

**HEATHCOTE CRICKET CLUB**

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Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting at the Heathcote Cricket Club (inc) to be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2006 at 7.30pm at the Heathcote Cricket Club.

Officers of the Heathcote Cricket Club (Inc) for the 2005/2006 were:

**Patron:** Dave Collier  
**President:** Ken Lomax  
**Club Captain:** Alf Smit  
**Secretary:** Ed Lester  
**Treasurer:** Nigel Georgieff  
**Clubroom Manager:** Jodie Cartwright  
**Auditor:** Phil Harris  
**Committee:** Mike Pannell, Chris Thixton, Darren Te Keoti, Nanette Dickey, Sean Coster, Roger Georgieff, Bette Corliss

**Life Members:** Dave Collier  
Bert Thompson  
Bevan Murray  
John Bate  
Darryl Moody  
Roger Georgieff  
Nigel Georgieff

**Vice Presidents:** Ian Cartwright  
Kit Chambers  
Brian Morgan  
Paul Corliss  
Grant Eastlake  
Chris Dockrill

### Agenda:

1. Roll Call
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting
4. Reading/Adoption – Annual Report 2005/2006
5. Reading/Adoption – Financial Statement for year ending June 30 2006
6. Election of officers for 2006/2007 season
7. General Business

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2005/06 season was my first in the role of President. It proved to be an interesting, challenging, but ultimately rewarding season. Off the field things ran relatively smoothly largely due to a dedicated team of people doing all those voluntary, unseen and often thankless tasks that are necessary in the running of a great cricket club, such as ours.

I will leave Alf Smit in his Club Captain's Report to summarise the on field season, but I would just like to make mention of two teams. The Senior A team, the flagship team of the club, had a difficult start to the season, but the fact that they recovered in the second half of the season to reach the one day final and climb out of relegation danger in the two day competition is to their credit. I am sure they will be able to build on those successes in the coming season. It was also extremely pleasing to see the Women's team having their first wins in their reincarnated form. Ably and enthusiastically led by Laura Fisher, they added colour and vibrancy to the clubrooms especially when those wins were being celebrated. I would also like to congratulate each and every player from all the teams, whether regular or fill-in, for the contribution they made to the on the field performances of Heathcote Cricket Club during 2005/06.

There are some major thank yous due to those committed volunteers in positions of responsibility within the club whose hard work and dedication I mentioned earlier. At the start of the season the Club Captain's job is the most difficult in the club. Squads have to be chosen, and teams entered in to appropriate grades and pleasing everybody is impossible. It doesn't actually get much easier as the season progresses with player unavailability often making the task of making sure each team has eleven players a nightmare. The fact that Alf Smit did such a good job, despite some trying times during the season, is a credit to him. Thanks Alf.

The deserved winner of The Heathcote County Councillors Cup for outstanding off the field service to the club, as voted on by the members, was Roger Georgieff. Roger maintains and prepares the wicket block at Heathcote, he was Deputy Club Captain assisting Alf when necessary, and in the second half of the season took on the role of Senior A team manager to be of help to Chris and his team. Definitely an outstanding contribution. There is an awful lot of work involved in wicket preparation at both Heathcote and Hillsborough. At the latter the majority of the work was undertaken by a wonderful clubman Matt Rennie. Thanks Boots.

In his capacity as Club Treasurer Nigel Georgieff has yet again contributed hugely to the club by sourcing as many funding grants as he can possibly lay his hands on. We can all be grateful to Nigel that we have been able to keep internal fundraising events to a minimum in recent years. In addition Nigel has served the club as Junior cricket co-ordinator, looking after five junior teams. He has been assisted by the other individual team managers - Phil Harris, Rob & Anita Armstrong, Dave Stanley, and Tony McKenzie.

Ed Lester volunteered to take on the role of Secretary this year. Ed, often with the help of Ruth I'm sure, has done a great job in the usual secretarial duties, but where he has excelled, I think we'll all agree, is in the creation of our website ([www.heathcote.co.nz](http://www.heathcote.co.nz)). An extremely professional site that will do nothing but good for the club, particularly in the area of recruitment. It is up to all of us to assist Ed in the updating of this site, by e-mailing him news items, photos, statistics etc ([ed@calmer.co.nz](mailto:ed@calmer.co.nz)). Ed has also volunteered to create a strategic plan for the club which we have been working on over winter. The plan will help us to focus on where we are going as a club and how we're going to get there.

