



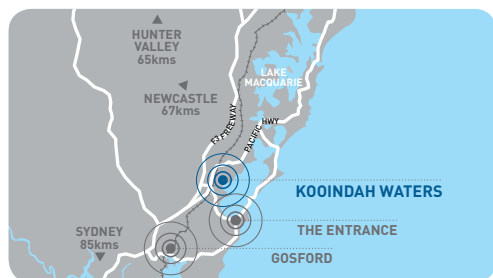


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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Welcome to the 2nd edition of On the Ball, the monthly Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association newsletter.

I would like to begin by thanking all our contributors from the first and second editions. Bruce Wood has been particularly tireless in his contributions to many sections of the newsletter.

This month we have a great contribution from NSGCA, highlighting Girls Cricket in our region. David Marsh has also given a bit of history regarding Ku-ring-gai Chase Cricket Club, who will be reigniting their club next season.

On another note, I hope everyone has had a wonderful Xmas and New Years. It's now time to cork up the champagne and get back to the serious business.

Competition will be heating up as we hit the second half of our regular Junior and Senior competitions and I wish everyone the best of luck for the remainder of the season.

Enjoy the 2nd edition and please send in contributions for our 3rd edition to executive.officer@hkhdca.com.au

Yours in cricket,

Ben Gussey
Executive Officer
HK&HDCA Inc.

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Every month our friends at Triforce Sports offer a \$100 gift voucher for the best photo entry.

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UPCOMING COACHING CLINIC

COACHING CLINIC INFORMATION

KENTHURST CLINIC (12-14 JAN) / WAITARA CLINIC (17-19 JAN)



Thanks to those who have already registered their child to attend either the **Kenthurst clinic (12-14 January)** or our **Waitara clinic (17-19 January 2011)**.

There are still plenty of places available for both clinics so please submit your registrations this week if you intend to have your child receive excellent coaching and have an enjoyable time with children their own age. Feel free to pass this invitation onto your friends and your children's team-mates. The Registration Form can be accessed via this link -

http://www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/hk_nd_coaching_clinics_jan-11.pdf

I need to confirm the number of accredited coaches for each clinic and therefore I need the likely final number of attendees within the next week or so.

Ross Turner (HKHDCCA Patron) will be the special guest at our Waitara clinic. Ross has a wealth of experience and knowledge about cricket - refer to brief summary in this article:

<http://www.hkhdca.com.au/pageitem.aspx?id=33800&id2=&eID=2921&entityID=2921>

I attended the Test at the SCG and the crowd enjoyed watching Usman Khawaja make his debut for Australia. It was only about a decade ago that he was attending junior coaching clinics in his local district in Sydney. Wouldn't it be great if one of our junior players was able to go on and represent NSW or Australia?

Please support the Association's official coaching clinics in January.

Bruce Wood
President
HKHDCCA (Coaches' Association)



IN FOCUS : INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISABILITY

HK&HDCA DISABILITY DAY RECAP

Can Do. Can't Do. Who decides?

Does your club provide sporting opportunities for people with disability?

International Day for People with Disability was held on December 3.

Why not think about how your club can provide sporting opportunities for people with disability?

Having the right policies is a good start but it's just as important to actively promote and practice inclusion at a personal level.

Michael Milton, Australia's all-time fastest skier and one of our most successful sportspeople, has one leg but it's never stopped him from participating and achieving success in many sports. He is also a Play By the Rules Champion and says:

"Sometimes the main thing preventing the inclusion of someone with disability is other people's notions of what they can and can't do. Don't assume everyone with a disability is the same: just like able-bodied people, those with a disability have varying skills and levels of ability. Ask them what they can do – they may surprise you. It may just be a matter of making some simple modifications," said Milton.

Chermside Bowls Club in Brisbane is diligent in encouraging fair and equal treatment of all visitors and members, including those with a disability. Chermside's inclusive approach as well as changes to the club's facilities – accessible restrooms, ramp entry to the clubhouse and portable ramps allowing safe access to the greens by bowlers using wheelchairs – has brought benefits over and above an increase in membership. The club is more accessible to all visitors including families with prams and is able to host state and national competitions, including the 2007 Australian Blind Bowlers Association Championships.

By doing just a few simple things your club can be more inclusive and offer sporting opportunities for people with a disability. These, in turn, could increase club membership and promote a stronger sense of community. Here are a few things you can do:

Promote fair and inclusive participation by adopting a Member Protection Policy and a Disability Inclusion Policy. Simple to use templates for both can be found in the Play by the Rules Club Toolkit. Focus on finding practical ways for people with a disability to participate at a level of their choice. Although it is not reasonable that all people with a disability must be included in all activities all of the time, look for ways to include most people and provide options.

