

AT THE CREASE

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Honour Board

Office Bearers for 2023/24

Executive

President	Mick Hulston
Vice President	Kevin Pereira
Secretary	Ian Nash
Treasurer	Peter Kemp

General Committee

Mahi Vyas
RJ Singh
Sai Reddy Methuku

Secretary's Report

We started the cricket season with a BANG! By having the season launch, past player's day and Round 1 game all together in our new pavilion at Lord Reserve. It was a great way to welcome everyone back to the club and also to welcome new players and supporters to the new facilities.

The start of cricket season always brings a few headaches for us to solve, particularly around player availability as it coincides with the Spring Racing carnival, which quite a few members are interested in attending. Also a major factor is the weather in Melbourne, as we are well and truly in Spring, and we know from past experience that the weather patterns during September-December period are particularly changeable. While round cancellations this year were few - I think I recall only one due to unplayable grounds - we certainly played through some cold, wet and windy Saturdays early in the season.

We have improved our player numbers in season 2023/24 and this has helped minimise the number of forfeits we gave in the lowest grade, however, we still had a few games forfeited where not enough players were available to fill four senior teams, despite the best effort of captains, presidents and secretaries to get enough players (only 44!) to agree to play on a Saturday afternoon. I really think this is our achilles heel in the lower two grades, and we must implore our playing members to commit to playing in the early part of the season, in particular, to avoid these forfeits.

On the juniors front, Glenn Gallagher has again been coach of his U12 team to improve their cricket skills as they progress through the junior ranks, with this year's team competing in the U12C competition. There are a number of younger players in the team who are developing their skills quite nicely and being well supported by their team-mates, coach and parents. A few wins in the season really encouraged the boys a lot and I'm sure we will see even more success on-field as they develop further.

On an organisational front, the club has needed to step up a level to accommodate the larger facilities, and the expectations around having more food choices available for the more diverse dietary requirements we must cater for. No surprise now to see samosas and vegetarian choices alongside of sandwiches and pies and sausage rolls available from the canteen.

Special thanks to our good friend and past player, Bryan Meneaud (HeavyB) who has again worked tirelessly in the canteen and bar for the season.

Ian Nash
Secretary

Vice President's Report

With a brand new **\$4.5M** roof at Lord Reserve, **Season 23/24 was a Resounding Success!** Outgoing President Michael 'Iceman' Hulston signed off with numbers well and truly up at the Web: **4 x Senior Teams, Social Memberships** and a growing Junior Program (nurtured by CSCC Life Member Glenn 'Noombie' Gallagher).

On field, a new look **CSCC 1st XI** gelled quickly to become one the form team of the competition, eventually falling just short of premiership success in the Quinney Shield Grand Final, dovetailed with a T20 Semi Final appearance.

The **2nd XI** lead by veteran Ranjeet 'RJ' Singh, toiled manfully despite the constant challenge of developing players feeding straight into the seniors.

The **3rd XI**, under the new management of Lachlan McCracken, unearthed some truly dynamic players destined for higher honours in seasons to come.

After a slow start, the **4th XI** caught fire under Ashley 'Buggsy' Fenton, transforming into the most enjoyable team to play in the SECA, narrowly missing finals despite a near perfect record after Christmas.

Off field commercial partnerships were renewed with *Woodards Carnegie, Bendigo Community Bank Caulfield Park, The Servery, Bar Royal B-Side, Burger Bliss, Quality Groceries, JBA Physio & Anabella Pizza*. Membership grew with record subscription compliance, volunteering and fundraising efforts.

Season 24/25 already looks promising with an expanded, professional, and diverse committee including a new Vice President in favourite son Mahi 'Big Sexy' Vyas, Junior Coordinator Prasun 'Guru' Mistry, Vishnu Bhatt and vital Social Coordination and structure from Felicity 'Flick' Gallagher. Cult hero Karunesh 'Babar' Singh returns with rusted on mainstays Peter <nickname approval pending> Kemp as Treasurer, and Ian 'Papi' Nash as Secretary. The committee is already re-constructing the website, social media channels and has locked in a busy social calendar!

Exceptional off-season recruiting supported by Iceman, bolstered by an early start to pre-season ensures training standards continue to lift. All Senior teams will hit the ground running!

Critically, a renewed Junior focus positions us to field multiple teams once again, as we hope to attract younger Blast and especially Girl cricketers – important milestones for the future!

Calling on all Redbacks to support your great club in season 24/25. See you at **Past Players Day Saturday October 12th 2024** – CSCC 1st XI vs Omega CC (Grand Final Rematch)!

Kevin Pereira
Vice President 2023/24

Treasurer's Report

A very difficult season to raise funds for the club due to not having any facilities to run social functions, after-training events, post-match reviews etc.







Nevertheless, the club managed to make a small profit for the season to keep our finances in good shape moving forward.

Commentary:

- 1 Senior subs were mostly collected by the AGM, with some stragglers paying in July
- 2 Junior subs were down due to late communication regarding additional payments due
- 3 Donations and Grants are trending down after COVID
- 4 Ball cost increased substantially as not so much stock in hand carried forward
- 5 Presentation night was held at the Club rooms this year, with thanks to Glen Eira Junior Soccer Club for letting us have the pavilion for the evening.

