



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

**75TH ANNUAL REPORT
2020-2021 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 75th Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club (Inc.) will be held at West Plaza Hotel, 110 Wakefield Street, Wellington on Wednesday October 6th 2021 commencing at 6.00pm.

Business:

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Establishment of Quorum
4. In Memoriam
5. Minutes of Previous AGM held October 14th 2020, and matters arising there from
6. Adoption of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
7. Election of New Members
8. Election of Officers for 2021/22 Season:
 - a) Patron
 - b) President
 - c) Committee
 - d) Honorary Treasurer
 - e) Honorary Secretary
 - f) Honorary Auditor
9. Subscriptions for 2021/22 Season
10. General Business

E.J. Gray

General Manager

OFFICE BEARERS - 2020/21

12TH MEN

Her Excellency The Right Honourable Dame Patsy Reddy GNZM, QSO,
Governor General of New Zealand

Lieutenant General The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae
GNZM, QSO, K St J,

The Right Honourable Sir Anand Satyanand GNZM, QSO, K St J.

PATRON

T.G. McMahon

PRESIDENT

D.S. McHardy

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

A.D. McBeth

LIFE MEMBERS

A.W. Hunt

M.D. Priest

R.J. Allan

B.A. Waddle MNZM

M.J. Coppersmith

P.W. Steele

M.J. Roche

C.J.Taylor

COMMITTEE

M.J. Roche

W.A.H. Marshall

M.H. Wills

P.W. Steele

N.J. Cruickshank

B.H. Hall

R.J. Allan (Grants Sub Committee)

HON TREASURER

M.J. Coppersmith

HON SECRETARY

T.C. Foster

SEASON REVIEW



Scott McHardy

The 2020-21 season marked 75 years since Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club was established. Sadly the shadow of Covid-19 that has hung over Aotearoa meant we were unable to plan celebrations to mark the occasion with any degree of confidence. The committee decided early to postpone the 75th Anniversary Celebrations until the coming season. Tentative approaches have been made to Government House with a view to holding a dinner around New Zealand's Women's World Cup match against Australia in the latter part of the season. Any decision has to wait until October when incoming Governor-General Dame Cindy Kiro GNZM QSO is sworn in to become the 22nd Governor General of New Zealand.

Fortunately Covid-19 did abate and while we were on a week by week and month by month timetable, the season was able to be completed in full and for that we are very grateful. A full fixture list of College 1st XI matches, albeit with the intervention of some adverse weather meant we were unable to complete some fixtures. The season started with the traditional trip to Whanganui Collegiate and an all too familiar loss, the Governor-General's Schools XI matches were both played on the Basin and a successful trip south to The Willows resulted in a win to the Wanderers XI off the last ball.

The Kindred Clubs' tournament was again held at Karori Park, while an early season cricket and golf trip to Clifton CCC in the Hawkes Bay resulted in a two run win. The season did not end with a win, but in a close loss to the NZ Army at Trentham, which marked a welcome return of what had been a regular fixture in years gone by.

The Hunt Cup competition was held as a Twenty20 tournament at Karori Park late in the season and this was deservedly won by Scots College who beat Wellington College in the Final.

Shandon Golf Club hosted our traditional season opening event, and of course we were delighted to have Daniel Vettori as our guest for the traditional breakfast held as a precursor to the West Indies Test in December

On a sadder note the 2020-21 season marked the end of Scott McHardy's term as President. Scott came on board in 2016 with a wealth of experience in similar clubs in New Zealand and overseas and he was able to bring that to the Wanderers. While Scott is stepping down he won't be lost to the club altogether as he will still be donning the whites as opportunities arise (he has recently been selected in the Wellington and New Zealand over 50's XI's. We acknowledge Scott's huge contribution to Wanderers and to Secondary Schools cricket, as well as his wise counsel and humour at Wanderers' matches and events.

On a final note we thank outgoing Governor General Dame Patsy Reddy GNZM, QSO, DStJ and her husband Sir David Gascoigne KNZM, CBE, CStJ for their contribution to Wanderers and Secondary Schools cricket during their term of office and wish them well in the future.

Evan Gray – Club Manager

EARLY DAYS OF THE WELLINGTON WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB

In the years before and after WWII there was always a hard core of cricketers thirsting for extra games to play. John Standish had played for a club in England, Romany CC, who because they did not have their own ground, travelled gypsy-like to each venue and the formation of such a club in Wellington was widely discussed.



Wanderers at Silverstream left to right:- Dutchy du Chateau, Jumbo Symes, Father Evans, Maundy Martin du Standish, Peggy O'Neil, Joe Fortune, Fred Harding, Ron Hunt, Trevor Barber. Front:- Jim Foy.

Dutchy du Chateau and John Standish, soon to be joined by Wyvern (Bill) and Ron Hunt got together and agreed the club would be the Wellington Nomads, with reliance on opposition teams providing the venue. The club's colours would be navy blue, green and yellow. The first fixtures were played in the summer of 1946-47 and there was soon a sound and solid membership.

The club received a firm request from David Collins of the well-established New Zealand Nomads CC that they come up with an alternative name and the club happily became the Wellington Wanderers' CC for the start of the 1947-48 season.

Straight after the War transport was a problem and players with cars were often selected at the expense of better cricketers. There was also a shortage of white flannel, so wearing grey slacks was permitted.

In selecting teams the choice of wicketkeeper was of paramount importance. Two of the club's early keepers Trevor McMahon and Trevor Barber were so outstanding they made some makeshift bowlers look very good, even standing up to quick bowlers Jim Newbigin and Bruce Morrison.

In those days John Beck, a member of the 1953-54 New Zealand side to South Africa, prowled the Wanderers' covers showing his brilliance in the field. Lester Castle later to become the Chief Ombudsman and President of both the NZCC and the WCA, was a foundation member. He succeeded John Standish as President, drafted the rules and constitution and was closely involved in securing the Waikanae ground.

Membership was initially limited to 40 to ensure each member had a reasonable number of games. Membership cost five shillings with an additional charge of two shillings each game. This ensured there was a surplus each season, which helped subsidise the club's annual dinner.

Other "unsung heroes" in the club's formative years were Ru Morgan, Jack Ashenden, Morrie Brown, John Rose, Mick Randall, Charlie Clarke-Smith, Charles Clifford and Mike Dormer.

MINUTES OF THE 74TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WELLINGTON WANDERERS' CRICKET CLUB INC. HELD AT 6:45 PM ON WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2020 AT THE WEST PLAZA HOTEL.

MEMBERS PRESENT Richard Allan, Bryan Waddle MNZM, Matt Roche, Sir Anand Satyanand, Joe Atkinson, Jeremy Benton, Hamish Bennett, Matt Boa, Richard Boag, Ben Castle, Tony Cooper, Jeremy Dean, Graeme Dobson, Todd Foster, Hamish French, Paul Gini, Evan Gray, Liz Green, Bryan Hall, Justin Herbert, Tony Hill, Mike Horsley, David Lloyd, Alasdair McBeth, Scott McHardy, Mike Malthus, Hamish Marshall, William Marshall, Jeremy Morley, Alan Orpin, Brian Steele, Paul Steele, Graeme Sugden, David Vance, Andrew Watson, Darren Wilkinson

APOLOGIES Murray Coppersmith, Chris Taylor, Trevor McMahon, Everard Aspell, Geoff Atkinson, David Bain, Nigel Blair, Mark Hammond, Peter Holland, Greg McKenzie, John Martin, Don Neely MNZM MBE, Blair Nicholson, Duncan Priest, Steve Shearer, Jock Sutherland, Steve Tew, John Walker

A quorum was established.

WELCOME President Scott McHardy in the chair welcomed everyone to the AGM and particularly acknowledged the attendance of Life Members Richard Allan, Bryan Waddle, Paul Steele, and Matt Roche. He also welcomed new members Liz Green and Hamish Bennett as our guests for the evening.

Those present stood in silence for a period to remember Wanderers' members Sir John Anderson and Rev Fraser Patterson who had both sadly passed away during the year. Obituaries for both men appear in the Annual Report.

PREVIOUS MINUTES Alasdair McBeth pointed out that the minutes of the previous AGM did not accurately reflect comments he had made at the meeting regarding the David Grey Trust, and the following wording was suggested.