Ask a person with a disability what they can and can't do and don't be afraid to give things a go as this is often the best way to learn.

Want to know more? Go to the Play by the Rules website to find hints, tips and information about the law or check out our interactive scenario about Disability inclusion.

<http://www.playbytherules.net.au/component/content/article/777>



FUNDRAISER IN FOCUS : KAI CONNELL

HK&HDCA FUNDRAISER WRAP

WIN GREAT PRIZES FOR A GREAT CAUSE



Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association is running a fantastic raffle in aid of Kai Connell. Kai's story is below;

At the age of 6 months we noticed that Kai was developing a curved spine. We took him to John Hunter hospital to find the problem. They found that he had Neurofibromatosis type 1 and that he had 3 ribs fused on one side of his spine. This necessitated a small fusion on the outside of this curve at 14 months at the Children's hospital at Alexandria.

Just after turning 4 Kai's curve started to get worse and it was determined that he needed more surgery. Without going into details we lost confidence in his surgeon and the system and decided to move to Holland. We had lots of support there as Kai's mum is Dutch.

Just before turning 6 Kai's spine was fused for a second time at the Wilhelmina Children's hospital in Utrecht. We stayed in Holland until we were confident the procedure had worked and return when he was 10. A little over a year ago Kai's back started to get worse again. He needed more surgery. At about nine hours into his surgery a blood vessel shut down and stopped blood flow to his spinal cord. He lost all feeling and movement to his legs. After another

four hours they had gotten some feeling back and some movement in his right leg.

That was four weeks ago. Instead of a week in hospital we are hoping that after seven or eight weeks he will be able to come home. At this stage his left leg is still very poor but we are hopeful that it will get a bit better. We know he won't come out the way he went in but any improvement is a plus. Kai is an incomplete paraplegic but we don't know what level. It started at T8 but we think it is around T12 now. He will need a wheelchair, maybe a ramp to get out back and so far we have to pay for his prosthetics. I'm not sure if there is anything else.

We will soon be passing on raffle tickets to clubs and volunteers to sell in aid of this very worthy cause. Australian player bats donated by Noel Moig Agencies and Kookaburra.

- 1st Prize Ricky Ponting Autographed Bat
- 2nd Prize Adam Gilchrist Autographed Bat
- 3rd Prize Michael Clarke Autographed Bat
- 4th Prize Phil Hughes Autographed Bat
- 5th Prize Brad Haddin Autographed Bat
- 6th Prize 2006/07 Indian Test Team Autographed Bat (donated by Bruce Wood)

Further information will be available from <http://www.hkhdca.com.au> soon.

CRICKETNSW WRAP

BREAKERS AND BLUES WIN



Lend Lease Breakers back on top

The Lend Lease Breakers moved back to the top of the Women's National Cricket League 50 over competition with a five wicket win over South Australia at the Adelaide Oval today (January 5), with re-called veteran, Michelle Goszko, and rookie opener, Kath Koschel, both playing starring roles.

Chasing South Australia's total of 8-192, NSW reached the victory target with 27 balls to spare.

There were several standout performances for the Lend Lease Breakers, including openers Kate Waetford and Kath Koschel, who laid an excellent platform for the chase with a 79 run opening stand. Waetford was the first wicket to fall, lbw for 36, while Koschel went on to make 57 in just her second game for NSW.

Read on here: <http://www.cricketnsw.com/news-display/Lend-Lease-Breakers-back-on-top/23512>

NSW win Big Bash opener

The RTA SpeedBlitz Blues clinched a 21-run victory over South Australia in their opening Big Bash match at Adelaide Oval on Wednesday night despite the efforts of Redbacks West Indies import Kieron Pollard.

The star signing entered the fray with the Redbacks languishing at 6-53 and looked to be steering the Redbacks to an unlikely win after spinner Stephen O'Keefe and skipper Stuart Clark took three wickets each to help skittle SA for 147.

The right-hander finished with a stunning 53 from 24 balls, bringing up his half century in only 22 deliveries, smashing an amazing five sixes and two boundaries.

Pollard eventually fell to Nathan Haurtiz, caught on the rope by Moises Henriques who exacted revenge after the West Indies import embarrassed him in the previous over.

Read on here: <http://www.cricketnsw.com/news-display/NSW-win-Big-Bash-opener/23496>



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FROM COACHES' ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING CLINICS AND BATTING TIPS



Photo: Former first grade Northern District player, Beck Enright, showing solid defense at the Waitara Oval nets (setting for upcoming coaching clinic).