The clubroom manager role was again superbly undertaken by Jodie Cartwright. It is another of those jobs where most of work being done is unseen. Jodie has indicated her wish to relinquish the job for the coming season. Thanks for all the hard work Jodie.

I would also like to thank the other members of the committee; Mike Pannell, Chris Thixton, Darren Te Koeti (Chopper), Nanette Dickey, Bette Corliss and Sean Coster. All of them contributed in many different ways to the smooth running of the club. Mike Pannell was the social co-ordinator. He was solely responsible for organising a very successful and enjoyable golf tournament, and as usual was always willing to give freely of his time & equipment at social events. In addition thanks to our auditor and club stalwart Phil Harris and the Vice Presidents, Paul Corliss, Grant Eastlake, Chris Dockrill, Ian Cartwright, Kit Chambers and Brian Morgan, particularly those of them who took a turn or two on the bar roster and undertook other jobs around the club.

Well, the highlights of the season for me, in no particular order, were as follows:-

- The large Heathcote contingent in the crowd at the one day final at Sumner supporting our team.
- The labour weekend visit of John Fisher's Elsthorpe team from Hawkes Bay, particularly the atmosphere at the club as the Elsthorpe boys along with many others watched Amit Gulati smash the Sydenham attack to all corners of the ground. Thanks to Dean Calvert & Nicky at The Valley Inn for accommodating the Elsthorpe team.
- The bus trip (well done Laura).
- Last but definitely not least, the prizegiving night on the last Saturday, where the season was seen off in fine style with a cracker of a night / morning.

The coming season presents some off the field challenges for the club, as well as the usual on the field ones. The Suburban Association has informed us that they would like to see the club improve in two areas in particular. Firstly, the changing facilities need to be upgraded, and secondly they want to see our playing depth improve. In other words they would like us to have a stronger second team. The development of our strategic plan will highlight many areas we wish to improve, but the changing rooms and recruitment are two obvious places to start.

I was immensely proud to be given the responsibility of becoming President of Heathcote Cricket Club. What we've got is pretty damned good, but it's only got this good due to a lot of hard work from dedicated members in the past years. I firmly believe we have the capability to be even better at what we do both on and off the field, and I would like to ask you all to do what you can (recruit somebody, provide some voluntary labour, spend more money at the bar, whatever!) to help make our great club greater.

**Ken Lomax**  
**President**

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

This season was a see-saw one if the team results are anything to go by, with teams not being able to sustain a winning streak for longer than 2-3 weeks, very similar to last year.

A large concern of the committee this year was the apparent lack of commitment being shown by some of the senior team members, with some weeks there being 3 to 5 players unavailable at any one time. This makes it very difficult to not only select a team, but also to get the team to perform at the required standard to win games and be competitive throughout the season. Because there was a deficiency of available senior players at times, the impact on the lower grades' enjoyment of cricket was compromised on more than one occasion, as they also didn't get to play with the same team from week to week at the level their team was entered.

Granted, the senior team this year was bolstered by more young men from the Canterbury University ranks, and we did say at the start of the season that the senior team was in a rebuilding phase. However, with the talent on paper I was a little dismayed to watch them spend most of the year at the bottom of the competition in the 2 day. They very nearly won the 1 day grade with another creditable performance in the final against Sumner.

With the support and commitment talked about by the players at the end of this season and the new initiatives that the incoming committee will be asked to endorse, it all looks good for next season being more competitive. Stage two of the rebuilding continues.

The Ladies team have had a more enjoyable season with their new grading being a little more conducive to their level of competition, and as a result enjoyed the satisfaction of a few wins throughout the season. Well done the Ladies on their ability to attract new members throughout the season and always being the majority back at the club rooms after a game or to support a evening function. They all showed excellent club spirit and had no trouble with the activity of imbibing the club's spirit.

The Juniors are once again being well organised by Nigel Georgieff, Phil Harris, Dave Stanley, Rob and Anita Armstrong and the other members of the Junior Section of Heathcote Cricket Club, well done to all.

Once again you can't give enough praise to the two groundsmen and their helpers for their contribution to the playing of cricket on Saturdays. They spend a lot of time with mowing, rolling, seeding and putting covers on and off, in the rain and in the wind at all hours of the day.

Special mention to Daniel Wakely who has become the club roustabout. He helps everybody with anything, anytime - great attitude. Thanks Daniel for your help this season with painting, planting, weeding, rolling etc., and also for helping the ladies as their coach and mentor.