DAVID GREY TRUST

Alasdair McBeth spoke to the David Grey Trust, of which he is a trustee, along with Murray Coppersmith, Richard Allan and Richard Dean. The Trust's objectives are to benefit youth cricket in Wellington. Each year income from the Trust has been appropriated for the benefit of Wellington Wanderers to be used to benefit youth cricket. This figure is currently just over \$18,000. Together with Cricket Wellington, the Trust is looking

at making grants to schools which are looking at improving their cricket facilities. Grants will be made in the name of Wellington Wanderers in conjunction with the Trust.

The Trust Deed requires trustees to be appointed for a term of three years and upon expiration may be reappointed for a further term of no more than three years. All trustees have been in place for three years and need to be reappointed or replaced.

It was **agreed** that the current trustees be reappointed for a further term of three years. (Moved **Bryan Hall**, seconded **Matt Roche**)

Subject to the amendments suggested the Minutes of the 2019 AGM were approved. (Moved Scott McHardy, seconded Tony Cooper).

ANNUAL REPORT: Scott McHardy spoke to the Report which he again remarked was an excellent production by Evan Gray. The year had been an interesting one with the season having been cut short by the Covid-19 restrictions, and there had been some uncertainty since. There are 26 days of cricket planned for the season ahead with fixtures involving the Willows CC, the Governor-General's XIs, college and community cricket and Kindred fixtures. A girls' 6-a-side tournament is planned for February 2021.

Scott was delighted to report that the 2019 Golf Day at Shandon Gold Club had again been well attended and all the signs were there that the 2020 version to be held on Friday would also be successful.

The members' database continues to be updated and has greatly improved communication with the Club's membership.

Scott acknowledged the excellent support of Cricket Wellington staff including CEO Cam Mitchell and General Manager Liz Green, as well as the work done by Wanderers' Club manager Evan Gray and the Committee members.

ACCOUNTS: **Scott McHardy** spoke to these in the absence of Hon Treasurer **Murray Coppersmith** They showed a loss of just over \$12,000 after the surplus of \$21,000 the previous year.

He commented on the increase in subs over the previous year and thanked the individual donors, some of whom remain anonymous. Three well attended functions netted a profit of \$14,000.

While the Club is still in a relatively strong position with \$16,000 in the bank, future funding is likely to be more difficult in the current restricted climate.

Matt Wills from Cricket Wellington reported that playing numbers were holding and other forms of the game were being tried to help children get started. Cost was also a problem and Cricket Wellington had agreed to waive team affiliation fees for 2020/21.

The Annual Report and Accounts were accepted (Moved **Todd Foster**, seconded **Tony Cooper**).

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were **approved** (Moved Scott McHardy, seconded Matt Roche):

Gerry Morris, David Lloyd, Stu Robb, David Dick, Becs Barclay, Craig Pashby, Ricky Bartlett, Peter Holland, Chris Martin.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were nominated for the forthcoming year.

Patron: Trevor McMahon

President: Scott McHardy

Hon Treasurer: Murray Coppersmith

Auditor: No auditor had been identified at this stage. **Bryan Hall** pointed out that it was only necessary to appoint an audit reviewer rather than a formal auditor. This may require an amendment to the Club's constitution.

Hon Secretary: Todd Foster

Committee: **Nicki Cruickshank, Matt Wills, Alasdair McBeth, Willie Marshall, Matt Roche, Paul Steele** and **Bryan Hall** were all available again and were nominated as a group.

Il nominations were **approved** (Moved Scott McHardy, seconded Tony Cooper)

SUBSCRIPTIONS: The current subscription level is \$50 per adult and free for those under 23. There were considerable subs arrears and **Paul Steele** advised another reminder would go out next week. There was a discussion on the level of subscriptions for the year ahead, with some advocating for a higher sum, which would contain a donation element. **Scott McHardy** agreed to take the matter to the Committee at its first meeting in the coming weeks.

GENERAL BUSINESS: Club Manager Evan Gray advised the 2020/21 season would be Wanderers' 75th and this would be commemorated in some way. Steps were being taken and these would be announced in due course. It is possible there could be a combined event with the NZ Army, which is marking 175 years.

A breakfast was planned on the first morning of the Test against the West Indies on 11 December with a speaker to be arranged.

A cocktail party had also been proposed.

Evan advised that the Wanderers' Golf Day to be held at Shandon Golf Club on Friday 16 October is a sell-out.

Membership Issues:: There was further discussion around membership and subscriptions as members came up with ideas to help the club in the future.

Andrew Watson, Tony Hill and **Jeremy Morley** spoke on the increase of interest in playing cricket by those aged over 50 and 60 and these people are potential members. Administration at this level is not always sound and an opportunity for a closer relationship exists.

Alasdair McBeth pointed out we need to engage with those outside Wellington and Graeme Dobson agreed to talk to those he knows in Auckland and elsewhere.

It was also suggested that Wanderers charge players per game, as other such clubs do. The sum of \$10 to \$15 per player per game was mentioned. This could apply at least to the Basin Reserve and Anderson Park where ground charges are levied.

As a further fundraising point, it may be in order to provide for the purchase of a form of Wanderers' life membership for around \$1,500 or so.

It was resolved that these ideas and suggestions would be followed up by the Committee when it next meets. (Moved **Alasdair McBeth**, seconded **Scott McHardy**)

The meeting closed at 7:38 pm with most of those present staying on for dinner at the West Plaza Hotel.

Following an excellent meal Wanderers' Life Member Bryan Waddle conducted an enlightening question and answer session with Black Cap Hamish Bennett and former White Fern Liz Perry, who is now General Manager at Cricket Wellington.

OBITUARIES

RON GALL

13/4/44 - 24 /5/2021



Ronald Hutcheson Gall, 77, was born in Aberdeen in 1944, where his first job was with Inland Revenue. After transferring to Glasgow he came to New Zealand as an assisted migrant in 1966 with £15 (about \$30NZ) in his pocket. He worked for the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) in Wellington and married Gail in 1971.

He joined Vegfed as an executive officer in 1990, coming from Parliament where he was private secretary to a number of senior ministers.

Ron initially looked after Fresh Vegetables and then the Potato sector which later became Potatoes NZ, where he remained for 18 years. He also used his fantastic event management skills to manage Vegfed's Conference for many years.

Ron had an enormous capacity for work. He was passionate and enthusiastic, he was a thinker and loved to challenge the status quo.

This came into play very much on the world stage with Ron becoming a director and international advisor of the World Potato Congress (WPC).

“Ron was dedicated to the potato industry and in helping to make the WPC the world-renowned

“His passion for the industry and the humble potato was equal to, or greater than that of many growers.”

Ron had wide-ranging interests outside of work as well, becoming secretary of the Taxes Cricket Club and playing rugby for them. He also coached Taxes men's and women's basketball teams, despite having never played the game, and managed the Wellington Women's representative basketball team for a time.

He was chairman of the Onslow Cricket Club, a Trustee of the Onslow Cricket Foundation for over 30 years and saw it grow from infancy to the very healthy position it is in today. A member of the Wellington Cricket Association Management Committee for many years, he was also a Vice

President of Cricket Wellington. He was a long-time member of Wanderers Cricket Club and took a keen interest in all Wanderers activities right up to the time of his passing.

On the Riversdale Beach Golf Club he served as a committee member, handicapper, club captain and vice-president before being made a life member in 2016. He was invited to join the Eagles Golfing Society in 2007, was on its Wellington executive before serving as captain and president and was made a life member last year.

He also volunteered for 12 years as a cruise controller, helping cruise ship passengers find their way around Wellington.

He said that if he was to write his own epitaph it would be, "He did his bit".

His is survived by his wife, Gail, son and daughter in law Hamish and Rita (Portugal), daughter and son in law Andrea and Elliott (Wellington) and his grandchildren Lucas, Emily, Cameron and Mac.

ERNEST JOHN SIGLEY

9/12/31 – 25/6/21



Wellington — Plunket Shield and Technos Trophy Winners 1960-61.

From left: B. Morrison, R. Reid, R. Blair, G. McConnell, I. Mason, G. Aim, B. Sinclair, A. Preston, T. McMahon, Dempster, J. Sigley, L. Butler, P. Barton, B. Murray, J. Guy.

John Sigley as a member of the Plunket Shield Winning Side 1960-61

Christchurch Born John Sigley attended Waitaki Boys High School. Moving to Wellington after his school days he initially joined the Midland Club before transferring to the Karori Club. He was a tall off spinning all-rounder batting in the middle order. An unusual feature for a finger spinner he was missing his right index finger. That never stopped him from being a prodigious turner of the cricket ball and his club performances took him into the Wellington side where he was a member of the victorious 1960-61 Plunket Shield Winning Team.