As mentioned on page 5 of this newsletter, the HK&HDCA Coaches' Association will be conducting two junior coaching clinics in partnership with Northern District Cricket Club during the school holidays:

- Kenthurst Park – Wed. 12th, Thurs. 13th & Fri. 14th January 2011
- Waitara Oval – Mon. 17th, Tues. 18th & Wed. 19th January 2011

There are still places available at each clinic so please get your Registration Forms and payments in ASAP and invite your friends to join you at one of these special coaching clinics.

Enquiries – contact Bruce Wood (President HKHDCCA)
bruce.wood@hkhdca.com.au or Ph. 0412 688 629.

BATTING TIPS

To be successful in cricket at a young age, it's important to get the basics right. Here are some simple coaching tips to help you succeed as a batsman.

- Only call "Yes", "No" or "Wait" when running between wickets - don't say "go", "stay" or "no". Call loudly and clearly. When running 2's and 3's, communicate where necessary with your batting partner as you cross in the middle, eg. "look for 2", etc.
- In between balls, a batsman should look for the gaps in the field and not focus on the actual fielders. Looking at the gaps and not the fielders is a key to good placement. Follow through with your bat in the direction you want the ball to go.



FROM COACHES' ASSOCIATION

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Photo: Action underway at Kenthurst Oval Number 1 (setting for upcoming coaching clinic).

- Shot selection is one of the keys to being a successful batsman. To make runs and minimise your chances of getting out, always be patient - wait for the bad balls and don't pre-empt what the bowler will serve up. Maintain a positive approach and always look to rotate the strike where possible.
- Timing is more important to a batsman than brute strength and bat speed. Watch the ball right onto the bat and punch it into the gaps with firm wrists and it should go to the boundary.
- Batsmen need to relax between balls in order to keep mentally fresh and bat long innings. Switch on again and concentrate when the bowler commences his run up and really focus on the ball after it leaves his hand.
- Run the first run hard to put pressure on the fieldsmen and increase your chances of getting a 2. Slide your bat across the batting crease - there is nothing worse than getting run out when being complacent or lazy with your running.
- If you are upset about being dismissed, put it in perspective – it's just a game. Encourage your team-mates and look forward to the next time you get to bat.



AROUND THE CLUBS : KU-RING-GAI CHASE

HK&HDCA CLUB WRAP

A SHORT HISTORY



The Ku-ring-gai Chase Cricket Club (KCCC) was formed in 2005 by a group of mates who had played cricket together at school and after a few years out of the game were keen to get back into it. The main objective of the Club was for this group of mates to play competitive cricket in an enjoyable environment without taking things too seriously.

The new club affiliated with the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association (HK&HDCA) and entered a C2 team for season 2005/06. The following season the club added a second team, who had attended the same school as "the originals". They were an excellent fit to the club having the same values having the enjoyment of playing cricket with mates as the number one priority. Both teams faired very well in the 06/07 season with the B2s finishing the regular competition 3rd and the C2 team taking out the minor premiership. However, both teams were knocked out in their respective semi finals.

In the 2007/08 Season, the club split after there was a risk of the Association regrading the good players together in one team and the fringe players in another. The "originals" formed a new club called Pymble CC and the Ku-ring-gai Chase club was back down to one team again. Both teams played in the C1 competition with Ku-ring-gai Chase finishing 2nd and Pymble 7th. Once again the semi final proved too big a hurdle for the Ku-ring-gai team and their season ended one week prior to the decider.

2008/09 proved a break-through season for both teams with Pymble finishing 2nd & Ku-ring-gai once again took out their minor premiership. This time, lessons had been learnt. Both teams progressed to their finals and went on to win the deciders in very convincing fashion.

In 2010/11, both clubs once again intended to field teams, however, as the season drew closer it became apparent both teams would struggle for numbers. While some players joined other clubs, most took the opportunity to take a season off and refresh. There were, however, enough numbers to enter the pre season T20 Competition, in which they progressed undefeated to the B Grade Final, and were crowned joint Premiers.

In Season 2011/12, Pymble and Ku-ring-gai Chase will join forces once again. Rebranded as Ku-ring-gai District Cricket Club, the boys are aiming to field 3 teams in the Senior Competition, making them eligible to accrue Club Championship points. With a new name, new colours and a new enthusiasm, Ku-ring-gai District CC aim to foster a winning environment based on camaraderie and a pure love for the game!

Watch this space!