Sponsors

We would like to acknowledge and give a BIG thank-you to the following club sponsors:

 <p>Contact Ruth or Ben for all your Real Estate needs in the local area.</p> <p>Tell them Kev sent you!</p>	<p><i>Contact</i> Woodards Glen Huntly 1148 Glenhuntly Road Glen Huntly VIC 3163 Contact: Ruth Roberts or Benjamin Dax</p> <p><i>Directors</i> <u>Ruth Roberts</u> Director 0409 214 110 rroberts@woodards.com.au</p>
 <p>The club entered into an agreement with the Bendigo Bank, Caulfield Park Branch, to provide Major Sponsorship from season 2013/2014 onwards and it continues today.</p> <p>This sponsorship provides the club with banking services as well as financial benefits to the club and its members, depending on the services that members take up.</p> <p>Contact Jig at the branch to discuss your banking needs and how your custom can benefit both yourselves and your club.</p>	
	 <p>RJ, Jaggy and the gang with their many fine establishments around the local area</p>
<p>Proudly supplying many a bread roll and hot dog burger to the club!</p>	
<p>1030 Dandenong Road, CARNEGIE, VIC 3163 (03) 9563 6491 carnegie@drummondgolf.com</p>	 <p>WE'LL LIFT YOUR GAME</p>

Award Winners

Team	Award	Batting	Bowling	Fielding	MVP
SENIORS					
1st XI		Charlie Robinson	Will Nash	Prakash Kasireddy	James Richards
<i>Quiney Shield</i>	runs/wickets	343	27		<i>(Ward Medal)</i>
	average	34.3	12.7		
2nd XI		Namit Trivedi	Ranjeet Singh	Zaryab Ali	Ravi Kumar
<i>G grade</i>	runs/wickets	240	16		<i>(McSwain medal)</i>
	average	34.3	18.0		
3rd XI		Lachlan McCracken	Prasun Mistry	Kamalnath Gorla	Prasun Mistry
<i>I grade</i>	runs/wickets	268	15		<i>(Fauvel medal)</i>
	average	33.5	16.9		
4th XI		Ash Fenton	Reddy Chilekampalli	Uzair Butt	Mudassir Ahmed
<i>L grade</i>	runs/wickets	230	10		<i>(Snape medal)</i>
	average	38.3	12.3		
JUNIORS					
Under 12c		Declan Gallagher	Vidhaan Mistry	Henry McCracken	
	runs/wickets	257	6		
	average	128.5	11.2		
Special Awards					
Trophy	Aggregate Runs	Charlie Robinson	343		Ian Wilton Award
Trophy	Aggregate Wkts	Will Nash	27		Alan Johanson Award
<i>Engrave the duck</i>	Duck Award	Alex Thompson	4		Billy Capper / Heavy B. Award
Trophy	Best Clubman	Kevin Pereira			Daryl Pitman Award
Trophy	Senior Club Champion	Charlie Robinson	723		<i>(this award has not been named)</i>
Trophy	Junior Club Champion	Declan Gallagher	602		Peter Kemp Award
<i>Engrave the shield</i>	Best Senior Bowling Performance	Ravi Kumar	7/66		Peter Moait Award
Centuries	<i>(no trophies)</i>				

	(no trophies)				
6 wickets or more	(no trophies)	Will Nash	6/30		
	(no trophies)	Ravi Kumar	7/66		

Qualification

Batting

150 runs and 4 innings in a team

If nobody qualifies with runs as per above, then the person who made the most runs in that team, min. number of innings remains (AQ rule). (Committee discretion)

Bowling

15 wickets and a minimum number of overs or bowling spells (committee discretion)

If nobody takes 15 then the person who has taken the most wickets (committee discretion again)

Fielding

3,2,1 voting system each game. Where votes have not been given on a weekly basis, committee discretion applies

MVP

10 votes split between multiple players each game. Maximum 5 votes per player per game. Not all 10 votes need to be given.

Redbacks Team of the Year

Glenn Gallagher
Nमित Trivedi
Lachlan McCracken
Charlie Robinson
Ash Fenton (c)
Marcus Haslam
James Richards
Will Nash
Ravi Kumar
Prasun Mistry
Ranjeet Singh

Finally...

Thanks

At The Crease first appeared at the start of the 1968/69 season. It has been a tradition of Carnegie South Cricket Club, one which I am proud to be able to continue.

Thanks to all those club members who provided content for this edition.

A message to all players, past and present



You get terrific rewards by being part of a community sports club such as Carnegie South. This club and the friendships made by being a member will stay with you for a lifetime. Make sure that you give something back to your club so that it may continue to provide enjoyment to future generations.

Attend a social function, buy some raffle tickets, watch the players in action, buy a beer or two, sponsor a player, contribute some professional or trade services, get involved. Carnegie South needs your participation.

Past editions of "At The Crease"

The club now has an extensive collection of past editions of ATC, scanned into PDF format for easy reference. They are all available for viewing or downloading from the club website:

www.carnegiesouthcc.com

and click on "At The Crease". Do it, read them, some of the old editions are very humorous.

With more than 100 editions available online, there is sure to be some interesting reading for any former club member or player from the late 60's through until the modern era.

Go Redbacks.



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