The Beck, Cudby and Sigley families were very close and John was to marry Jude Beck sister of Wellington and New Zealand Test Player John Beck. Tall and slim he is remembered as always having a smile on his face. Unassuming and quiet but with determination he was a very popular team mate.

His working career was varied. In Wellington he was a Manager for Woolworths, on transferring to Auckland he managed a Liquor Outlet before becoming involved in Real Estate where he had an office in Epsom. In his later years Sigley and his wife Jude lived on Waiheke Island.

He is survived by his wife Jude.

WESLEY THOMAS ARMSTRONG

25/4/33 – 10/6/21

NO-NONSENSE BOSS OF THE BASIN RESERVE

BY PETER BIDWELL.



Wes Armstrong at the Basin Reserve on December 28, 1993.

It's not often that groundsmen have a public persona. Their calling tends to mean they are largely anonymous figures when sporting events occur. That summation didn't quite fit Wesley "Wes" Armstrong during his almost 23 years of graft at one of cricket's more quirky and celebrated venues, Wellington's Basin Reserve.

As head groundsman from September 1971 to March 1994, Armstrong witnessed many great days, none more so than New Zealand's first test win over England in February 1978, when the visiting team was captained by formidable Yorkshireman Geoffrey Boycott. The straight-talking Armstrong clashed with Boycott, and the groundsman made it clear that, no matter Boycott's cricketing stature, he was the boss. It was typical of Armstrong through his time at the Basin. He didn't like anyone telling him how to prepare his pitches or hindering his work.

Armstrong was seen as a bit of a character; invariably very direct with people, including journalists, leaving them in no doubt where they stood, though there was a softer side to him over a beer once he got to know you better.

One player who remembers the burly, tanned Armstrong well is former Wellington captain and New Zealand batsman John Morrison. He saw plenty of Armstrong before he finished playing in 1984.

“I liked Wes’ straightforwardness and honesty,” Morrison says. “He told it as it was. He didn’t put up with any nonsense. There were no frills. When I was Wellington captain I had lots of discussions with Wes about how the pitch might play, and I’d maybe suggest he leave a bit more grass on it or cut a bit more off. Or it might be about whether the covers should be on or off.

“I might take a dozen beer with me, but there was no manipulating him. A lot of captains tried to, not that they didn’t respect Wes. He would usually come up with pitches with pace and bounce that would be fair for both teams.”

Morrison told the story of Boycott going to Armstrong during the 1978 test, wanting some stumps. Armstrong said he did not have them, and the conversation ended abruptly. Boycott also complained about the practice pitches, and in a break in play Armstrong brought out a fork to do some repairs near the pitch, which Boycott queried. Umpire Bob Monteith needed to intervene.

Among others to praise his work were New Zealand batsman John Wright and allrounder Lance Cairns.

Wright, who made his debut in the 1978 test against England, said in 1990: “Wes is my favourite New Zealand groundsman. He’s a down-to-earth no-nonsense bloke, and he has been preparing good wickets for years.”

Among the photos he cherished displayed at his home were of him with Wright, Crowe, and Australian captain Allan Border.

Said Cairns in 1984: “Wes is the best in the country, and I put my faith in him.” Cairns said that approaching a test against England at the ground that year, there was speculation, including from the English, that after a lot of rain the pitch would be under-prepared and “my faith in Wes’ ability was justified ... with the pitch playing as well for batsmen on the third, fourth and fifth days as it had on the first”.

New Zealand played 18 tests at the Basin in his time, and remarkably they lost just once, to Pakistan in 1994. There were wins over India twice (1976 and 1981), England (1978), Sri Lanka (1983), and Australia (1990). That there were 12 draws said something about the lasting qualities of his pitches. And the Basin hosted three matches in the 1992 one-day World Cup in New Zealand and Australia, highlighted by the Black Caps beating England by seven wickets.

Other great times included New Zealanders Martin Crowe (299) and Andrew Jones (186) setting a world test record for any wicket of 467, against Sri Lanka in 1991, and the bowling of Richard Hadlee, especially his match figures of 10-100 in that 1978 win over England.

Earlier this year, Armstrong was out in the middle of the Basin with the current ground staff during a match against Bangladesh, and he was recognised by the Black Caps. It was a warm moment for him, being able to chat to them.

His four great loves were rugby, racing, beer and cricket. He was a lock for the Hutt Old Boys rugby club and his beloved Poneke, and part of a coaching group who pulled Poneke out of the doldrums in the 1960s. He was made a life member in 2001, and two years later he was the president when Poneke won Wellington's premier club competition for the Jubilee Cup at the Wellington Stadium, a very proud moment for him.

Despite that association, one of his best friends was Robbie Dougan, a stalwart of one of Poneke's biggest rivals, Petone. They were in contact every day for decades, mostly to talk about sport and racing, and at Armstrong's funeral Dougan told the story of him helping Armstrong and his family with the covers at the Basin one Christmas Day. It was blowing a bit, and a couple of family members were felled by the wildly airborne covers.

He loved his bowls too at the Newtown club, throwing himself into its activities, including helping look after the greens, and winning several titles, which resulted in a life membership.

A former Cricket Wellington chief executive, Rodney Moore, wrote an appreciation of Armstrong on his departure from the Basin, which demonstrated Armstrong's dedication. On March 30, 1994, the ground had hosted a one-day international against India, which would have been an appropriate time for him to sign off. The following day was Good Friday, and Armstrong was there one last time to help with the clean-up and mark out the field for a rugby league game three days later. He returned to working at Kilbirnie Park till the council required him to retire at 65 in 1998.

Having also lived in a house on the Basin, he would have liked it that there would be a lasting memorial to him there with the refurbished groundsmen's shed, completed in 2015, named after him, and now a heritage building.

Armstrong succumbed to melanoma skin cancer at the age of 88, perhaps not a surprise given he wore mostly singlets, T-shirts and shorts, and it was hard to recall a hat. On the day of his funeral the ground staff drove his casket around the Basin pitch block on the back of their little ute, and a sign on the scoreboard read: "RIP Wes Armstrong".

He is survived by daughters Karen, Debra and Wendy, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

JOHN RICHARD (BOGO) REID

3/6/28 – 14/10/20

A SUPERB CRICKETING ALL-ROUNDER WHO WAS THE CAPTAIN AND MAINSTAY OF THE NEW ZEALAND TEAM IN THE 1950S AND 60S

John Reid, who died aged 92, was in large part responsible for establishing New Zealand as a respected force in world cricket. A superb all-rounder who was the captain and mainstay of his national side in the 1950s and 60s, he managed through great skill and sheer force of personality not only to lead New Zealand to their first Test victory, in 1956, but to maintain his team's competitiveness at international level thereafter.

The extent of that achievement can be gauged by the fact that when Reid arrived on the world stage in 1949 many felt that New Zealand, with a population of less than two million and a largely amateur domestic set-up, hardly deserved their Test status at all.

Most of the team's players were barely up to the mark and Australia refused even to play them on an official basis.



John Reid takes strike

The only other New Zealand player of uncontroverted world standing during



John Reid Bowler

Reid's era was Bert Sutcliffe, and in 58 Tests, 34 of which he was captain, Reid often felt as if he were propping up the side. "It was hard work, you had a lot of responsibility," he said. "You knew jolly well that if you didn't get runs then nobody else would."

Runs he got; wickets and catches too. In his own words "a bit of a thumper", Reid was an aggressive, hard-hitting middle order batsman who had a good eye and was unafraid to knock the ball in the air. Muscular and well-built, he was also a brilliant fielder and a pacey seam bowler. Had he not pre-dated the onset of the limited overs game then he

would perfectly have suited that format, and may well have taken New Zealand to further heights.

Born in Auckland to Norman, a Scottish-born rugby league player, and Iris, a music teacher, Reid soon moved with his family to Wellington at an early age. As a burly, strong youngster at Hutt Valley high school he was marked out as a top-level rugby union player but developed heart problems in his late teens following two bouts of rheumatic fever. As a result he was forced to switch to cricket, at which he also excelled.



Bert Sutcliffe and John Reid

He made his first-class debut for Wellington against Canterbury in 1947 and played his first match for New Zealand in 1949, aged 20, in the third Test against England in Manchester, scoring 50 in his first innings. In his second Test, at the Oval, in which he also kept wicket, he was the top scorer with 93 in the second innings to help draw the match and the series.

