

**General Council Meeting  
Monday 21 March 2011**

**Meeting commenced:** 7.35 pm

**Attendees:**

M Rushton, D Bennett, B Gussey (Executive Officer), D Toose, B Wood, T Gastineau-Hills, (Kissing Point), N Tilbury, B Kimberley, M Griffin (Normanhurst-Warrawee), G Hasler, B McDonald (Life Member), J Barker (Galston-Glenorie), S Moore (Umpires), S Burrows, M Burgin (Coaches Association), C Griffin, G Findlay (Beecroft), A James OAM (Life Member), B Dewstow, J McQuilan (Umpires), S Arthur (ARL), A Aly, J Mitchell (WPHC), J Brown (ARL) and M Delgado (WPHC)

**Welcome:**

Mark Rushton welcomed all to the meeting including Life Members.

**Minutes of previous HK&HDCA General Council Meeting:**

**Motion that the Minutes of 7 March 2011 be accepted moved by Col Griffin. Seconded by Nathan Tilbury. Motion carried.**

**Business arising from previous HK&HDCA General Council Meeting:**

- Sub-committee for junior development. **Issue is ongoing but some ideas about running an extra competition to get players back to the Association. Considering a competition maybe at the U18 level. Currently canvassing the U16 managers to get their feedback.**
- Negotiate extension of tenure at Northholm. **Correspondence has been issued but no response has yet been received. Additional correspondence requesting School Council feedback is to be sent by Geoff Hasler addressed to the Schools Business Manager.**
- Issue list of unregistered players to clubs for action. **Won't be resolved for this season but the Senior Competition Committee are working on a solution for next season.**
- Representative Shield debtors 2009/2010. Issue correspondence requesting payment. **This issue will now be dealt with at the end of the season.**
- Advice of fund raising activities to Ben Gussey and Mark Rushton. **Any clubs who have not responded need to do so quickly if they wish the information to be in the Annual report.**
- Cap sizes for junior grand final winners to be advised to Ben Gussey. **Completed.**
- Greenway Park and Mt Kuringai double booking issues. **It was confirmed that correspondence had been issued to by the Executive Officer to the Senior Competition Secretary regarding the bookings. The advice unfortunately appears not to have been acted on when allocating grounds.**
- Collection of water bottles. **Will be completed next season.**
- Email regarding qualification requirements to participate in finals. **Email issued.**
- John Hayne cup. **Did not proceed due to lack of nominations and ground availability.**



- Collection of water bottles. Contact Ben Gussey to organise. **Decide to store until AGM or beginning of next season. Ben Gussey to issue email to clubs seeking input on when they would like to collect bottles.**

Mark Rushton was chasing up information in respect of ball orders. Both WPHC and Normanhurst-Warrawee presidents advised that their treasurers would be forwarding information.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **Incoming**

1. 25/2/11: Hornsby Shire Council to HK&HDCA regarding possible renaming of Waitara Oval.
2. 14/3/11: Barry McDonald regarding bowler suspension.
3. 14/3/11: Barry McDonald providing report on The Glade
4. 16/3/11: Geoff Hasler/Simon Moore player behaviour report.
5. 21/3/11: Ross Anderson to HK&HDCA letter of thanks for Ross Turner and Glen Hourigan cups.
6. 21/3/11: Michael Dolly to HK&HDCA thanking them for replacing U16 trophy and making it available for final.

#### **Actions:**

1. **Mark Rushton to issue correspondence to Hornsby Shire Council advising that the Association does not want Waitara Oval renamed.**
2. **Motion moved by Bruce Kimberley that the player behaviour report be referred to the D&D. Seconded by John McQuilan. Motion carried. It was noted that as the player was a junior they should be accompanied by an adult.**
3. **The meeting was advised that the issue of the ground damage at The Glade had already been referred to the Ku-ring-gai Council by the Executive Officer advising that the damage had not been caused by anyone in the Association.**

#### **Outgoing**

1. 9/3/11: Ben Gussey to all clubs advising of the postponement of the In2Cricket gala day.
2. 14/3/11: Ben Gussey to clubs regarding representative nomination forms.
3. 14/3/11: Ben Gussey to all clubs regarding the publication of "On the Ball" edition 4.
4. 16/3/11: Ben Gussey to Life Members and patron inviting them to the Ross Turner Cup.

