015

Our opening fixture was against a very strong MCC side, which included four former first class players and a young Zimbabwean on the fringe of their test side. Members of our team travelled from all over the UK to play in the fixture with lads travelling from York and Stockport in the north and from Bath and Wiltshire in the West. Even getting from Earls Court was an adventure with the Tube and mini-cabs all part of the transport mix.

Following a late defection from our ranks on the eve of the match, we were able to secure the services of Tom Healy (son of Ian). Tom proved to be, first and foremost an outstanding young man, and also a pretty handy cricketer. He was also able to help introduce us to another young Aussie in the form of Sam Wilson who we nabbed for the subsequent Hogs match.

The match was played at the Brondesbury Cricket Club in North London. Brondesbury is the home club of former England captain, Mike Gatting, and provided a wonderful backdrop to the match with an excellent wicket and fast outfield.

Having won the toss the Wanderers batted first and we posted 254/6 in our 50 overs. Tom Healy scored a great hundred (129) and he was well supported by a fine 79 from Luke Woodcock. As we headed into lunch, we felt very satisfied with the score that we had posted and thought that this would be a competitive score that would need some decent batting to overcome.



Off to the match, Wanderers v MCC



We won the toss! Martin Miller (MCC) and Scott McHardy (Wanderers) at Brondesbury

The MCC started nervously with Luke bowling exceptionally well. On an excellent batting surface, Luke's variation of pace and flight tested all of the MCC batsman and whilst his final figures 1/20 from ten overs were outstanding, he did not receive the rewards in terms of wickets that his spell deserved.

As noted earlier, the MCC side contained four former English first

class players and a Zimbabwean youth player and their strong batting line up proved difficult to contain. We were treated to some wonderful stroke making, including one six of my bowling that stayed in the air long enough for people to risk sun burn simply watching its flight.

The MCC secured victory with ten overs and six wickets to spare. Brett



The teams



Tom Healy (129) celebrates his century

Johnson was the most successful of our bowlers taking 2/63 from his ten overs and Clinton Butler picking up 1/67 from his ten.

At the conclusion of the match we had a very enjoyable evening with Martin Miller and the rest of his MCC team. Our thanks to the MCC and to the Brondesbury Cricket Club for putting on such an excellent fixture.

WELLINGTON WANDERERS V HAMPSHIRE HOGS, WARNFORD, 28 MAY 2015

Our second fixture was against the Hampshire Hogs and was played in wonderful surroundings at Hogs' home ground in Warnford, Hampshire. The drive south from London provided a chance to see some of the English countryside as we drove through

Jane Austen country. A quick stop for directions (and coffee) at the fifteenth century George and Falcon pub also allowed a chance to reflect on the history of the place.

The Wanderers again batted first and posted a very competitive 285 all out in 51 overs. A number of people made useful starts with Dave Boldt (40), Sam Wilson (34), Brett Johnson (20) and Ben



The Hogs Ground at Warnford, Hampshire



Hogs win the toss and ask the Wanderers to bat

Skilton (20) looking in good touch. Scott McHardy provided with bulk of the scoring with 91 and we were satisfied that we had a competitive total on the board.

The Hogs started promisingly but some rapid bowling coming down the hill from Ben Skilton put them on the back foot. His opening partner, Andy Callaghan was the beneficiary with two quick wickets to halt the early momentum. Our spinners Brett Johnson and Luke Woodcock bowled beautifully in tandem with Brett bowling 18 overs and taking 4/47. Luke bowled seven overs taking 2/15 as the Hogs succumbed to be all out for 202.

We were treated to some wonderful hospitality by the Hogs during and after the match and it was with some regret that we bid our farewells as the shadows lengthened across the ground. We still found time to sneak in for a quick visit to the Thomas Lord pub in the nearby village of West Meon.



Combined teams



Wanderers v Hogs



After match presentation of Wanderers plaque to Dick Aldridge, Hogs Captain



At the Thomas Lord Pub, West Meon

WANDERERS V LONDON NEW ZEALAND, CLAVERING, 30 MAY 2015

The final fixture was against the London New Zealand Cricket Club, who were led by former Wellington Collegians captain, Richard Boon. Simply getting to the ground in Essex was a history trip in itself as we travelled past Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London, Tower Bridge and the Dockland before heading north along the M11.