In 1952 Reid spent the first of three consecutive English summers as a professional with Heywood in the Central Lancashire League, where he developed his fast-medium bowling skills. After an excellent 1953-54 tour of South Africa and some superb performances in India, where he hit two belligerent centuries, he was handed the New Zealand captaincy in early 1956, part-way through a home series against a strong West Indies side. In the fourth and final Test in Auckland – Reid's third match in charge – New Zealand had their first victory, after 26 years and 45 matches of trying. Typically, the captain produced a telling intervention, with 84 in the first innings.

Having been named a Wisden cricketer of the year in 1959, Reid also took New Zealand to their first overseas Test win, on the 1961-62 tour of South Africa, claiming victory in the third Test at Cape Town. That trip was a high water mark for the skipper, who averaged 60.66 with the bat in the five Tests and managed to secure a 2-2 series draw in large part through his own efforts.

Touted by many commentators at that stage as the best batsman in the world, Reid bludgeoned 15 sixes in an innings for Wellington against Northern Districts in 1963 – a world record that stood for 32 years – as he finished with a total of 296, his highest first class score. The same year he hit exactly 100 in the third Test against England, at Christchurch, as New Zealand were bowled out in the second innings for just 159 – the lowest all-out Test match total to include a century.

Reid's last series, the 1965 tour of England that ended in a 3-0 defeat, was immediately followed by his captaincy of a Rest of the World side in three end-of-season matches against an England XI, with Garry Sobers as his vice. That appointment was in effect a global tribute both to his personal achievements and

to the raised status of New Zealand within the game. By now troubled with knee damage, Reid decided it was a good note on which to end his first class career.

Although he retired from international cricket holding New Zealand records for the most runs, wickets and catches, Reid's Test statistics – 3,428 runs at 33.28 and 85 wickets at 33.35 – might suggest only moderate achievement. However, few cricketing experts – including Reid himself – doubted that his figures would have been far better had he played in a side that offered him more support. His first-class batting average of 41.35 and bowling average of 22.60 gave a much clearer indication of how good he really was.

After his playing days ended, Reid came back to public attention in 1969 when he featured in what is thought to be the first cricket match at the South Pole, a knockabout that was brought to a premature end when he hit a huge six into a snowdrift and the ball was lost. He was also involved in the building and running of the John Reid Squash centre in Wellington, which helped to make squash a popular sport in New Zealand, and which was sold to the New Zealand Squash Rackets Association in the late 1970s. Otherwise he was a national selector from 1975 to 1978, and in 1981 moved to be a cricket coach in South Africa (including a spell with Northern Transvaal), having maintained for many years that the apartheid-related sporting boycott of that country was ill-conceived.

He returned to New Zealand in 1992 and for nine years from 1993 was an international match referee, officiating in 50 Tests and 98 one-day internationals around the world. On retirement he was made president of New Zealand Cricket in 2003.

He was a Wanderer and played many matches at the Waikane ground including games against Stewie Dempster's School Boys XI's. He played for the Hutt Districts CC and Karori CC and his name is on the trophy played between the two clubs.

Reid was appointed OBE in 1962 and was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2014.

He married Norli Le Fevre in 1951, having first met her in 1946 when he was 18 and she was a nurse at the hospital where he was treated for rheumatic fever. She survives him, as do their son, Richard, who played one-day international cricket for New Zealand, two daughters, Alison and Ann, and his grandchildren, Oliver, Megan, Christina and Angus.

John Richard Reid, cricketer, born 3 June 1928; died 14 October 2020

Peter Mason of 'The Guardian'



John Reid the day he scored 296 v Northern Districts

THE WILLOWS LOSES ITS MARQUEE PLAYER AFTER 27 YEARS.

BY JOHN DURNING

Variously described as “a force of nature” or “the Napoleon of North Canterbury” Mike brought to all his dealings a wonderful blend of vision, charm, determination and obstinacy all the while adhering to the Christian principles of fairness and kindness.

He was, after all, a wicketkeeper, leaving the limelight to others, but quietly and skilfully directing the flow and pace of projects from behind the stumps — unnoticed, but undenied.

As Willowers, we know of the success of our piece of paradise in Loburn with its 592 matches over 27 seasons involving 370 school XIs, but what many may not realise was that Mike was aged 57 when The Willows Cricket Club was launched. He had already completed a lifetime of achievements, but cricket was in his DNA and

along with a never-ending list of projects, charities, businesses and individuals that needed nurturing, now was the time to roll the sleeves higher up the arm, not buttoned down (with cuff links of course) around the wrists.

Mike was born in Lower Hutt to Ruby and Orm Dormer to a household built on church, family, friends, being smartly dressed, and sport. Oh how the foundations determine the shape of a building.

Although living in Wellington and his father a staunch Wellington College old boy, a full house with both sets of grandparents living in the family home meant Mike went to secondary school at Nelson College as a boarder, where, unsurprisingly, he excelled. Able to work hard at his studies and even harder at his sport, he made the 1st XI as a fifth former and was captain the following year. For his seventh form year he was asked to be head prefect and captain of both the 1st XI and 1st XV, but work and family took precedence and he did not return to school for his final year.

Successfully mixing work, his accountancy studies, cricket and rugby plus a full social life, he continued to excel at cricket, twice being picked in the New Zealand Brabin Shield team (Under- 19) as part of a strong Wellington side, alongside lifetime friend and well-known journalist Spiro Zavos.

A move to Auckland proved pivotal in moulding Mike's life. The cricket continued with inclusion in the Auckland representative side, the social scene went up a notch, but most important of all, an introduction to the Fisher family, where he trained as an in-house accountant. At the behest of Lou Fisher, Mike went abroad to learn more about business. While on a stop-over in Cairo, in true Mike fashion, he met a person who in conversation gave him an introduction that led Mike to join the Electrolux company on his arrival in London. While Electrolux was not a household name at that time, Mike was soon jetting about the globe as well as all over England.

Even in these heady times, cricket remained front and centre, with an enduring highlight being part of the London New Zealand team that played the touring New Zealand side at The Oval, in 1965, and keeping wicket to the great England off-spin bowler Jim Laker, who remains the only bowler in history to take 19 wickets in a test.

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Approached by a keen buyer and with the imminent arrival of his first child, Michael sold this business and the couple moved to

Christchurch to be closer to family. This was 1977 and challenging times to be in business. With a young family to support, Mike, with his singular determination, again quickly settled into his business stride. ME Dormer Management Services was born out of opportunities to assist companies to adapt to the changing business environment. Many local companies benefited and lifelong friendships were established.

At this time his association with Independent Fisheries began and involved many business trips around the world with joint ventures and fish trading. Whether it was in Russia, Korea, Japan, China, Chile and India, they were able to achieve deals that worked for all parties. It was the Independent Fisheries way, and it was done with fairness and kindness.

Home life was as busy as work for Mike during the 1980s and into the 1990s. The same zeal that Mike invested in his school work and sport was passed to sons Peter and Ben — give everything 100%, help others, focus the weekend on sport with church and family time on Sunday.

By the end of the century, and with both sons following their separate paths of construction and study, new challenges awaited. These included a massive national fundraising campaign for the Salvation Army leading to the Brothers in Arms initiative which promoted the work of the Salvation Army in 75 secondary schools in the South Island. Because youth was always a focus for Mike the Canterbury Youth Development Programme was next on the radar. This Trust provided opportunities and support for young people and their families. Mike, from the old school, could see how the NZ Army, and its emphasis on discipline and respect, could help these young people and was instrumental in the CYDP establishing a close relationship with them and the Burnham Military Camp. Many graduates from CYDP are thankful to the programme for getting their lives back on track.

The Willows and secondary school cricket will forever be the jewel in Mike's crown. During the late 2010s and into 2020 Mike, with his never-say-die attitude, had been a constant drum in the ear of New Zealand Cricket about the need for more coaching support for secondary schools. As his innings drew to an end, New Zealand Cricket has acknowledged this omission and has indicated that it will be one of their priority areas in the ongoing development of community cricket.

The Willows has lost a marquee player, but the game is bigger than the individual and while one batsman (never a batter) heads back to the pavilion, the rest of the batting order awaits. Ben is next man in and already he is planning his

innings, having been nurtured by, and watched, the WG Grace of Loburn for so long. Winsome also has plans to further elevate The Willows experience, both, as always, supported by Peter.