#### **Financial**

1. Executive Officer invoices totaling \$1350.

### **Treasurers report:**

Payments for approval:

1. \$825 – Full Point Graphics.
2. \$110.75 – Telstra
3. \$81.25 – All Seasons trophies

**Motion to approve payments listed as well as the payment of the Executive Officer invoices in financial correspondence moved by Bruce Kimberley, seconded by Bob Dewstow. Motion carried.**



**Representative Report:**

Mark Rushton welcomed Aly Abbas to the meeting and congratulated him on work done to date. Issues reported to the meeting were:

- We now have 8 clubs represented on the representative committee.
- Trials are being conducted in April. We have received 160 nominations on line with an additional 20 via mail.
- The names of potential selectors have been provided to Mark Rushton.
- The cutoff date for nominations is 28 March.

An issue was raised regarding some U13 players being pulled from our games and playing for Northern Districts. This was seen as a concern and Mark Rushton will contact Mike Langford at Northern Districts regarding the issue.

**Juniors Report:**

The meeting was informed of the clubs that had won the grand finals being:

**Under 16 - Redfield College**

**Under 15 - Mount Colah**

**Under 14 - Normanhurst-Warrawee Red**

**Under 13 - Normanhurst-Warrawee**

**Under 12 - Redfield College**

**Under 11 - Kissing Point Red**

**Bruce Kimberley moved a motion that these teams be confirmed as premiers, Seconded by Bruce Wood.  
Motion carried**

Bruce Kimberley also advised the meeting that Berowra U13 had come first in the Kimbo cup.

It was noted that Praneeth Weerasooriya of Pennant Hills had broken the batting average record for U13s. His average for the season was 175.



**Seniors Report:**

**Draw for Senior Finals**

<b>Match</b>	<b>Ground</b>	<b>Start Times</b>
<b>A Grade (1) ARL v (2) Berowra</b>	<b>Waitara Oval</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>Colts</b>	<b>Berowra Oval</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>(1) Berowra Maroon v (2) Normanh'st/W'wee</b>	B/U Warrina St	
<b>A Reserve Grade</b>	<b>Parklands Oval</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>(2) Galston/Glenorie v (4) Berowra</b>	B/U Mt Ku Ring Gai	
<b>B Grade</b>	<b>Storey Park</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>(1) Kissing Point v (2) Berowra</b>	B/U Headen Park	
<b>B Reserve Grade</b>	<b>Kenthurst 1</b>	<b>11.00am</b>
<b>(3) Normanhurst/Warrawee v (4) St Ives</b>	B/U Kenthurst 2	
<b>C Grade</b>	<b>The Glade</b>	<b>12 NOON</b>
<b>(1) WPHC v (2) Hornsby</b>	B/U Greenway	
<b>C Reserve Grade</b>	<b>Turrumurra Oval</b>	<b>12 NOON</b>
<b>(1) WPHC Red v (2) Normanhurst/Warrawee</b>	B/U Thornleigh Oval	
<b>C3 Grade</b>	<b>Les Shore 1</b>	<b>12 NOON</b>
<b>(1) Kissing Pt v (2) Norm'hurst/Warrawee</b>		
<b>D Grade</b>	<b>Normanhurst Oval</b>	<b>12 NOON</b>
<b>(1) Normanhurst/Warrawee v (3) Kissing Pt</b>		
<b>D Reserve Grade</b>	<b>Auluba</b>	<b>12 NOON</b>
<b>(1) Kissing Point v (2) Hornsby</b>		

**Hours of Play**

<b>A – B2's (90 overs min. per day)</b>	11:00am - 1:00pm 1st Session	
	1.40pm – 3.40pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session
	4.00pm – 6.00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Session
<b>C – D2's (80 overs min. per day)</b>	12:00pm – 1.40pm	1st Session
	2.00pm – 3.40pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Session
	4.00pm – 6.00pm	3rd Session