Clavering

With the match being played on a



First life for Alan Orpin, nicked to keeper, dropped cold!

Saturday our UK locals returned to their club commitments. We were able to draw upon the services of London New Zealand players, Rich Gardiner and the precocious Matt Penman (aged 12) to bolster our ranks. New Zealand's Trade Commissioner to the UK and Ireland, Dan Taylor, joined the team and we were able to call upon the services of Alasdair "El Pres" McBeth and Stephen "Shortball" Shearer who both swapped umpiring and scoring duties to don the whites for the match.

London New Zealand won the toss and elected to bat first. At the half way point of its 40 overs, London New Zealand were handily placed at 104 for 3, with former Eastern Suburbs batsman Chris Hamilton (67) and J Ensor (44) well in control. Some tight bowling and a couple of key wickets soon after the drinks break slowed the London NZ momentum and, after threatening to post a substantial total, a score of 190 appeared to be a little short of par. The wickets were shared around with Scott McHardy taking 3/37, Hamish French 2/19, Andy Callaghan 2/33 and Dan Taylor 2/36.

One feature of the London NZ innings was the high attrition rate amongst the fielding side. First, Rich Gardiner, who had begun



First six of the match on its way. Hamish French v London NZ



Scott and Chris Hamilton

a promising spell of medium pace bowling succumbed to a hamstring injury. Rich's over was completed by Shortball who looked set for a long spell at the bowling crease. However, shortly before turning his arm over, Shortball was called upon to field a ball hit by Chris Hamilton down to long off. In a scene reminiscent of the sniper in *The Day of the Jackal*, as he sprinted around the boundary, Shortball appeared to stop in mid stride and then fell face first without extending his arms. Understandably there was some considerable mirth amongst the Wanderers side, until it was noted that our colleague had not moved! Fears were quickly removed as a stream of comments from our fallen comrade could be heard across

the field with a central theme being "Claire is going to kill me!" Amongst a lot of laughter as Shortball hobbled from the field, a lot of advice was proffered to him on the treatment of his injury, with at least some of it potentially useful

The Wanderers reply was centred around an excellent second wicket partnership of 151 by Hamish French (89) and Alan Orpin (54). Frenchie took full toll of the occasional loose delivery and peppered the boundary on both sides of the wicket. Project made full use of a couple of lives and provided the perfect foil for Frenchie as they combined to get the Wanderers within sight of victory. Despite a late flurry of wickets we managed to limp across the line at 191-7 to record our second win of the tour.

Again, we had a wonderful evening with the London New Zealand team. A huge vote of thanks to Sarah and Tony Penman who opened up their house and cranked up their barbeque as the teams enjoyed each other's company one final time. With a large number of connections between both teams it was the perfect way to finish up what was a hugely enjoyable tour. A quick pint on the way home at the 15th century Fox and Hounds where our dear colleague Shortball was forced to duck his head for the rafters rounded out a wonderful afternoon.



Alasdair, Stephen and Richard

MATCH RESULTS FOR 2014-15 SEASON

Match 1 v Rathkeale College at Rathkeale

Rathkeale 246-8 in 40 overs, Wanderers 238-10 (Dominic Brown 106)

Match 2 v St Pats Silverstream at Silverstream

Wanderers 130-10, Silverstream 135-5.

Match 3 v St Pats Town at Kilbirnie Park

Wanderers 255 (Dominic Brown 115), St Pats Town 230-10

Match 4 v Rongotai College at Rongotai College

Wanderers 226, Rongotai College 140

Match 5 v Tawa College at Tawa (T20)

Tawa College 112-5, Wanderers 110.

Match 6 v Newlands College

Wanderers 236-6, Newlands College 228

Match 7 v Onslow College

Cancelled – There was confusion over the dates and the match could not be rescheduled.