CLUB RECORDS

Highest Score – Pete Crawford 170 vs. Normanhurst C2 Grade, 2006/07
Best Bowling (Innings) – Petri Mah Chut 7/25 vs WPHC C2 Grade, 2006/07
Best Bowling (Match) – Paul Fenn 8/32 vs Berowra B1 Grade, 2009/10
Highest Team Score – 399 vs. Berowra C1 Grade, 2008/09
Most Runs in a Season – Pete Gilmour 646 runs C2 Grade 2006/07
Most Wickets in a Season – Jai Menon 44 wickets C2 Grade 2005/06



PLAYER HIGHLIGHT : BEN PHILLIPS

HK&HDCA FOCUS ON **OUTSTANDING PLAYERS**

BEN PHILLIPS POWERS NORMANHURST-WARRAWEE



Northern District Grade player, HK&HDCA Watson Shield batsman and Normanhurst-Warrawee player Ben Phillips (bowler, in the photo above) is the focus for this newsletter highlight.

In the final home-and-away match for 2009-10, Ben scored 93 in his team's total of 6/173 from 32 overs. Not only did Ben's innings assure the U/16 side of its spot in last season's semi-finals, but it pushed Ben's aggregate runs for season 2009/10 past the 1,000 mark (the only player in HK&HDCA to have reached this milestone in 2009-10).

For his U/16 side, Ben scored 483 runs at an average of 80.5, including 2 centuries and 2 half-centuries.

In the seniors, Ben played for 3 different teams (Colts, C grade and C3 grade) amassing 580 runs, including 3 centuries and one half-century.

In total, Ben scored 1063 runs in 2009/10 at an average of 70.9, including 5 centuries ... 105*, 125, 139, 142* and 152.

This is a magnificent milestone and testimony to the skill and batting calibre of this talented batsman. Ben's representative honours in 2009/10 included the HK&HDCA U/15 Weblin Shield side; Western Suburbs Green Shield team, and Cricket NSW Emerging Blues.

So far in 2010-11 Ben Phillips has amassed 231 runs at 57.8 in Watson Shield (Under 16 Representative Cricket), placing him 4th in aggregate in the Watson Shield competition.

Ben has also been selected in Northern District's Green Shield side and is currently playing 4th and 5th Grade. At the time of writing, Ben has just notched up a fifty against North Sydney in Green Shield.

Ben is a player to look out for in the future and we wish him the best of luck.

NORTHERN KNIGHTS

HK&HDCA REPRESENTATIVE WRAP

WEBLIN SHIELD GO ALL THE WAY



I am delighted to report that our Weblin Shield team won the NSWDCA U/15 premiership by defeating Illawarra in the Final at North Dalton Park on Sunday, 12 December 2010.

This is a brilliant achievement in a very tough competition and is only the third time that HK&HDCA has won the Weblin Shield.

The win was a terrific team effort, however the stand-out player for the Northern Knights was James Shepherd, who took 3/20 off 12 overs and scored 54 not out in a great partnership with Brodie de Kauwe, who made 41 not out.

Illawarra batted first and were dismissed for just 133 runs in the 48th over, with the wickets being shared by the well-balanced Hornsby attack. In reply, HK&HDCA were made to work extremely hard for runs against a strong Illawarra bowling attack and reached the target in the 48th over (out of 60) to win by 7 wickets.

The scorecard is at this link:

<http://nswdca.nsw.cricket.com.au/showrvcontent.aspx?locx=MATCH&matchID=974396&loc=/cricket/reports/match.asp&loc1/match.asp>

Congratulations to the team, led by Connor Jackson (Captain) and Mike Burgin (Coach).

NORTHERN KNIGHTS

HK&HDCA REPRESENTATIVE WRAP

TELEGRAPH SHIELD SIDE DOMINATE



With two premierships and four grand final appearances since 2004, it is with little wonder why we go in to the Telegraph Shield competition with confidence. A prevalence of in-form Under 23 players in A Grade and A-Reserves in the last few seasons has continued to strengthen our squad.

Players this season include captain Steven Smith (captain of A Grade Normanhurst-Warrawee), Vice-Captain Justin Epthorp (424 runs in A-Reserves for Galston-Glenorie after 8 rounds), Nick Bennett (WPH-C in-form A Grade batsman), Sol Tomlinson, Tom Cole, Michael Brown (all Normanhurst-Warrawee A Grade), Rob Waight, Alec Southam, Michael Cooke (all Hornsby District A Grade), James Gunther (Berowra A Grade bowler) Eddie Sharma (CHRS� A-Reserve bowler), Karl Triebe, (Galston-Glenorie A-Reserve bowler).

After underperforming last season and a washout against Hawkesbury in Round 1, our Telegraph Shield side has come out firing in their Round 2 and 3 encounters.