Good luck to Mark Owen who went to England on a sponsored type scholarship, organised by Roger Georgieff. This new initiative was put in place to allow one of the younger members of the club with potential to further their cricket career, by travelling to England to play cricket in our winter season and forming a bond with another club. Maybe attract a member or two to come over here in their winter to play cricket for our senior team.

This initiative was supported by club members who gave generously at the end of year function to raise money for the trip.

To all members of the Heathcote Cricket Club, we have been around for plus 75 years. It is not the grounds or the building or the players of old that make our club special, it is the current membership over the years, both playing and non playing, who make the club what it is. The message here is you get out of it what you put into it.

Here's to a better season results wise next year, and thanks to all those who helped in their own way to make last season an enjoyable one both socially and on the cricket field.

A reminder to all players for next season that the sooner you get in the subs the sooner the money can be spent on furthering cricket for the members of the club.

**Alf Smit**  
**Club Captain**

## 2005/06 PRIZEWINNERS LIST

Most Improved Women	<b>Bette Corliss</b>
Most Improved 3C	<b>John Slack</b>
Doc Halliday Trophy (Most Improved 3A)	<b>P. Wilson (Matt)</b>
Most Improved Seniors	<b>Greg Pullar</b>
Price Cup (Most Improved All Grades)	<b>P. Wilson (Matt)</b>
Dean Calvert Cup (Best Player U.21)	<b>Greg Pullar</b>
Maurie Bailey Cup (All Round Sportsmanship)	<b>Todd Johnson</b>
Keith Petheram Cup (Best Fielder One Day Grades)	<b>Darren Te Koeti</b>
Keith Petheram Cup (Best Fielder Two Day Grades)	<b>John Garry</b>
Wicket Keeping Trophy (Most Contribution To Team)	<b>Scott Lucas</b>
Keith Bate Trophy (Best Women's Bowler)	<b>Amanda Wallis</b>
Trevor Mintrom Trophy (Best Bowler)	<b>Nathan Robinson</b>
Sarge Wilson Cup (Best Women's Batter)	<b>Laura Fisher</b>
Robert Hay Cup (Best Batting Performance)	<b>Amit Gulati (79 v Syd)</b>
(Smit Cup) (Most sixes)	<b>P.Wilson &amp; Amit Gulati (19)</b>
President's Cup (Best All Rounder)	<b>Tony Little</b>
Maurie Collier Cup (Best Women's All Rounder)	<b>Laura Fisher</b>

Mick Deavoll Cup (Best Bowling Performance)	<b>Peter East (8 for 26)</b>
Lowe Cup (Highest Score)	<b>Amit Gulati (100)</b>
Jubilee Cup (Most Wickets)	<b>Tony Little (41)</b>
Thomson Cup (Most Runs)	<b>John Garry (496)</b>
Chatterbox Trophy	<b>Blair Ensor</b>
Wayne Ward Cup (Club Person Extraordinaire)	<b>Alf Smit</b>
John Brooks Trophy (Outstanding Contribution)	<b>Roger Georgieff</b>
Heathcote County Councillors Cup	<b>Roger Georgieff</b>
Skit Trophy	<b>Senior Team</b>

## **SENIOR A TEAM REPORT**

The 2005/06 season was almost a duplicate of the previous season. Instead of winning the suburban one day title we had to settle for 2<sup>nd</sup> behind a fine Sumner side in a reversal of last year's results.

As with the two day championship the previous season, we struggled to compete for complete matches. Often one dropped catch or poor batting cost us gettable, outright wins. However we did manage to improve two places on last year and finish sixth.

The highlights of the season were John Garry's batting, again topping 400 runs for the club, and the continued development of the explosive Amit Gulati with 460 runs including a fine century versus Harewood.

The future looks good for the club as the all-round skills continue to develop in the likes of Greg Pullar, Blair Ensor, Mark Owen and Tom Lee. The experience these players are getting at this level will be of huge benefit in the coming seasons.

The team wishes Mark Owen all the best in his cricketing exploits in England over the coming few months.