In a letter to the family, Merrill J Fernando, founder and former CEO of Dilmah Tea said: “Mike’s loss to his family, relatives, friends, well- wishers and to New Zealand, will be felt for several generations. I lost my greatest friend outside Sri Lanka. May his soul rest in peace in the arms of his Maker. Such men are no more.”

Mike was a lifelong Wanderer, joining the club in the 1960’s and has been a member ever since. Some of his stories on the Wanderers away trips are legendary.

Michael, rest in peace (if that is possible) and always remember to Play in the V.

John Durning, a Willower, is a triple PR industry award winner with three decades in media and public relations.

AGM AND DINNER

Wanderers AGM and Dinner was held at the West Plaza Hotel on September 24th 2020. A good attendance of around 40 members and guests attended the evening.

Pre meeting drinks in the downstairs bar gave members the chance to reacquaint after a winter of Covid19 restrictions and it was pleasing to see so many green striped blazers out in force and the genuine pleasure on the faces of old friends meeting up again.

The formal side of the evening was as per norm



Scott McHardy and Todd Foster conducting the AGM

carried out in a very efficient manner by President Scott McHardy and Secretary Todd Foster and then it was on to the dinner and the chance to tell new and relive old stories.

This year our guests were Firebirds Captain and current New Zealand Player Hamish Bennett. He was joined by recently retired Blaze and New Zealand player and dual International (cricket and hockey) Liz Green.

Hamish was as quick to fire up with a microphone in his hand as he is with a cricket ball in the same hand. He has a great sense of humor and as he worked his way around the room no one was spared.

He was quick to remember Evan Gray no balling him first ball of the match when he was playing for Canterbury against Wellington on the Basin when his front foot landed well behind the popping crease and subsequently slid forward over the line. There was no doubting who was right on this occasion.

Liz was able to enlighten us on the challenges and pitfalls as a female playing International Sport in this day and age. It was most interesting to hear and made us realize how fortunate the male sportsmen are compared to the female. She recognized that NZC have made big strides with Central Contracts for our top players while pointing out that those at provincial level still made big sacrifices to play the game they love.

When MC Bryan Waddle pulled stumps on a most entertaining evening members and guests were left to reflect while enjoying the last few drinks.

Thanks to Hamish and Liz for taking the time to share their experiences with us.



Justin Herbert and Tony Hill seeing the fun ny side



Liz Green hitting thru the leg side

DUTCHY DU CHATEAU'S TRIBUTE TO JOHN STANDISH ON THE OCCASION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF WANDERERS CRICKET CLUB.

(TWO OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE CLUB)

But for a tragic accident some years ago these words would have been written, not by me, but by John Standish, to whom I would like to pay tribute.

At club anniversaries such as this, the question of who was the founder is almost invariably raised and my view is that, as a general rule, no one person

truly founds a club. I'm sure John would have been the first to agree that this club's formation was a combination of the ideas and efforts of a number of dedicated and hardworking cricketers in continuing on a permanent basis an already existing pattern of Sunday, and other fixtures.

I sincerely feel, however, that had it not been for the intense enthusiasm, drive and, to use a possibly harsh word, fanaticism of our first President, the club could quite easily have foundered in those early years.

My vivid recollection of John and cricket was his absolute devotion to the game, and his intentness towards everything he did, exemplified, not in his batting, nor in his rather innocuous bowling, but in that neglected part of the game, his fielding.

To see him, moustache bristling, as he tore in from the covers, quite oblivious of the hazards of an uneven field, was an unforgettable sight – and his bullet-like return over the top of the stumps was a true delight to our long succession of first class keepers.

And who amongst the earlier members will forget his passionate devotion to his long line of bull terriers, and his serene indifference to their many failings as cricket followers.

And that occasion at Silverstream College when the school's, now magnificent creeper, was in its incipient stage, and Ben, with the strength possessed only by his breed, worried it at the base until he finally took out a whole root. All who saw this sorry deed, including the rector, were horrified, but from memory, I feel John was inwardly proud of the feat.

Yes, he was a truly unforgettable and delightful character, and the club on the occasion of this 25th Anniversary, should feel deeply grateful to him.

Note: John Standish a well-known Wellington architect drowned while fishing in the Hutt River, October 1964. His waders filled with water and he was swept to his death.



Ron Hunt, Dutchy du Chateau, Peter Field, John Beck, John Standish, Diddy Knapp

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

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
INCOME			
Subscriptions		5,800	1,500
Interest		10	20
Surplus on clothing sales		0	1,022
Donations	2	12,262	5,253
Grants	1	23,800	19,500
David Grey Youth Cricket Trust		1,975	445
Surplus on club functions	3	13,269	14,054
		57,116	41,794
EXPENDITURE			
Club administrator		41,434	41,021
Gear and balls	4	3,279	2,835
Insurance		503	503
Match expenses	5	6,686	6,314
Secretarial expenses	6	1,223	3,318
		53,125	53,991
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		3,991	(12,197)

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

	Notes	2021 \$	2020 \$
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Opening Balance		37,780	49,977
Surplus		3,991	(12,197)
		41,771	37,780
REPRESENTED BY			
Current Assets			
Ball Stocks		4,442	2,712
Bank		25,654	15,933
David Grey Youth Cricket Trust		21,110	19,135
Prepayments		531	0
		51,737	37,780
Less Current Liabilities			
Grant in Advance		9,967	0
Working Capital		41,770	37,780
Net Assets		41,770	37,780

The financial statements are prepared on a GST inclusive basis.



Murray Coppersmith BCA
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 2021 financial year were as follows:

Issuer	Total Received	Period Applied		Use
		This Year	Next Year	
Infinity Foundation	2,000	2,000	0	Club Administrator
ANZ	2,300	2,300	0	Club Expenses
Four Winds Foundation	5,000	5,000	0	Balls
One Foundation	11,467	7,667	3,800	Club Administrator
NZ Community Trust	10,000	3,833	6,167	Club Administrator
Norwood Trust	3,000	3,000	0	Match Expenses
	33,767	23,800	9,967	

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

These comprised: a golf day and a test breakfasts at the Basin Reserve. Functions were very well supported.

4. Gear and Balls

This expense reflects balls used in Wanderers matches, as well as balls donated for use in college T20 matches.

5. Match Expenses

These relate primarily to school matches and are shown net of contribution from Wanderers' players. The net cost is partly funded from donations and grants.

6. Secretarial Expenses

Includes the cost of printing the Annual Report, maintenance of the website, including an online payment facility and bank fees.

7. GST Registration

The Club is not registered for GST.

THE DAVID GREY YOUTH CRICKET TRUST

In 2000 the Wanderers was bequeathed the sum of \$59,390 from the estate of long-time club stalwart, David Grey. The members of the club agreed that these funds should be kept separate from those of the club. The David Grey Youth Cricket Trust was formed to give effect to this decision and the funds from the bequest were settled into the trust.

The objects of the trust are set out in the Trust Deed. In summary, they are to provide, or assist in the organisation of providing, facilities, equipment and coaching which will enable students at schools to play cricket. These activities need to be within, or for the benefit of people within, the Wellington region.

The Trustees of the trust are appointed by the members of the Wanderers. At present, the four trustees are: Alasdair McBeth, Murray Coppersmith; Richard Allan; and Richard Dean.

The Trust is a registered charity.

The funds of the trust have been invested in low-risk, bank term deposits. Until recently, some of the income of the trust has been applied directly to the purchase of equipment, primarily cricket balls, which are provided to schools. More recently, the trust has looked to increase its reach by co-investing, alongside the Wellington Cricket Trust and the Norwood Trust, in facility improvements for the benefit of youth cricketers. Example are grants to colleges to assist with the refurbishment of practice facilities, including new artificial surfaces, bowler run-up areas and replacement of damaged wire cages

The financial statements of the trust are set out below. Key features are:

- The accumulated surplus of the trust above the original bequest is \$9,069.
- In addition, the trust holds \$21,110 of funds allocated to the club but which have yet to be distributed as grants to third parties.
- In aggregate, there is \$30,179 available for allocation to projects consistent with the objects of the trust.

The Trustees have a number of potential projects under consideration for support.

When grants are made, they are described as being from the Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club, in association with the David Grey Youth Cricket Trust.