In the 2nd round, they again played a rain-affected match against Georges River St George. Bowling first, Eddie Sharma and Michael Brown took 2-each, with Sol Tomlinson the main destroyer. His spell of 15 overs, 4 wickets for just 29 runs had the Georges River side knocked over for just 121.

Coming out to bat, with poor weather incoming, the Knights were steady in pursuit. An excellent 41* by Michael Cooke, with able support from Sol Tomlinson (26) and Steve Smith (21*) saw the team at 1 for 97 when rain stopped play. By virtue of a superior run-rate, the Knights took a dominant victory.

In the 2nd match-up, the Knights were up against Bankstown in Bankstown. Again, bowling first, the Knights restricted Bankstown to 173. Karl Triebe was superb opening the bowling with 2 for 15 off 11 overs. James Gunther also opened with great aplomb and along with Michael Brown, both chipped in with two wickets. Sol Tomlinson was again the top wicket taker with 3 for 53 off 12 overs.

171 would be a tricky target for any other side but the Knights prevailed comfortably, going past easily. Steve Smith produced a captain's knock with 66* and was ably supported by Nick Bennett (31) and Alec Southam (21*). Our side finished 4/174 with 20 overs to spare!



SENIOR COMPETITION

HK&HDCA SENIOR CRICKET WRAP

COMPETITION WRAP



COMPETITION LEADER

A GRADE
39 ASQUITH RUGBY LEAGUE

COLTS
34 BEROWRA MAROON

A RESERVE
32 NORMANHURST-WARRAWEE

B GRADE
43 BEROWRA

B RESERVE
37 BEROWRA

C GRADE
47 WPHCCC

C RESERVE
38 WPHCCC RED

C3 GRADE
47 NORMANHURST-WARRAWEE

D GRADE
56 NORMANHURST-WARRAWEE

D RESERVE
43 KISSING POINT

SUNDAY ONE-DAY COMPETITION
BEROWRA MAROON 56

BATTING LEADERS

A GRADE
326 RUNS AT 65.20
BEN FOLKARD (ARL)

COLTS
337 RUNS AT 56.17
RAJIV CHANDRASENA (N-W)

A RESERVE
385 RUNS AT 42.78
JUSTIN EPTHORP (GALSTON-GLENORIE)

B GRADE
310 RUNS AT 62.00
RICHARD KING (BEROWRA)

B RESERVE
306 RUNS AT 51.00
BEN SMITH (BEECROFT)

C GRADE
386 RUNS AT 42.89
ANDREW MILLS (WPHCCC)

C RESERVE
258 RUNS AT 51.60
ABHISHEK RAO (NORMANHURST-WARRAWEE)

C3 GRADE
270 RUNS AT 45.00
GLENN O'CONNOR (WPHCCC)

D GRADE
378 RUNS AT 63.00
DANIEL MAHAFFEY (HORNSBY DISTRICT)

D RESERVE
240 RUNS AT 34.29
WILLIAM WHITE (ST IVES)

BOWLING LEADERS

A GRADE
21 WICKETS AT 10.00
TIM DUDLEY (HORNSBY DISTRICT)

COLTS
15 WICKETS AT 17.60
LACHLAN SCHACT (KENTHURST UPPER HILLS)

A RESERVE
25 WICKETS AT 9.40
SUNIL NAIDU (BLADE RUNNERS)

B GRADE
17 WICKETS AT 8.76
NITIN SINGH (SYDNEY LIONS)

B RESERVE
14 WICKETS AT 14.07
DANIEL MOSS (KENTHURST UPPER HILLS)

C GRADE
18 WICKETS AT 15.67
ANDREW WATT (WPHCCC)

C RESERVE
24 WICKETS AT 4.79
CHAVI DISSANAYAKE (N-W)

C3 GRADE
19 WICKETS AT 8.42
KARL DAVIES (N-W)

D GRADE
21 WICKETS AT 9.95
BERNIE RORKE (BEROWRA)

D RESERVE
20 WICKETS AT 7.20
NIRANJAN SUNDARARAJ (WPHCCC)