**Chris Dockrill**  
**Senior A Captain**

## SENIOR A STATS

SENIOR STATS	BATTING					BOWLING						FIELD	
	NAME	INNS	NO	RUNS	AVE	HS	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	AVE	RPO	CT/ST
Garry	15	0	496	33.1	97			303	19	15.9			
Cartwright	17	0	235	13.8	62			484	22	22			
Dockrill	18	1	275	15.3	60								
MacFarlane	19	0	160	8.4	43								
Owen	18	2	263	14.2	76*			395	17	23.23			
Pullar	19	1	275	14.5	47			439	20	21.95			
Howard	11	0	93	8.45	28								
Gulati	14	0	460	32.9	100			59	1	59			
Mooyman	11	6	74	6.7	18			475	27	17.6			
Marsh	5	2	22	4.4	8*			249	5	49.8			
Lee	14	0	151	10.8	53			266	8	33.25			
Smit	5	1	29	5.9	18*			53	4	13.25			
Hendry	1	0	3	3	3								
Rennie	1	0	0	0	0								
Kroening	3	0	45	15	45								
Cumming T	1	0	12	12	12								
Lacey	4	1	38	9.5	13								
Stewart	4	1	22	5.5	10			102	7	14.5			
Ensor	12	1	150	12.5	33*			162	6	27			
Field	2	0	7	3.5	7								
Shrimpton	3	0	55	18.3	27			139	7	19.85			

## 3A GOLD TEAM REPORT

This year the Club found itself in a rebuilding phase as far as the Senior Team was concerned, which led to the 3A Gold team finding itself in very much a supporting role for the Senior Team. Throughout the year players from 3A supplemented the Senior ranks on many occasions, which laid an unstable foundation from which to launch an assault on the trophies up for grabs in the third grade competition.

But as this is the role of the 2<sup>nd</sup> team in the club, I felt the players who were asked to step up to supplement the 1<sup>st</sup> team did an admirable job on most occasions. I will also take this opportunity to thank many in the 3C side that supported our activity throughout the year with some very creditable performances for 3A. Well done and thank you Chris T and team for your tolerance.

3A - This year was a mixed year of fortunes. We started the year with just enough players of the right skill level to enter a team in third grade, and found ourselves being quite competitive at the game for most of the season. At the half way stage we were in third equal position in the competition, a creditable place to be.

As the season progressed we had up to 28 different players on our books, some of them being supplied to us by members of the team calling in favours from mates. We got to know and kept some of those new faces as members of our club – good news.

As fate would have it the times we were drawn against the teams that were ahead of us usually coincided with our other responsibility to supplement the Senior Team ranks, and more often than not we placed a close second.

Batting this year we had some creditable individual results with scores of 60 plus \* from Nick Field (Avge 32.14) and Matt Wilson (Avge 21.79) on more than one occasion. Both these gents lead from the front foot with some very large sixes during some of their batting performances. A close contest between young and old Smit with 10 innings each (Avges 19.88 and 19.00) old wins, and Mr Coster (Avge 18.90) the school teacher all contributing.

The bowling was at times very good, led by the older gents; old Smit 26 wkts (Avge 10.00), Todd Johnson 24 wkts (Avge 13.71), Darren Te Koeti (Chopper) 20 wkts (Avge 21.15), The school teacher again 9 wkts (Avge 10.44), Blair Ensor 11 wkts (Avge 8.25) before being promoted to Seniors for the rest of the season, and a steady set of 9's from Dave Poole, Matt Wilson, young Smit along with Nathan Kennedy were recognised as the team's fastest bowlers with some very good results.

The art of fielding was given a boost by some outstanding catching this year in part by Nick Field WK 8, Darren Te Koeti 7, Matt Wilson 7, old Smit 6, Ralph Bungard 6 with a hat trick of catches in 1 match.

Special thanks to Nan not only for her support (and scoring) throughout the season but for her tireless help in and around the club rooms whenever we played at home.

I will finish by saying it was a pleasure to captain this team of players who at times boxed above their weight chasing down and setting some very high scores or ousting the opposition with a meagre total to defend with a very good team effort. We all enjoyed the beers after the game no matter what the weather or the result come to think of it. Thanks and well done lads I look forward to seeing you again next season.

**Old Smit**  
**3A Captain**

### 3A GOLD STATS

3A GOLD RESULTS	BATTING					BOWLING						FIELD
	INNS	NO	RUNS	AVE	HS	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	AVE	RPO	CT/ST
Field	9	2	225	32.1	64*							8
Wilson	17	3	305	21.8	66*	68	13	258	9	28.7	3.79	8
Smit A	10	2	159	19.9	50*	96	20	260	26	10	2.71	7
Smit M	10	1	171	19	31*	27	5	102	7	14.6	3.78	3
Coster	10	0	189	18.9	45	29	4	94	9	10.4	3.24	4
Ensor	8	0	125	15.6	37	34	5	91	11	8.27	2.68	2
Niak	7	1	85	14.2	26							1
Lacey	7	1	73	12.2	21							0
Howard	4	0	48	12	36							0
Wakely	5	1	41	10.3	29*							0
Bungard	16	0	159	9.94	35							6
Johnson	9	1	69	8.63	47	99	16	329	24	13.7	3.33	3
Poole	12	2	61	6.1	19	49	5	192	9	21.3	3.92	4
Te Keoti	15	2	78	6	30*	113	20	423	20	21.2	3.74	7
Kennedy	4	1	6	2	6	32	6	88	7	12.6	2.75	1
McLeod												1