**THE DAVID GREY YOUTH CRICKET TRUST
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH**

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Interest Income	2,041	2,011
Expenses		
Bank Fees	71	64
Grants	1,975	1,945
	<u>2,046</u>	<u>2,009</u>
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	<u>(6)</u>	<u>1</u>

**THE DAVID GREY YOUTH CRICKET TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH**

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Assets		
Bank	46,875	3,566
Term Deposits	42,000	84,000
Debtors	694	34
	<u>89,569</u>	<u>87,600</u>
Liabilities		
Wellington Wanderers Cricket Club	21,110	19,135
Net Assets	<u>68,459</u>	<u>68,465</u>
Corpus		
Opening Balance	68,465	68,463
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	(6)	1
Closing Balance	<u>68,459</u>	<u>68,465</u>

RU (RURIE TRANTON) MORGAN

(30/7/12 – 4/1/80)



Ru Morgan in his NZ Sweater

As we reflect on our first 75 years we should look back to our formation. Wanderers CC was formed just after the end of World War 11 as a way of giving back to cricket, in particular secondary schools cricket. This was to be achieved by selecting teams of current and former Test, First Class and Club players to play matches against school 1st XI's within the Wellington region.

One of our founding members was Ru Morgan. Born and bred in Wellington he was a fast scoring right-hand batsman, described as “a steady bat with wristy shots, particularly on the off side. He was also a slow medium paced bowler. Morgan played for the Wellington Club and represented Wellington during the period 1933-1941.

At the outbreak of war he joined up and was posted overseas serving in the Egyptian Campaign. He turned out for the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces Base XI while based in Egypt. Private Morgan was captured in battle while fighting in North Africa and became a POW at Stalag 8B Teschen, Germany.

He was a key member of the New Zealand Services team that toured through England in 1945 and scored two centuries. Wisden described him as “one of the best all-rounders in the side. He was also invited to play for a British Empire XI in 1945.



The Wellington Team, December 1933

Standing: C. Purdie, J. Ell, S. Ward, R. Hatch, D. Freeman, M. O'Brien,
J. Phillips (Manager), J. Lamason, K. Jamieson, E. Blundell, W. Dutton, E. Pindell, R. Morgan.
Seated:

The Wellington team during Morgan's first season



Stew Dempster behind Martin Donnelly with Ru Morgan on his left

As a member of the NZ Services Team Morgan was a standout performer. In a side containing Martin Donnelly (captain), Roger Blunt, Stew Dempster, Allan Roberts, Tom Pritchard, Ted Badcock, Iain Galloway and Ken James he was second to top run scorer with over 900 runs at an average of 35, just behind Ken James who scored 985 runs at an average of 36. With his medium pacers he took 33 wickets at 21 apiece.

He is fondly remembered as a huge part of the Wanderers in those early days. He was a builder and worked for Cubit Wells and would often be found with the likes of Ian McCarrison, Diddy Knapp, Jimmy Ell and Max Meech drinking in Barrett's Hotel.

Morgan and Knapp were responsible for the construction of the Wanderers Pavilion at Waikanae. In those early days the club didn't have much money and it was remarkable how much timber managed to fall off the back of a truck and end up at Waikanae.

He is fondly remembered by Trevor McMahon and Duncan Priest. McMahon kept to Morgan in the latter part of his club career. He remembers him as a fine all round cricketer well deserving of his place in the Wellington side. While he never played for New Zealand he was at one stage 12th man. Duncan Priest recalls him as very much the elder statesman, very encouraging to the younger players keen to pass on advice and always with a dry sense of humour

Morgan and his wife Jess lived in the central city, they had no children.

TREVOR MCMAHON AND THE SPECIAL STOPOVER FOR THE MACE TOUR AT RITA ANGUS VILLAGE

It was an emotional but thrilling day for Wanderers' Patron Trevor McMahon (91) when the Club arranged for the New Zealand Team to visit his home at Rita Angus and show The Mace to our oldest living test Cricketer.

The players were in the middle of a nationwide wide tour showing the recently won trophy to cricket fans the length and breadth of the country. However this was a more personal visit not only for Trevor but the other residents of Rita Angus.

Trevor debuted on the 1955-56 to India and Pakistan and he was able to share some of those memories with New Zealand Team members Rachin Ravindra and Luke Ronchi. In addition he was able to discuss keeping in the sub-continent with Ronchi a former New Zealand keeper. He then joined in a panel discussion as he not only recounted his experiences as a former player but also answered questions from the floor.

Among the gathered at Rita Angus was Graham Stewart a former photographer for the New Zealand Herald, and it was Graham who captured the photos of New Zealand's first test victory over the West Indies at Eden Park in 1956. Ironically McMahon was replaced in the side for that test by Sam Guillen as the New Zealand selectors looked to shore up the fragile batting line-up.

It was a pleasure to see the emotion and delight as Trevor was applauded into the Atrium at Rita Angus alongside the members of the Blackcaps team. The players and support staff were very generous with their time, they were interested in talking to the residents and that interest was reciprocated.



Luke Ronchi, Trevor McMahon, Rachin Ravindra and Willie Nicholls with The Mace



Evan Gray and Trevor McMahon with The ICC Mace

As the function was winding down, McMahon was interviewed by Willie Nicholls for the Cricket Nation website and also by our own life member Bryan Waddle for his cricket podcast.

There is no doubt that July 30th 2021 will remain a special one in the memory of New Zealand's oldest Test Cricketer and our Wanderers Patron.

TEST MATCH BREAKFAST

Our annual breakfast was held on the first morning of the New Zealand v West Indies test match in mid-December. Our guest this year was one of New Zealand's finest, former captain Daniel Vettori ONZM. Dan returned to the scene of his test debut in 1997, when as an 18 year old (Test Cap Number 200) he first made his presence felt on the international scene. It just seemed like yesterday when he captured the wicket of Nasser Hussain to get his career under way. Little did we know that he would achieve the heights that he did.

It was special for Vettori as he was able to bring his young son James to enjoy the Wanderers hospitality and the first day's play on the Basin. Dan and Bryan Waddle proved a great combination and it wasn't long before both were engaging not only with each other but with the capacity crowd in the Norwood Room.

Everyone enjoyed the occasion and left with a unique insight into what made one of our greatest players tick.

Special thanks should go to Tony Hill for arranging for Daniel and James to come to Wellington and also for Nicki Cruickshank and William and Hamish Marshall for funding the trip.



Daniel Vettori and Bryan Waddle



Daniel Vettori's last Test at Sharjah v Pakistan 2014



Daniel Vettori Test Debut



Norward Room Full for Daniel Vettori

GOLF DAY

Our annual golf day was held on a beautiful spring Friday afternoon at Shandon Golf Club. A cloudless sky, not a breath of wind meant that the record number of 35 teams all vying for the \$20,000 hole in one prize on the 18th had no excuses not to pepper the flag in search of the coveted prize.



Golf Day



Andy Wellings celebrates his hole in one

No one was successful with the big prize but former Karori all-rounder Andy Wellings 'aced' the 174m par 3 7th and won a television for his efforts.

The winning team and a most popular winner was the Old Tablelands Cricket Club from Martinborough. OTCC have been a generous supporter of Wanderers over a number of years and it was pleasing to see them come out on top.

every year and is an eagerly anticipated event on the Wanderers' calendar.

The presentation of prizes was followed by a very successful auction, including a golfing weekend in the Hawkes Bay which Mike Brodie and his team paid handsomely for. This day is growing in stature

Thanks must go to Nicki Cruickshank for her prize weekend at 305 In the Vines in the beautiful wine region of the Hawkes Bay, to Ross Bond and his staff at Shandon, Kevin Kelly and



Justin Herbert happy with his new shoes

Kirstin Phipps from Leisure Days, Gary Clarke from the Southern Cross, Cape

Kidnappers GC, Bryan Waddle, the team at Fortune Favours and committee member Matt Roche for all their help in making the day a great success.



OTCC receiving The White Rose Trophy

We look forward to this year's tournament and OTCC defending their title.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S XI MATCHES

This year because of constraints on the use of the Basin Reserve we were forced to play both matches on the same day. This meant an early start for the former Blaze XI against the Governor General's School Girls XI led by Anna Martin from Wellington Girls College. Megan Wakefield the Blaze XI skipper won the toss and batted. Well-made 50's from Nicola Bair and Andrea Stockwell meant they were able to reach 152-2 in their 20 overs. In reply the Governor General's XI could only muster 107. On this occasion the Blaze XI were superior in all departments.