- 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Man or Grade replacement rules apply for semi finals and finals.
- Drink breaks are to be taken regularly as agreed by captains.
- **New ball** rule is 65 overs **NOTE:** Must be new ball, a replacement used ball is no permitted.
- All games are to be played as 2 day games regardless of weather. If day 1 is washed out then day 2 is **NOT** a one day limited overs game. In the event of a drawn game, the team higher placed on the points table will be declared the winner. This also applies to a tie.
- **Unfair Play** - official umpires may apply 5 run penalties as provided for under Law 42.
- To be eligible for a final in a particular grade, players must have played **4** games (or equivalent in ½ games) for that grade or below.
- Bowlers with 12 over restrictions may bowl **14 overs per day** (2x7 maximum spells max.), bowlers with 10 over restrictions may bowl **12 overs per day** (2x6 maximum spells max.) or with 8 over restrictions, may bowl **10 overs per day** (2x5 max.spell).
- Batting restrictions remain unchanged.

Backup grounds (if required) - Matches to be played as 2 day games under conditions as instructed by umpire/s.

**Teams allocated to turf (with the exception of A grade) should ensure they have astro and turf stumps in their kits and these are taken to their ground.**

**Covers** – The clubs putting the covers down after the Christmas break remain responsible for the putting down of covers (if advised) on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> by 7.00pm and are also responsible for the removal of the covers off the square by 8.30am on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> (unless rain/ overcast when Geoff Hasler should be notified on 0412 871 816).

An issue regarding player eligibility was raised. It was determined that for this year that this was an issue for captains of opposing teams to raise if they were concerned over individual players. There is some thought being given to a rule change for next season.

**Senior Club Championship:** Due to the lack of finalising results in MyCricket by the following teams, I cannot provide you with a 100% accurate Club Championship Result for this season.

Normanhurst Colts – Rounds 3, 6,9,10 These were previously finalised but have since been reopened. An adequate response from Normanhurst is requested, NOW.

The points have, in fact, been allocated according to the results, and the Club Championship calculated and double checked by me – according to the conditions as set out in the Senior Competition Rules.

I would recommend, however, that these conditions should be re-examined as they certainly favour clubs that enter Sunday Competition teams.

I must add however, that the winning club is the same either way, but the second club differs.

**Wrongly claimed wins – Semi Finals:** The following matches were claimed as WINS by the Normanhurst teams in the semi finals and the club is requested to amend these incorrect results to DRAWN GAME immediately.

COLTS: Normanhurst 9/150 v Kenthurst (dnb)

C2 Grade: Normanhurst 3/126 v WPHC (dnb)

D Grade: Normanhurst (dnb) v Berowra 185

**Proposed Merged Competition in Season 2011/12:** A meeting of club presidents and interested Colts senior players was held on Thursday night at the ABC.

There was unanimous agreement by the end of the fruitful discussion that this proposal should progress next season, on turf and astro as necessary, for teams that must include 3 Under 23 years players of an appropriate standard to participate in this competition, which will retain its “player development” objective, to provide a transition to our A grade competition, and a solid platform for reinforcement/progression to the highest grade.

It was suggested that this be played as the SPONSORS NAME Cup/Shield.

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Clubs are on notice that this will replace the Colts Competition in Season 2011/12 if accepted by the association by a club vote.

*The minutes of the meeting are tabled.*

**Proposed Colts/A2 MEETING MINUTES - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2011 – Asquith Bowling Club – 7.30pm**

**Present;** Geoff Hasler (Chairman of meeting & SCC representative), Nathan Tilbury (Berowra & HK&HDCA VP), Greg Fiedler (Berowra), Mike Burgin (Castle Hill RSL), Keiran Canavan (Kissing Pt.), Barry McDonald (WPHC), Karl Treibe (Galston Glenorie), John Barker (Galston Glenorie), Geoff Findlay (Beecroft), Bob Dewstow (St Ives) & Scott Burrows (SCC & Hornsby District)

*Each Club Representative was asked to speak about the proposed concept & how they felt the changes may impact on their club;*

**Greg Fielder (Berowra & previously WPHC);** spoke from experience having been involved in first Colts season with WPHC & then the past 4 seasons with Berowra Colts teams.