## **3A BLUE TEAM REPORT**

The 2005/06 season can be summarised as one of lost opportunities. The team found itself in a winning position in each game of the first round, only to succumb to one of the famous Heathcote collapses. We had the ability to bowl sides out cheaply but struggled to make the required runs to win. This was demonstrated perfectly against the schoolboy team who we bowled out inside 14 overs but failed to win.

We were handicapped somewhat by the fact that we never had the same 11 for consecutive weeks. In fact we had 40 players help out during the season some at very short notice. Our strongest side was available only once, against the bottom side which was subsequently rained out.

One pleasing aspect was that all the regular members contributed something at least once during the season. Newcomer Tim was the most successful bowler with 32 wickets at 12.87, supported by Ben (22), Steve (21), and Shrimpo (15). Most improved once he got his confidence was Seb, who with a late flourish picked up 14 at 20.36. Then there was Doc who wasn't wanted by anyone and played the majority of our games getting 11 wickets from limited opportunities. Best average went to the secret weapon D9 who struck at 5.5 per wicket, all we need now is to get his batting average up to that mark. Numerous others were tried, with varying degrees of success, in keeping with a policy of having everyone participating especially those filling in.

Then we come to the batting, and two players were head and shoulders above the rest. Shrimpo (373 at 33.9) and Harry (359 at 23.93) both had the ability to dominate attacks at will but surprisingly seldom did so at the same time. Ben showed customary glimpses of the potential he possesses as did Boots until injury, work and rugby curtailed the appearances of both of them. As for the rest of us we all had our moment in the sun but too few and far between. Perhaps training might help. Even guest appearances from the likes of Birchy, Boner and others failed to lift our thirst for winning.

Fielding was generally OK but at times tended to be comical. Thanks to Brendan for volunteering to keep on 3 games experience, snaring a creditable 17 dismissals for the season as well as keeping us all on our toes in the field (plus organising the beer run).

Thanks also to our benefactor, Deano; although he didn't manage to get on the field his contributions in other areas were much appreciated.

So in conclusion we'll be back with a vengeance next season, a little wiser, a bit more organised and still with the bragging rights over Alf's army.

**Steve Collier**  
**3A Blue Captain**

### 3A BLUE STATS

3A BLUE RESULTS	BATTING					BOWLING						FIELD
Name	INNS	NO	RUNS	AVE	HS	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	AVE	RPO	CT/ST
STEVE	19	2	131	7.71	29	66	7	324	21	15.43	4.91	12.00
BEN	14	0	175	12.5	59	127	18	504	22	22.91	3.97	4.00
SHRIMPO	13	2	373	33.91	75no	114	19	381	15	25.4	3.34	5.00
TIM	13	2	102	9.27	19no	113	18	410	32	12.81	3.63	4.00
BRYCE	9	0	58	6.44	26	21	2	102	3	25.73	4.86	4.00
HARRY	15	0	359	23.93	57	0.2	0	8	0		40.00	7.00
SEB	9	3	31	5.17	12no	58.4	4	285	14	20.36	4.88	2.00
DOC	15	6	42	5.25	9no	59	1	283	11	25.73	4.80	2.00
SCOTTY	10	0	122	12.2	35	2	0	19	0		9.50	2.00
BRENDAN	15	1	146	10.43	43							16/1st
TONY (D9)	8	0	2	0.25	2	3.3	0	22	4	5.5	6.67	1.00
BOOTS	7	1	148	24.67	38							2.00
ROGER	4	0	24	6	11							0.00
MIKE H	7	0	112	16	38	15	3	76	1	76	5.07	6.00
DICKY	10	3	30	4.29	13	63	5	305	11	27.73	4.84	3.00
BONER	1	0	33	33	33	6	0	21	1	21	3.50	1.00
MAT W	1	0	31	31	31	7	0	18	3	6	2.57	1.00
TELEA	5	0	36	7.2	13							2.00
BIRCHY	1	0	23	23	23	9	0	39			4.33	0.00
TAYLOR	1	0	37	37	37	6	0	27			4.50	0.00
MAT C	3	0	19	6.3	12							2.00
MIKEY	5	0	32	6.4	15	2	0	19			9.50	0.00
ROBBY G	4	0	2	0.5	2							0.00