JUNIOR COMPETITION

HK&HDCA JUNIOR CRICKET WRAP

COMPETITION WRAP



COMPETITION LEADERS

Under 16

39 BEROWRA

Under 15

42 MOUNT COLAH

Under 14

44 NORMANHURST-WARRAWEE RED

Under 13

48 NORMANHURST-WARRAWEE

Under 12

43 PENNANT HILLS

Under 11

43 NORMANHURST-WARRAWEE RED

BATTING LEADERS

Under 16

550 RUNS AT 183.33
DANIEL ANDERSON
WPHCCC

Under 15

367 RUNS AT 61.17
DANIEL NICOTRA
NORMANHURST-WARRAWEE

Under 14

289 RUNS AT 48.17
ADITYA RAMAKRISHNAN
WPHCCC

Under 13

389 RUNS AT 194.50
PRANEETH WEERASOORIYA
PENNANT HILLS

Under 12

292 RUNS AT 73.00
NICHOLAS DOLLY
REDFIELD COLLEGE

Under 11

218 RUNS AT 72.67
JOSHUA HAYES
NORMANHURST-WARRAWEE

BOWLING LEADERS

Under 16

16 WICKETS AT 15.94
DANIEL JUNKKARI
CASTLE HILL RSL

Under 15

28 WICKETS AT 7.75
AARON SALDANHA
PENNANT HILLS

Under 14

14 WICKETS AT 7.14
AARON GARDONI
CASTLE HILL RSL

Under 13

15 WICKETS AT 5.07
ANTHONY JOHNSTON
NORMANHURST-WARRAWEE

Under 12

17 WICKETS AT 2.65
ANDREW HARVEY
PENNANT HILLS

Under 11

14 WICKETS AT 5.00
MARTIN HOPKINS
KISISNG POINT

GIRLS CRICKET WRAP**INTRODUCTION TO NSGCA**

The NSGCA was formed in 2001 and is an all-girls junior cricket competition in the Northern Sydney region. It is currently only one of two associations in Sydney of its kind. Gordon District CC, St Ives, Hornsby, Castle Hill RSL, West Ryde Rovers and West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook are currently involved in the competition, with many other HK&HDCA clubs having had involvement in the association over the past nine years.

After having a very wet start to the season, the NSGCA has had a successful first half, with some excellent displays of bowling, batting and fielding on offer and good demonstrations of sportsmanship. The current competition is split into two divisions (Cup and Shield), which are based on age and skill level, and, with a total of 88 girls playing, there is a nice mixture of both experienced veterans and new players who are trying cricket for the first time. What is most pleasing is seeing the newer players being encouraged on and off the field and being offered tips on how to improve their technique by the older girls.

WPHCCC Red and St Gordon are at the top of the Shield Competition, with Castle Hill RSL, Hornsby and WPHCCC Blue not too far behind. St Gordon Red are dominating the Cup Competition, just ahead of West Ryde, St Gordon Blue and WPH/Hornsby. We wish all the teams success for the second half of what has so far been a very enjoyable season.

The NSGCA is also participating in the annual Representative Carnival in January, with one u13s and one u15s team. Having seen the teams train, they look to be a very promising group of girls who have good technique, so the NSGCA has no doubt about the ability of the players to do very well in the carnival. We wish them all the best and hope that they not only improve their technique and skill, but also have fun while they are doing it.

**GIRLS CRICKET WRAP****CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE**

Throughout this season the NSGCA has been very active in raising its profile by a number of different means. In November, we began publishing an e-newsletter which is available online at <http://nsgca.nsw.cricket.com.au/content.aspx?file=12811|26825c> and we have been actively seeking sponsorship with businesses that may be willing to support the growth and development of girl's cricket in the Northern Sydney region. We are also proud to announce that previous test opening batsman, Doug Walters, and Mrs Judy Hopwood MP (member for Hornsby) are now patrons of the NSGCA, and both have expressed interest in participating in our events.

On 17th October 2010, the NSGCA held its annual gala day at Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights. The girls who attended played round-robin cricket games and had access to the bowling machine kindly lent to us by Hornsby District CC. We raised over \$200 for the McGrath Foundation, which was an excellent effort for a very worthy cause. The gala day received a solid amount of publicity both before and after the event, with a total of three newspaper articles written about it. My aim, and the aim of the committee, is to generate a similar amount of publicity for the NSGCA finals, which will be held in early March. For more information on the venue, date and time of the finals, please check the NSGCA website closer to the time at <http://nsgca.nsw.cricket.com.au/>

I have been busy expanding the NSGCA website in conjunction with Bryce Thompson (website coordinator) so as to assist players, team managers, coaches, umpires and prospective clubs and players. I have also put up a website survey, which anyone who is browsing the website can complete. We would love to hear feedback about our site, so visit <http://nsgca.nsw.cricket.com.au/>, scroll over 'Take the NSGCA Survey,' and click on 'Website survey.'