School Girls' XI and Blaze XI captains Megan Wakefield and Anna Martin



GG's Matches Wanderers and Governor General's XI

impressive 50's for Wanderers. Will Stephenson with 55 and Max Sargentina with 35 both impressed for the School Boys XI.

A big part of the day is the interaction between the teams at the conclusion of both matches. It was encouraging to see both the Former Blaze XI and Wanderers XI enjoying the company of the respective schools XI's at the conclusion of play.

These games are eagerly anticipated and it is to be hoped in the coming season we will be able to host these on separate days.

Thanks must go to Cricket Wellington for allowing us to play on the Basin and the ground staff for presenting the ground in picture perfect condition.

A similar situation occurred in the Wanderers XI v Governor General's School Boys XI match. On winning the toss and batting first the Governor General's XI could only muster 142 and were dismissed in the 32nd of their allotted 40 overs.

In reply an experienced Wanderers XI reached their total in 20 overs for the loss of only 2 wickets. Richard Petrie and James Boyle both score



Wanderers v Governor Generals XI

THE WILLOWS TRIP

This year it was the Wanderers turn to send our Schools XI south to Loburn to enjoy the hospitality of The Willows CC. The touring party of 12 under the captaincy of Wellington College Head Boy Will Chandler was a representative side selected from the Colleges that Wanderers play. Seven schools were represented in the touring team. Arriving at Loburn on a brilliantly warm summer's morning we were greeted by Mike Dormer in his own inimitable style, quickly questioning each boys as to what they knew about their school history and of course Mike's pet subject "School Mottos".



Captains Will Chandler and Sam Idiens

After enjoying morning tea, former New Zealand Captain and Willower John Wright addressed both teams, extolling the virtues of cricket and the lifelong friendships that are formed. The two captains Will Chandler and Sam Idiens tossed and Wanderers won the toss and chose to bat. Warmups followed and unfortunately Will Chandler broke his thumb and was ruled out of the match.



John Wright addressing both sides

The pitch had more than a tinge of green in it, but it was hard and promised runs to those who applied themselves. Opener Jake Jonas (Rathkeale College) scored a magnificent 100. He was well supported by Oscar Jackson (Wellington College) who scored a fluent 47. Wanderers eventually made

their way to 243 all out in their 50 overs. A late order collapse meant the final total was probably 30 runs shy of a par score. Bowling for the Willows Schools XI Tyler Bruce with 3-48 and Will Anderson with 2-38 both shone.

In reply Willows got off to a flyer with a quick-fire opening stand of 80 between Sam Idiens 46 and Robbie Foulkes 42, assisted by Devon Flannery with a hard hit 50 and Toby Clements 38. However a mid-order collapse



'The Willows' Lance Ryan and John Wright with Wanderers XI coach Liam Roche

and with the Wanderers XI holding their nerve to the last ball saw the visitors come out winners by 5 runs. Bowling for Wanderers Lachie Bailey (HIBS) with 3-38, Kevin Weerasundara (Wellington College) 2-48 and Elliot Seddon (Scots College) 2-42 were outstanding under pressure.



The Willows and Wanderers XI's



Mike Dormer surveying his beloved Willows



The Picturesque Willows Setting

The hospitality of The Willows was first class, new friends were made, old friendships renewed and we look forward to hosting The Willows on The Basin Reserve next season.

Mike Dormer informed us during the day that the state of his health was terminal. Sadly for many of us this was the last time we would see Mike, as he succumbed to cancer a few weeks later.

WANDERERS CC V NEW ZEALAND ARMY

This year marked not only Wanderers CC celebrating 75 years of existence but the New Zealand Army was also celebrating their 175th Anniversary. Special thanks should go to David Boag for his help in putting us back in touch with the Army and resulting in this fantastic fixture being resurrected after many years absence.

Being an Army match there was a lot of preparation in getting the fixture off the ground. However as the day arrived and the match was played it was obvious to all the amount of work that had gone into making the day such a success.

The match was held at HIBS ground situated inside Trentham Racecourse on a fine late summer Sunday.

Army won the toss and elected to bat. Consistent batting through the order meant they posted a score of 252-5 in their 40 overs. This ended up being 30 runs too many for Wanderers who finished on 222-5 in their allotted overs. Openers Dewi Preece 48 and Tom Lancaster 60 put on 100 for the first wicket for Wanderers, but in spite of 38no by Justin Herbert and 22 by James Boyle victory was a bridge too far.

Drinks were to follow in the Officers Mess Bar and then onto a Formal Dinner in the Officers Mess itself. This really was a throwback to the days of old and was an occasion to remember for those who attended.

There is a saying that “an army



Formal Dinner Officers Mess 2



Formal Dinner Officers Mess 2



'The teams pictured together following the game.



Tom Lancaster out after a fine 60

marches on its stomach” and after a magnificent banquet, fine wines, ports and speeches one can see why. Thanks to Brigadier Hugh McAslan for his efforts in putting the match together, to Major General John Boswell for his attendance and a special thanks to NZ Army Cricket Patron John Wright for flying up from Christchurch for the match.

We look forward to a rematch next season and a chance to keep building on this relationship.



Tony Hill and Mike Sears put their feet up after fielding



Looks like the cricket was secondary



TV 1 Presenter Dewi Preece out after a fine 50 .



Major General John Boswell with John Wright, Evan Gray and the umpires following the game.

KINDRED TOURNAMENT

The third Kindred Cricket Clubs tournament was again held at Karori Park in late February with eight teams participating in a fun weekend. After being seeded at the top due to their results in the matches pre-tournament Wanderers dropped the first match of the weekend and were relegated to the Plate section.

That did not mean the occasion was any less enjoyable for the Wanderers players. Willie Marshall did a fine job in organizing this part of the season and it is to be hoped those who played will put their hands up next time. Congratulations to The Willows CC for winning the title for the third year in a row.

Special thanks to Kent Currie of Seddon CC for his organization and to John and Jess Sewell and the support staff of the Karori CC for making the weekend so enjoyable.

Wanderers CC v Clifton County CC at Clifton Te Awanga:

Wanderers 261-6 off 40 overs : Steve Mather 60, Ben Castle 53, Grant Elliott 52 no.

Clifton CC 259-10 off 40 overs.

Win to Wanderers by 2 runs.

Wanderers CC v Haberdashers CC at Greytown:

Wanderers 152-2 off 20 overs : Andrew Wilson 75no, Ben Castle 25, Jeremy Dean 47no.

Haberdashers CC 148 -6 off 20 overs :

Win to Wanderers by 4 runs.

Wanderers CC v Greytown CC at Greytown:

Greytown CC 146-7 off 20 overs :

Wanderers CC 146-6 off 20 overs : Hamish Marshall 61no, Andrew Wilson 41
Match tied.

Wanderers CC v Seddon CC at Karori Park:

Wanderers 98 all out off 15.1 overs: Ben Castle 27

Seddon CC 99- 3 off 15.5 overs

Win to Seddon CC by 7 wickets

Wanderers CC v Greytown CC at Karori Park:

Wanderers 184-2 off 20 overs: Steve Mather 99no, Brian Steele 36, Colin Owens 24no

Greytown CC 113 all out off 19 overs.

Win to Wanderers by 71 runs



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Special part of cricket Kindred

HUNT CUP TOURNAMENT

In a change from recent seasons The Hunt Cup Secondary Schools T20 tournament was held at Karori Park in late March with eight colleges participating over three days.

There was some exceptionally fine late season cricket with several very close matches and resulting upsets. St Pat's Town went onto defeat Wellington College 2nd XI in the final of the Richard Allan Challenge Plate final and in a surprise Scots College defeated Wellington College in the Hunt Cup final. Scots played exciting cricket throughout the tournament and thoroughly deserved their win.

Wellington College under Coach Matt Roche and Captain Kevin Weerasundara will represent the Wellington Region in the Gillette Cup finals tournament at Lincoln. We know they will be very tough to beat, we hope they enjoy and experience and wish them luck in their endeavors.

Thanks to College Sport and Cricket Wellington for all they did to ensure this was such a successful tournament. Karori Park with all their facilities was a superb setting for this event.

Participating Colleges: Wellington College, Wellington College 2nd XI, Scots College, Onslow College, Scots College, Rongotai College, HVHS, Newlands College.