*In the early seasons the standard was very good close to A2 grade standard. Greg thought Colts had played an important part in the development of our competitions including A grade but the standard had definitely dropped in recent seasons with the Colts team fielding the players who are the oldest always dominating.*

*It was time for a change to the competition & rejuvenation of the A2s with some youth is a good mix.*

**Berowra supports the proposal in concept.**

**Mike Burgin (Castle Hill RSL);** His Club thinks it is an excellent idea & will help them retain some of their better A2 players whilst giving an opportunity to some of the more talented kids coming through their ranks. They have good numbers of suitable U/23 players & the concept will give the Castle Hill Club a good opportunity to revive their higher grades & perhaps re-enter A grade in the near future.

**Castle Hill RSL support the proposal.**

**Bob Dewstow (St Ives);** At the St Ives Club many younger cricketers between the ages of 19 & 27 years are lost to the club & cricket. Many of these kids try out for the local Grade or Shires Clubs for a year or two because they want to play on turf at the highest level available to them. St Ives see the A2 concept an opportunity to offer these players turf in preparation to A grade & therefore be kept at the club (& in the sport) for much longer.

**St Ives supports the proposal in concept.**

**Keiran Canavan (Kissing Pt.);** Like St Ives Kissing Pt. lose many young players at around U/14s level to private schools cricket (played Saturday morning). The A2/Colts concept will offer the club an opportunity to offer these talented kids a partially turf competition to get them back when they leave school.

**Kissing Pt. support the proposal.**

**Geoff Findlay (Beecroft);** Geoff was not in favour of original Colts concept but sees this proposed development as a positive move. Suggested 5 x U/23 players. He thinks the Beecroft Club could benefit from this concept in 5 to 6 years time. This would be a great benefit in their rebuild.

**Geoff & Beecroft in favour of proposal.**

**Scott Burrows (Hornsby District);** Scott report that after internal club discussions the **Hornsby Club were in favour of the concept.**

**John Barker (Galston Glenorie);** GG had spoken about the proposal internally & were **not in favour of proposal.**

**Barry McDonald (WPHC);** After internal discussions in the club Barry WPHC Club were **in favour of concept.**

*Barry stated from umpiring in the first season of Colts he noted the standard was good as many of the players had already played some seniors & were older than many of the players today. He had the team sheets from the semi-final currently being played between Kenthurst UH & Normanhurst/Warrawee (neither club represented at meeting) & noted most of the players were only of U/16s age & the standard was not as good as previous seasons.*



**Geoff Hasler (GH)** noted a possible Junior competition of U/17s was being considered for the future which was a good thing as most kids at 16 & 17 are still at school & perhaps not ready for senior cricket.

**Geoff Findlay (GF)** noted player retention for clubs would be increased with the proposed concept.

**GH** stated the concept is designed to assist clubs such as Mt Colah, Castle Hill & GG get back into A grade as well as other clubs to retain their A grade team by retaining & developing young players to a good level of cricket.

The A2/Colts comp would be much better competition to develop the better young cricketers for Colts with the assistance of older more experienced ex-A grade cricketers.

**Kieran Canavan (KC)** stated clubs also need to take responsibility for the development of young cricketers as the Assn could not do everything. This means selecting them in appropriate grades with appropriate team mates.

**All present** stated that we need to be careful putting too many regulations on the competition in the initial season as it could exclude some clubs from fielding teams such as Kissing Pt. Castle Hill, GG etc. It was agreed that a minimum 3 x U/23 players would be manageable in the first season.

**Nathan Tilbury (NT)** suggested consideration for a sort of Colts competition for the D2 grade which could help attract & retain some of the "lesser skilled" U/16 players coming into seniors giving them a better introduction to seniors.

**Greg Fiedler (GF)** sort clarification that Colts comp as it exists today would be suspended & the A2/Colts competition would be starting in 2011/12 (next season). This was confirmed by GH & others.