Statistically, it is evident that clubs are more likely to retain female players if they offer them cricket in an all-girls competition. Whilst some girls enjoy the challenge of playing alongside boys, most females by the age of 14 or 15 are more likely to lose interest in the game if they are forced to play with males of the same age in a far more competitive environment. It is for this reason that I try to encourage as many clubs as possible to form an all-girls team for our competition, as few girls by their own admission will go out of their way to play cricket in an environment that is not conducive to their needs.

We contacted a number of clubs in the off-season to determine if they had the capacity to put forward an all-girls team. Whilst many of the clubs expressed interest, most needed more time to form a team, or wanted to give the girls some cricket experience before they entered our competition. At the moment, it looks as though Berowra, Normanhurst-Warrawee and Pennant Hills may potentially join our association next season, which would be an excellent addition to the competition.

If your club is interested in pursuing girl's cricket as a serious initiative, please don't hesitate to contact me on nsgcacricket@gmail.com or visit <http://nsgca.nsw.cricket.com.au/content.aspx?file=12811|26899z> for more information on how the NSGCA can assist prospective clubs. As mentioned on the website, I have formed a guide solely for prospective clubs which includes some tips on how to market to, and subsequently retain, female players.

On behalf of the NSGCA, I would like to wish everyone at HK&HDCA a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

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BLOWFLY CRICKET

HK&HDCA BLOWFLY WRAP

BLOWFLY CRICKET TAKES A HOLIDAY



Blowfly Cricket is a modified form of the game which is designed for youngsters with special needs. It provides the opportunity for these children to participate in cricket, learn skills and have fun with friends of a similar age.

Blowfly Cricket has finished up for a well earned break and will be re-commencing on January 29th.

Details as per below;

Location: Claude Cameron Reserve Westbrook Reserve, Wahroonga.

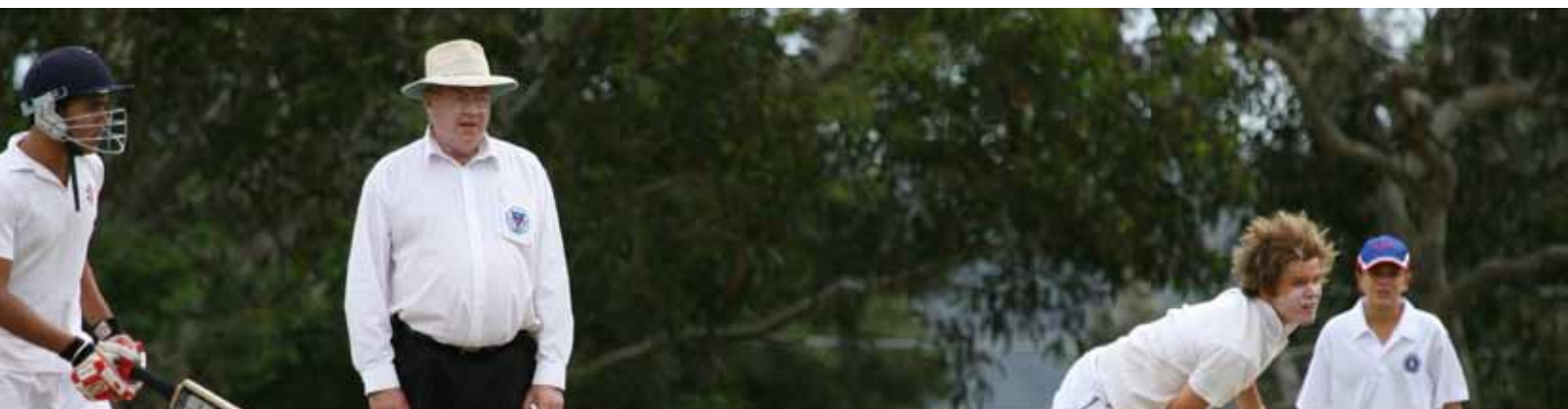
Cost: \$60 for the season but free to try, come along and have a look.

Dress: For the weather (nothing needed except the usual e.g. sunscreen)

SEASON CALENDAR -
START: 1pm. FINISH: 2.15pm.

January 29.
February 5, 12, 19, 26.

CHANGES IN 2010 EDITION OF THE MCC LAWS OF CRICKET



Laws 3.8 & 3.9 relate to the umpires suspending play as a result of the fitness of the ground, weather or light. Umpires will now be the sole judges and will suspend play when they consider it to be unreasonable or dangerous, particularly if there is risk, either actual or foreseeable, to the safety of any player or umpire. Accordingly, the umpires will no longer "offer the light" to the batting side. In our Association games with no official umpire present, the decision is obviously in the hands of the captains, and it should be remembered that, in exercising this responsibility, their first and foremost priority **MUST** be the safety and welfare of the players, **NOT** the state of the game.