Match 8 v Clifton Cricket Club at Te Awanga

Wanderers 185 (Lincoln Doull 82), Clifton 187-7 (Sam Howard 65, Lincoln Doull 2-25, Evan Gray 2-7)

Match 9 v Hastings Boys High School at Anderson Park Hastings

Wanderers 85 (Mark Hammond 22, Evan Gray 20), Hastings Boys High 87-4 (Evan Gray 2-11)

Match 10 v Governor Generals Schools XI

Wanderers 285-8 (A. Day 99, J Taylor 38, N. Martin 34, G. Kitchingham 3-45, O. Flemmer 2-45, V.Desai 2-42, Governor Generals Schools XI 186-10 (Z. Donaldson 62, T. Johnston 34, M. Fenton 28, S.McHardy 2-48, M. Wills 2-33, C. Nevin 22-11,

Match 11 v Clifton at Anderson Park T20

Clifton 195, Wanderers 198-6 (Mike Sears 66, Darren Sears 34, Ronnie Nathu 33, Clint Johns 26)

Match 12 v The Willows at Loburn

Wanderers 280-7 (R. Ravindra 102 retired, Z. Donaldson 58, M. Fenton 29, Willows 159-10 (D.Kelly 41, J. Benton 35, J. Sargentina 3-24, M. Rush 2-29, D. Pile 2-32, R. Ravindra 2-5)

Match 13 v Paraparaumu College at Paraparaumu College

Wanderers 230, Paraparaumu College 120

Match 14 v HVHS at HVHS

Wanderers 216, HVHS 220-6

Match 15 v HIBS

Cancelled

Match 16 v Law Society

Cancelled

Match 17 v Parliamentarians XI

Cancelled.

Match 18 v The MCC at Brondesbury

Wanderers 254-6 (T.Healy 129, L. Woodcock 79), MCC 256-6 (B.Johnson 2-63, L. Woodcock 1-20, C.Butler 1-67)

Match 19 v Hampshire Hogs at Warnford

Wanderers 285 (S. McHardy 91, D.Boldt 40, S.Wilson 34, B.Johnson 20, B. Skilton 20), Hampshire Hogs 202 (L. Woodcock 2-15, B.Johnson4-47)

Match 20 v London New Zealand at Clavering

LNZ 190 (S.McHardy 3-37, H. French 2-19, A. Callaghan 2-33, D. Taylor 2-36), Wanderers 191-7 (H. French 89, A. Orpin 54).

PROGRAMME FOR 2014-15 SEASON

Matches:

Clifton County Cricket Club away match at Clifton.

Clifton County Cricket Club – Wellington

Hastings Boys High School away match Hastings.

The Willows Cricket Club at The Willows, Loburn, North Canterbury

Governor Generals XI Basin Reserve

College T20 Finals

Parliamentary XI

Rathkeale College in Masterton

SPC Town

SPC Silverstream

Rongotai College

Wellington College

HIBS

Tawa College

Paraparaumu College

Onslow

Collegians CC - Larry Macer Memorial Match

Golf Day.

Manor Park

World Cup Dinner.

Dinner to be held on the eve of New Zealand v England World Cup Match
February 19th.

Cocktail Party

– Details to be advised.

**WANDERERS WISH TO THANK THE
FOLLOWING FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE DURING
THE LAST SEASON:**

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Four Winds Trust
Norwood Foundation
Wellington Cricket Trust
Peter Clinton CEO Cricket Wellington and staff at Cricket Wellington
His Excellency Lieutenant General The Rt. Honourable Sir Jerry
Mateparae Governor General of New Zealand
Lady Janine Mateparae
Sir Patrick Goodman GNZM Kt.Bach CBE
Mike Dormer and The Willows Cricket Club
Manor Park Golf Club
Don Neely MBE
DB Breweries Simon Law
Richard Riddiford and Rob Morrison – Palliser Estate Wines
John Porter – Porters Pinots
Alana Estate Wines
Brodie Estate Wines
Coney Wines Tim Coney
Te Hera Wines John Douglas
Ohau Wines Steve Maguiness
Te Kairanga Wines Foley Family Wines
Wellington Umpires and Scorers Association
College Sport Wellington
Carillon Club and Apex Print
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Sir Ron Brierley
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Warren Press, Mike Egan, Rex Morgan and John Allred, John Larence
Dan and Alana Keith Scarlett Events
Hiremaster Colin Douglas**



Grant Elliott hitting winning runs v South Africa and Wanderers Touring Party at Lord's NZ v England Test