3A BLUE RESULTS	BATTING					BOWLING						FIELD
	Name	INNS	NO	RUNS	AVE	HS	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	AVE	
RONAN	1	0	1	1	1	4	2	11	1	11	2.75	1.00
POOLE	1	0	3	3	3	3	0	4				1.00
CLARK	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	11				0.00
NEWTON	2	1	2	2	2							0.00
KING	2	0	5	2.5	3							2.00
QUINN	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	10				0.00
McCLOUD	1	0	13	13	13							0.00
PAYNE	1	0	3	3	3							0.00
LESTER	1	0	8	8	8							0.00
SKIP	2	0	10	5	7							0.00
COOK	1	0	0	0	0							1.00
EAST	1	0	0	0	0							1.00
BARTLET	1	0	0	0	0							0.00
DONALDSON	1	0	0	0	0							0.00
RAZA	1	0	0	0	0							0.00
GARY	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	27				0.00

## 3C TEAM REPORT

The 2005/6 season was a good one for us. We finished joint 4<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams, including a few who, in past seasons, finished well above us. Everyone contributed at one stage or another and there was plenty of gutsy cricket played. 3C are a well knit team of gentlemen and it was a privilege for me to captain them. Many thanks to the Sales Dept of DB Breweries for their substantial player contribution. I apologise for lost production time on Monday mornings as games were dissected and insults traded.

Thanks also to the two young tyros, namely Brad Clarke and Mike Ronan who upped our attractiveness quotient with the ladies. This season also saw the return of Steve McLeod and what a return it was. He is a very talented young man and, as he was fond of telling us, very athletic as well. Particularly memorable was the job of mental degradation he did on the captain of the Southern Districts team in February.

Then there was Matt Ault, whose inauspicious over on the last day will live in our memories forever. Big Johnny Slack possessed the best pair of outfield hands in our team. A man not to be trifled with if you're in the opposition and you're trying to pull a fast one. Our "mouth" behind the stumps was Scotty Lucas who played a huge part in the success of our bowlers. Still can't work out who Offstump Buddy was though. I don't even have his cell number.

"Pistol" Pete used his old Duncan Fearnley to great effect and like all grey haired cricketers, is as wily as a fox although not quite as agile. Rob Tawaka is a useful middle order batsman and a natural first slip. He also managed to always see the humorous side of things no matter how bad things got. If he ever gets grumpy I'm not sure how you would know.

A major feature of our season was the battle for bragging rights between our two opening bowlers which went down to the wire. Nathan Robinson was at times just too good for the opposition and Tony Little is as gutsy a cricketer as you could want as a captain. Both lead by example in that they bowl attacking deliveries, more often than not at the stumps and their figures are testament to that. Nathan can play the occasional belligerent innings which would completely demoralise the opposition whilst Tony was the "Rock" who gave his wicket away dearly.

Iain Davis was dismissed only twice and Nigel Georgieff was not dismissed at all. Phil Harris played 2 games for us for an average of 130. What a luxury it would be to have a player like that. Note to self.....Also, thanks to Ed Lester, Lawrence Hill, Roger Georgieff, Aslam Raza, Mark Ruitter and Andy Smith who all contributed.

Have a good winter guys, see you in a few cold months.

**Chris Thixton**  
**3C Captain**



### 3C STATS

3C RESULTS	BATTING					BOWLING						FIELD
	INNS	NO	RUNS	AVE	HS	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	AVE	RPO	CT/ST
Chris Thixton	14	2	149	12.4	33	65	12	271	7	38.71	4.17	5
Nathan Robinson	12	2	212	21.4	57	136	33	332	40	8.30	2.44	7
Tony Little	17	2	311	20.7	68	162	19	585	41	14.27	3.61	6
Rob Tawaka	11	3	176	22	49	5	0	35	0	0.00	7.00	4
Steve McLeod	14	4	313	31.3	71	116	15	371	26	14.27	3.20	2
John Slack	13	3	125	12.5	42	44	7	180	5	36.00	4.09	5
Scott Lucas	15	2	72	5.53	14	2	1	5	1	5.00	2.50	23
Peter East	16	0	214	13.4	62	63	6	243	13	18.69	3.86	1
Mike Ronan	9	2	48	6.85	11	16	1	80	3	26.67	5.00	2
Brad Clark	7	0	16	2.28	7	14	1	74	1	74.00	5.29	
Ed Lester	3	0	5	1.66	5							
Iain Davis	9	7	24	8	9	5	1	25	0	0.00	5.00	1
Nigel Georgieff	2	2	22		19							
Matt Ault	13	0	115	8.84	47							2
Lawrence Hill	9	0	44	4.89	19							4
Aslam Raza	5	1	32	8	21							
Phil Harris	2	1	130	130	68	6	0	27	2	13.50	4.50	