Laws 12.4 & 12.5 request that the toss should be done on the field of play in the presence of the official umpire if there is one, and the winning captain must now advise his decision to bat or bowl immediately.

Law 17 concerns practice on the field, but as this is already fully covered in our local playing rules, this MCC law will **NOT** apply to our Association matches. However, for those involved in representative matches, it would be wise to check beforehand as to the rules pertaining to those matches.

Law 19.4 (Ball beyond the boundary) now requires a fieldsman's first contact with the ball must be when some part of his person is grounded within the boundary or, if he is airborne, his final contact with the ground **BEFORE** touching the ball was within the boundary. This disallows a fieldsman, seeing the ball flying over his head and over the boundary from retreating beyond the boundary and then jumping up to parry the ball back into the field of play.

Law 24(b) reads "the bowler's front foot must land with some part of the foot, whether grounded or raised on the same side of the imaginary line joining the two middle stumps as the return crease appertaining to his stated mode of delivery and behind the popping crease." This new law continues to allow the bowler's front foot to land outside the return crease, but still with some part behind the popping crease extension, and still be a fair delivery.

To continue reading please visit the URL below;

<http://www.hkhdca.com.au/pageitem.aspx?id=34829&id2=&eID=2921&entityID=2921>



NORTHERN DISTRICT C.C.

NDCC WRAP

NORTHERN DISTRICT v HAWKESBURY



This is the final edition for 2010. Hope Mr S Claus performs as you would have hoped. We will return at the end of the first round in the New Year (next edition about 18 January). Be nice to your in-laws on Christmas Day – you don't want to do anything to affect that inheritance. May 2011 be the year when Philip Hughes recalls the "back and across" mantra, someone tells him that the "across" bit is to the off stump, our own Hoges wears some green and gold, we get to watch Macca on the big screen and Magic learns that a BBQ is a place of peace and harmony and not a temple to the extinction of the pig race.

Boxing Day test? Depends which of our bowling team turns up. Good place for a leftie ortho to make a debut in front of 90,000 crazy Victorians. Feel the heat!

FIRST GRADE

First the long drive. Past the most feared pub in Sydney and then to be inserted.

Early problems at 3 for 31 and that included a golden one for CP Witt. The Mac Attack was our rock with 39 and aided the recovery with AB (38). Never under- estimate the value of Brains coming in at 8 and always entertaining – this time with 28 off 33 balls. The D. Lo did his bit and our 174 wasn't all that bad on a slowish outfield and a wicket that we could do things on. We were confident!

They never really got into it. Our biggest scare might have been towards the end. 2 for Macca, 1 for Conway Twitty and 3 for AB. But the stand out was Sir John – 10 overs, 3 maidens, 4 for 15 – including 2 wides! Useful, you might say. Important wickets at important times. The man is on the move.

To read Blackmail - Edition 9 please follow below link;

<http://www.northerndistrictcricket.com.au/files/268/files/miscellaneous/2010-11/Blackmail%2010%20101222.pdf>

GREEN SHIELD

GREENIES WRAP

GREEN SHIELD COMPETITION UNDERWAY



Photo : Northern District CC Green Shield team in 2009-10.

A W Green Shield is the premier junior cricket competition in Australia and is played by all 20 Sydney Grade Clubs. It is considered the toughest and most competitive Under 16 competition in the world and is the stepping stone for juniors coming into the grade ranks. Greenies as it is more commonly known, consists of 7 preliminary rounds, qualifying finals, semi-finals and a Final. Many of NSW's top cricketers have come through this prestigious competition.

Although the majority of local rep. players play for Northern District CC, one of the strengths of the Green Shield competition is that players can be selected in any team across Sydney - there are no geographical boundaries or requirements to play junior cricket in that district. This leads to a greater spread of talent and a highly competitive competition.

HK&HDCA players feature heavily in many Green Shield teams each year. In the 2010-11 competition which is currently being played, no fewer than 23 players have been selected in the various teams, as follows:

Northern District - Daniel Anderson (c), Luke Thorburn, Lachlan Vile, Nathan Tanner, Bhavya Nanda, Ben Phillips, James Madden, Brad Fiedler, Hayden Witts, Marcus Creais

Gordon - Connor Jackson, Thomas Lee,

Mosman - Sid Shankar, Indika Dissanayake, Sid Sethi

North Sydney - Alex Luan, Daniel Nicotra, Josh Mathias, Lachlan Schacht, Shanik Lokuge, Jack Miller

Parramatta - James Partridge

Western Suburbs - James Shepherd

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