The following motion was put by GF & 2<sup>nd</sup> by NT; **HK&HDCA re-badge the merged A2/Colts competitions to the "sponsors name" Cup. Teams to initially contain minimum 3 x U/23 players for the 2011/12 season. Motion was passed unanimously (even by the 2 GG members who were originally against the concept.**

### **Coaches report:**

Bruce Wood provided a report on the U/15 Ross Turner Cup (RTC) and U/13 Glenn Hourigan Cup (GHC) representative matches.

He confirmed that the Coaches' Association had taken over the responsibility for these important annual fixtures from the retiring Tom Richmond OAM, Parson & Life Member of HK&HDCA.

A new format was introduced in 2010-11 with preliminary Glen Hourigan Cup T/20 matches at Foxglove Oval on 27 February 2011 involving 48 players (4 teams of 12 boys).

The games were an outstanding success with tremendous feedback received from the players, parents, umpires and officials present. Marisa Levitt was again a very effective co-ordinator on the day.

HKHDCCA appointed 4 young coaches, Josh Miller, Daniel Anderson, Nathan Tanner & James Madden, to look after the GHC teams and they did a very good job. Each of them are impressive 16 year olds, being recent HK&HDCA Watson Shield and NDCC Green Shield players with good communication skills. They will be undertaking the Cricket Australia Level 1 coaching course this year to become formally accredited.

A panel of 5 independent selectors chose the teams for the main Ross Turner Cup and Glen Hourigan Cup matches, which were set down for Sunday, 20 March 2011 at Parklands and Bannockburn Ovals respectively.

HK&HDCA sponsor, Triforce Sports, kindly provided embroidered shirts with the HK&HDCA logo for the Ross Turner Cup and Glen Hourigan Cup players, which was a lovely gesture by Abbas Aly.

High quality souvenir programs for the Ross Turner Cup and Glen Hourigan Cup matches were produced, which were distributed to the players & officials. They can also be accessed online in the HKHDCCA folder on the home page of the HK&HDCA website.

Unfortunately both the Ross Turner Cup and Glen Hourigan Cup matches were washed out due to heavy rain on Sunday, 20 March, which was a major disappointment to the players and officials.



Col Griffin, President, Kenthurst / Upper Hills, made arrangements for Kenthurst Oval (turf) to be available for a rescheduled RTC match on Sunday, 3 April.

Les Shore 1 oval at Glenorie has been booked for the rescheduled GHC match on Sunday, 3 April.

It is very pleasing that these important matches will now be able to be played (weather permitting).

Mark Rushton congratulated the Coaches' Association (and Bruce Wood in particular) for reinvigorating the Ross Turner Cup and Glen Hourigan Cup fixtures this season.

#### **Umpires Report:**

Unfortunately, we were unable to field umpires in the D2 semi-finals due to shortage of umpires. I also had an umpire withdraw from a C3 semi-final so we were able to cover only 17 of the 20 semi-final games. It's disappointing that only 3 players came forward from the club ranks to umpire.

On a positive note, I have 20 umpires available for the finals so all grades will have 2 umpires.

The selection process was a combination of data from My Cricket as well as discussions with the 8 A grade captains.

**The umpires' appointments for the finals were announced by Simon Moore. A motion to accept the appointments was moved by Col Griffin, seconded by Bob Dewstow. Motion carried.**

As we have secured Waitara oval for the A grade final Mark Rushton will check as to who is responsible for putting down the covers.

The coins marking our 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary were given to Simon Moore to distribute to the umpires so they could be presented to the captains of the finals teams.

#### **President's Report:**

- Thanked Aly Abbas for becoming involved in the representative area.
- Advised the meeting that Life Members would be receiving the commemorative coins marking our 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Distribution of the balance of the coins is to be determined.

#### **Executive Officer's Report:**

**Newsletter** - On Friday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> last newsletter for the 2010-11 season was released. Thanks to all the contributors – Bruce Wood has been particularly tireless with his contribution to the newsletter. The feedback for this initiative has been great, including an email that I received today from Cricket NSW congratulating us for “another outstanding publication”.