## WOMEN'S TEAM REPORT

Initial moments within the ladies' team looked dodgy. We were desperately struggling for numbers and it looked as though the team would be withdrawn from the competition. But thanks to the huge efforts of Wally (Amanda Wallis), while I was in Wellington, the ladies team scraped through their first few games and continued to go from strength to strength.

Having lost a number of key characters from the squad, notably Bec Fisher (AKA Bossy) among others, there was a need to recruit some new vocals with drinking ability. We were lucky enough to have the likes of Martha, Mioko, Janine, Annette, and Andrea strengthen the ranks, all of whom slotted into batting orders and drinking games perfectly.

The season started as usual, back up to the club on a Saturday by three pm showered and beautified after suffering a 300 run hiding. But within four or five weeks things began to change. We were starting to make runs, hold catches and take wickets. Suddenly we only had time for a five minute shower if we wanted to make it up to the club for 7pm speeches. And then it happened. It was Nov 12<sup>th</sup> and temperatures were soaring as we arrived at hospital corner to face a young and eager Riccarton team. The wind was prevailing from the North West and I decided we would bat first. As we passed the one hundred mark it was clear that it was going to be a good day. We had batted through drinks for the very first time. I was then caught behind on 96 having batted with a very patient Beth Lomax for 36 overs. At forty overs we took to the shade to decide on a plan for defending our un-heard of three figure total.

As we took to the field many of us were nervous at the thought of our first victory. Unfortunately, as the wickets began to fall, so did the temperature. At drinks they were seven down and the rain had begun to fall. We were so close but about to have victory blown from our grasp by a nasty Southerly change. But just as wise Lomie had advised me, the clouds appeared to clear which created a ten minute window in which we snatched the final wickets. As we walked off the field the heavens opened. Someone was clearly watching over us in hope of a Heathcote victory.

With our first win under our belt the team flourished. Notable bowling performances from Wally, Theresa and Heidi combined with improved fielding, particularly Bette behind the stumps, saw the team accomplish victory five more times. We ended up 5<sup>th</sup> out of seven teams, a marked improvement on last season, particularly considering our dire beginnings.

What pleased me the most however was the continued enjoyment the girls appeared to get from being a member of the team and the wider club. Social events such as the bus trip were highlights as was a particular evening at the Cartwrights. The girls continued to prove themselves as dedicated members of the club, with awesome turnouts at the club most Saturday nights and at all the social events.

Again we were very lucky to have the generous support of Dean and Nicki down at the Valley. The team is also very appreciative of the constant efforts of Lomie and Alf along with the rest of the committee who allow us to have such a good time. We are all looking forward to another season of classic cricket and getting loose up at the club!

**Laura Fisher**  
**Women's Team Captain**



## WOMEN'S STATS

WOMEN'S RESULTS Name	BATTING					BOWLING						FIELD
	INNS	NO	RUNS	AVE	HS	OVERS	MAIDENS	RUNS	WICKETS	AVE	RPO	CT/ST
Laura	12	2	328	32.8	96	75.4	4	261	15	17.4	3.46	
Heidi	13	0	136	10.5	37	65	8	238	14	17	3.6	
Janine	11	0	124	11.3	40							
Martha	12	2	120	12	34*	31.4	0	219	1	21.9	6.9	
Amanda	13	1	103	8.58	43*	73	6	231	15	15.4	3.16	
Theresa	2	1	7	7	6	26	4	52	6	8.6	2	
Cathy	5	1	29	7.25	13							
Sarah	9	0	29	3.2	10	37.3	4	180	12	15	2.14	
Bette	12	2	16	1.6	7*							
Kelly	2	1	6	6	5	6	0	39	0		6.5	
Kate	3	1	3	1.5	2							
Annette	2	0	2	1	2							
Beth	3	0	2	0.6	2	13	1	56	2	28	4.3	
Mioko	7	1	3	0.5	1							
Fiona	4	0	0	0	0							
Racheal	6	0	11	1.83	5	3.1	0	28	0		9	