Hunt Cup Winners Scots College. Hunt Cupm Tournament



Wellington College 2nd XI and St Pats Town



Scots v HVHS

DEVON PHILIP CONWAY

Devon Conway born and bred in Johannesburg, educated at St John's College and a member of the Old Etonians CC. From relatively humble beginnings who would have foreseen his meteoric rise to the very top of the cricket tree. However his rise to the top far from being meteoritic took him twelve years. Leaving school and working on his game quietly and efficiently getting success and failure but learning each step of the way.



Devon Conway Wellington Cricketer

His development would see him working with such top coaches as Graham Ford in the Dolphins based out of Durban and then under Jeffrey Toyana at the Highveld Lions based out of the famous New Wanderers Ground in Johannesburg. A double century for the Lions and you would've thought he was on his way.

The catalyst for him to contemplate seeking his fortune elsewhere was his non selection in the 2010 South African Team for the U19 World Cup held in New Zealand. Selected in the original squad of 20 he was to miss selection in the touring team of 16. Chosen in that side were his childhood friend Quinton de Kock, South African Captain Temba Bavuma and opening bat Dominic Hendricks.

Like many young South African Cricketers his travels were to take him to England where he was to develop his game as a pro in many different leagues as well as linking up with the Somerset County Cricket Club where he was to play 2nd XI matches. Joining Taunton Deane CC in Somerset he played alongside England slow left arm spinner Jack Leach, in Derbyshire he was pro for Matlock and Cromford Meadows CC, then onto Kearsley CC in the Bolton League before two seasons in the Norfolk League playing for Norwich CC. His developing journey finally took him to the hard school of the Lancashire League where he was to be the paid man at Nelson CC. A young cricketer certainly learns to take responsibility when he is the hired gun. Team mates and club members expect and demand performances on the field.

While his star was surely ascending he never forgot his batting coach, former South African opening batsman Jimmy Cook. Cook took the youngster under his wing and guided Conway along the way always ready with sage advice.

In 2017 his journey was to take a different path. Following on from the experiences of a former team mate Malcolm Nofal he was to come to New Zealand and link up with the Victoria University CC. Varsity stalwart James Boyle took Conway and his partner Kim Watson under his wing and helped them settle into the Kiwi way of life.



Devon Conway

Arriving in Wellington his undoubted ability with the bat soon caught the eye of not only club players but Bruce Edgar the Wellington coach. A handy keeper to boot meant that a call up for Tom Blundell to



Devon Conway white ball cricketer

the NZ Side gave an opening to Conway. He was to join the Wellington team as an overseas player. The next season he was to get offered a Wellington contract as a 'qualifying player' having stated his intention to stay in New Zealand and attempt to play for the Blackcaps.

As we are now seeing in a Covid19 world getting visas and residency sorted is no easy matter. Immigration lawyers ensured all bases were covered and with partner Kim earning a skilled migrant visa through her job in marketing

at Bayleys Commercial the pathway was somewhat smoothed. However his residency situation was sorted just days before he was offered his first New Zealand contract.

It seems Devon Conway and his New Zealand Cap were tailor made for each other. Making your international debut in your late twenties meant it was a very experienced and quite mature young man who first strapped on the pads for his adopted country. His results whether it has been in white ball ODI, T20 and now Test cricket have been nothing more than astonishing.

His initial white ball innings saw 100's and 50's flow from his bat along with Man of the Match Awards. All through this you could see a calm and thoughtful individual taking things in his stride and not getting too far ahead of himself.

The bigger prizes were just around the corner. Selected for the two test tour of England as a prelude to the World Test Cricket Final against India, Conway was to take his game to another level. Walking onto Lords as a Test debutant he was to walk off the hallowed turf with 200 to his name. He was to get 80 in the next Test, a match New Zealand would win to take the series 1-0. On to Southampton for the World Test final and another 50 helping New Zealand to an historic World Test Cricket Title. Conway was on his way. What he has achieved in three tests many cricketers never get to experience in a life time of cricket.

When talking to Conway and reflecting on how his career has taken off since he came to New Zealand, it is impossible not to like this very polite, quietly spoken person who faces his challenges head on, learns from both his failures and success alike always putting his team's performances ahead of his own.

Wellington is fortunate that he has taken to not only the cricket scene where he has been embraced by team mates and fans alike but more importantly he has become a Wellingtonian, enjoying the quaint suburbs, the vibes surrounding the coffee culture in the central city, the beaches and the walks whether it be to the Brooklyn Wind Turbine or the Makara South Coast.

He is a pleasure to watch on the field and even more so to be in his company.

Good luck Devon Conway and thank you for choosing Wellington and New Zealand.



Devon and Kim Wellingtonians

WANDERERS' COLLEGE MATCHES

Wanderers CC v Whanganui Collegiate played at Whanganui Collegiate

Whanganui Collegiate 161-9 in 40 overs: J. Clark 41, M. Hocquard 37, A. Lennox 32, J. Atkinson 2-58, M.Petrie 3-19, J. Benton 2-17

Wanderers CC 96-10 in 25.2 overs: M. Vercoe-Curtis 22, A. Lennox 5-16.

Win to Whanganui Collegiate by 65 runs.

Wanderers CC v Onslow College played at Onslow College:

Onslow College 81-10 in 25 overs: O. Fernyhough 38, R.Fouhy 2-11, J. Eaton 2-25, J. Benton 5-14.

Wanderers CC 83-0 in 14.2 overs: B. Steele 32no, C. Owens 46no.

Win to Wanderers by 10 wickets.

Wanderers CC v St Pats Town played at Kilbirnie Park:

Wanderers CC 156-10 in 32.3 overs: J. Herbert 32, H. Wells 25, H. McIntyre 3-22, H. Kidd 2-25, Yash Raj-Singh-Kaisi 2-31

St Pats Town 160-2 in 31.4 overs Yash Raj Singh-Kaisi 64no, E. Jefferson 50no,

Win to St Pats Town by 8 wickets.

Wanderers CC v Rongotai College played at Rongotai College:

Wanderers CC 241-9 in 40 overs: H. Wells 55, S.Mycock 52, A. Wanasinghe 59, J. Pilford 2-31, R. Patel 2-36

Rongotai College 105-2 G. Wells 37, A. Farve 33

Match abandoned rain.

Wanderers CC v Scots College played at Scots College.

Wanderers CC 142-10 off 37 overs: B. Cederwall 79,

Scots College 130-10 in 35 overs

Win to Wanderers by 12 runs.

Wanderers CC v HVHS played at HVHS

Wanderers CC 191-9 off 35 overs: H. Wells 43, B. Parata 44, S. Mycock 56, R. Price-Moor 25, F. McQueen 2-22, J. Kajendraseelan 4-20

HVHS 190 -10 in 39.5 overs : J. Kajendraseelan 52, E. Goddard 33, B. Randall 25, J. Leach 22, K. Price- Moor 3-40

Win to Wanderers CC by 1 run.

Wanderers CC v Newlands College played at Newlands College:

Wanderers CC 138-10 in 20 overs: H. Wells 23, Hickling 30, Toby 2-11.

Newlands College 142-4 in 18 overs. Jonny C 54no Matt N 24no.

Win to Newlands College by 8 wickets.

Wanderers CC v Wellington Collegians President's XI played at Anderson Park

Wanderers CC 168-9 in 30 overs: D. Dick 36, J. Morley 41

Wellington Collegians 169-5 in 21 overs: T. Renaldson 38, B. McDonald 31, M. Higham 23.

Win to Wellington Collegians by 5 wickets.

Wanderers CC v Wellington College Abandoned without a ball bowled.

Wanderers CC v St Pats Silverstream Cancelled.

Wanderers CC v HIBS Match Cancelled.

Wanderers CC v Rathkeale College Cancelled.

WANDERERS' CRICKET CLUB BLAZERS

Willie Marshall and the committee have worked hard over the past few months to get an alternative supplier of the distinctive Wanderers' Blazers. Willie has had a sample made up by Club Blazers in Hong Kong and as a result they will be making the next run of Blazers.

These will be made to measure at a cost of \$275.00. Payment can be made through Pay Pal direct to Club Blazers. Once they have an order for 15 blazers they will be shipped back to Wellington and distributed to members. Seddon CC in Hamilton have used the same supplier and the arrangement has worked very well.

The club would like to see many more Blazers around the Basin Reserve during Internationals and at other cricketing venues and events. We look forward to the time when the crowds are awash in a sea of green and blue stripes.

<https://www.club-blazers.com/wellington-wanderers-online-shop.html>



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Devon Conway 200 on debut at Lords



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