There will be one more newsletter released. I would love to receive any reports and stories from the season gone and the finals to include in the newsletter by this Friday. Obviously, this will need to be completed before March 30 so any later submissions will have to be published at a later date.

**Trophies** - Unfortunately, despite narrowing down the location of the trophies, we have hit a wall with finding their exact location. The Under 16 trophy has been replaced and I received a kind letter from Michael Dolly to the Association and Mark Rushton for the efforts in having the trophy ready for their Junior Presentation Night.

The C2 and D2 trophy, whilst narrowed down, have not been located and will be replaced.

**Website / MyCricket** - I have received a large number of MyCricket requests. It takes time to go through and lock and unlock matches. So please be patient if you request a season's worth of unlocked matches.

**Post-season Work** - Typically as the season winds down, the workload greatly increases. Over the next two months we will be organising trophies, premierships caps, the Junior and Representative Presentation night, Annual Report, commence planning for next season and dealing with many other issues.





To help this process, it would be greatly appreciated if clubs could reply to requests in a timely manner – this is sometimes difficult with the re-focus towards winter sport. The immediate issue to be dealt with are Premiership Caps. Please be reminded that clubs are entitled to 12 Premiership caps, with the clubs invoiced for extra caps. Please send all sizes and designs in, as soon as possible.

**Personal Note** - As the season winds down, I would like to personally thank everyone in the Association for their assistance and time this season. Additionally, I would like to congratulate all the Junior Premiership winners, Senior competition finalists and Representative players.

I am undergoing surgery on March 30<sup>th</sup> and would like to apologise in advance for my absence afterwards. I am told that I will be back in a limited capacity working, within a week or two. Your patience in that time is appreciated.

It was noted that we are unable to go directly to Albion for our premiership caps this year but have to go through TriForce who have generously advised that they will only invoice us for the net cost.

**General Business:**

- It was noted that there are some issues with scoring at junior games. There is currently continuing work being done on an umpire development program for juniors by Geoff Hasler and Barry McDonald. They will look to include some information on scoring.
- Consideration may need to be given to running a scoring/accreditation course.
- Mark Rushton will respond to Hornsby Shire Council regarding the ground hire increases. Copies of the response are to be sent to all councilors. As part of the correspondence we will request information as to the dates of future Council meetings.
- Geoff Hasler is looking at the NSROC report. He advised that we are potentially looking at a 2 week reduction in the season. We will obviously resist this as long as possible but it is likely to eventually happen. We will be suggesting that the logical date for the season end is to match it up with the cessation of daylight saving.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.55pm

**Next Meeting:** 28 March 2011, Asquith Sports Club 7.30 pm.

**Signed:**

**Signed:**

**Mark Rushton  
President  
HK&HDCA Inc.**

**David Bennett  
Minutes Secretary  
HK&HDCA Inc.**

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**Action Items:**

<b>Action</b>	<b>By whom</b>	<b>Due</b>
Sub-committee for junior development to report to next Council meeting	Mark Rushton and Bruce Kimberley	Ongoing
Negotiate extension of tenure at Northolm. Correspondence has been issued and we are awaiting a response. Issue follow up to school business manager	Geoff Hasler	25/3/2011
Process for identifying unregistered players so appropriate action can be taken	SCC	Rule change for next season.
Representative Shield debtors 2009/2010. Issue correspondence requesting payment	Ben Gussey	End of season task
Advice of fund raising activities to Ben Gussey and Mark Rushton	All clubs	ASAP
Collection of water bottles. Balance of bottles will be collected next season.	All	Next season
Junior players being pulled from games to play with Northern Districts. Speak to Mike Langford	Mark Rushton	25/3/2011
Covers at Waitara. Who is responsible for putting down.	Mark Rushton	25/3/2011
Write to HSC regarding ground hire increases	Mark Rushton	28/3/2011
Premiership cap sizes to be sent to Ben Gussey immediately after finals concluded	Premiership teams	ASAP