## **JUNIOR REPORT TRADITIONAL GRADES**

The two traditional Cricket teams were both entered in the Senior Primary School grade Section 2 and were known as the Blues and the Hornets. The teams were tested by some very good sides and both came out with a 50/50 record with some very exciting finishes at times. The teams had 24 players between them and everybody made progress this year. A number of players trialled for the East Zone teams which plays in a pre and post Xmas inter zone tournament at Burnside Park. A superbly organised event where the year 5 and 6 teams play 50 over games while the younger team plays 30 over games, it provides some outstanding cricket.

Billy Georgieff and Sam Bird were picked for East Zone Year 7 and 8 team and William Reiner in the Year 6 team in the Pre Xmas tournament. William and James Russell were picked for the post Xmas Year 7 team. Sam Bird and Daniel Chan were selected for the Year 8 team with. Sam has also been elected for a Canterbury Development team and the winter training squad.

During the season some outstanding performances were recorded. Jake Vincent in his first year was an outstanding cricketer with a great arm in the field, a very good bat and useful bowler. Sam and Daniel were wily leg spinners who were never attached because of their control. Connah Stirling and Trevor Swainson could be swash buckling batsmen who could change a game. David Harris and Jake Epia were very good medium pacers with good actions while Rory Ellis tried hard and could use his height to good effect as slow bowler. Young Eddie Hogbin was a great find and though the youngest in both teams was one of the most accurate bowlers. His brother John was a good all rounder but lacked the success of previous years.

Batting was an overall weakness both in terms of scoring quickly in the 25 over games they played and in consistency, although Billy Georgieff the leading run scorer and most consistent in the club and Sam Bird whose ability to occupy the crease were exceptions. Aaron Craw played some good innings culminating in his 80 runs against St Andrews the highest score on our club at primary school level.

Many players made good progress this year, none more so than Vinnie Levy's all round play, Kyle Clary with his left-hand bowling and William Reiner whose bowling was very accurate and hard to score off. Ben McHardy has a good future as an opening bowler if he keeps his concentration up.

A successful prize giving was held with all other teams and congratulations to the winners.

**Best Bat** Aaron Craw

**Best Bowler** Daniel Chan

**Best All-rounder** Billy Georgieff

**Best Fielder** Jake Vincent

**Most Improved Bat** David Harris

**Most Improved Bowler** Ben McHardy

**Best and Fairest** Rory Ellis

Thanks to the parents for helping out with transport, scoring and supporting their children. With many boys leaving for high school this year, there will be many changes next season but we wish them all the best and hope that they can continue to play cricket and return to the club in a few years or perhaps sooner to help out the open grade teams as players!!!

**Nigel and Phil**

## **JUNIOR REPORT**

This was another successful season for the club by our young junior players. The season kicked off with 2 Modified teams, a Junior Average team and a Kiwi team, the latter sadly dropped away by Xmas.

The Modified teams of Gold and Yellow had outstanding seasons with them finishing first and second respectively in the competition. A huge thanks to Dave Stanley in his efforts this year with the Junior yellows. They showed a real fitting spirit (the Golds know all about this as our first match between the Heathcote teams resulted in a tied match!). Likewise a big thanks to my coaching partner, Chris Wilford, who helped add that steel in our junior play that is the hallmark of Heathcote, or some I'm lead to believe by many of the more senior members of the club. My wife Anita continued in her unrelenting passion of team organisation and has also learnt to shout our her displeasure at rough wide or no-ball calls to the unsuspecting umpire (in most cases me).

It was a season of transformation (a terminology mostly associated with South African rugby) in that the kids made a huge leap forward in some of the basics of the game such as run outs, catching, hooking and even the odd cover drive and in the case of Ryan the birth of a new score to be entered into the score book – a six!

A huge thanks must also go to Tony McKenzie for his coaching of the Junior Average team. The team struggled from time to time to be able to run out with a full compliment of players but Tony managed to second a few volunteers and the team battled through the season (with a hardened resolve that is more associated with the Heathcote seniors).

A big thanks again to the parents of all teams, your support in your child's cricket development is appreciated by the club (and one would imagine by the children themselves).

Hope to see you all back again this season.

**Cheers**  
**Rob Armstrong**