

COMETS
CRICKET
BANGOR BARDEN RIDGE



SEASON 2021/2022

Year Book



Presidents Report

Considering the obstacles in front of the season starting, I would suggest we were very fortunate to even have a season to discuss. In saying that we had 14 weeks of cricket (3weeks lost to rain). The rain proved to be very disappointing for our semi final bound junior teams and our grand final bound senior teams.

9 Junior teams were set to compete in the semi final games. 4 teams unfortunately missed out on playing due to the extensive rain we had prior to the weekend. 5 teams went on to play in Grand Finals and all did the Club proud. Congratulations to the 3 teams that went on to take out their premierships in their respective competitions.

Girls stage 1, Girls stage 2 and Under 14/A's

Our seniors had 3 teams make it into the Grand Final Weekend. (A2, B4 & B5). Unfortunately, all games were cancelled due to the rain. Fortunately, we had 1 Minor Premier Team and they were crowned Premiers. Well done to the boys in the B5 team! A special win for me and well deserved as a number of the boys in this team are in the clubs committee and contribute a lot to the club.

Our footprint on the Association continues to be at a high. We continue to have a large representation amongst all age groups at the Elite level. The SSJCA representative teams have a good splash of comets player in all competitions. A great sign that our players have access to good coaching as they develop.

My Special moment of the season was to see 13 junior Blaster members at our first session before Xmas. A special cap presentation was held for the players and they were all very happy. We even managed to promote some of these little stars into a Master Blaster competition after Xmas. The future of the club looks bright with the inclusion of all these junior blaster players and their families.



A special mention to Life Member and Head Coach Bill Bell. Always willing to put his hand up, Bills assistance in making the club run smoothly is invaluable. Bill wore many hats over the season and nothing was ever a drama. An integral part of any committee, we are lucky to have you Bill.

Awesome effort from all our volunteer coaches and managers, in what can only be described as a frustrating season, in relation to the My Cricket system. I thank you all for your cooperation over the season and welcome you all back again next season.

As always a huge thank you to all our sponsors. We are very fortunate to have the support of so many wonderful sponsors. Over the past couple of seasons fundraising events have been very difficult. Registration fees alone would not support the viability of a local club like ours so it is so important to have the support of these sponsors.

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I personally look forward to a 'Normal Season" next season, whatever that may look like?

Yours in sport,

Paul DeCelis

Treasurers Report

The finances of the Club reflect the Committee's commitment to promoting the game of cricket and ensuring that it is accessible and affordable for all players wishing to participate and be a part of our Club. Whilst the Club intends to remain financially stable, it is not our goal to accumulate funds and accordingly aim to generate income sufficient to meet the expenses of the Club.

The club as at the 23rd of March 2022 reported a balance of \$64 813, which leaves the Club in a strong financial position moving into next season and future years to come.

The strong standing of the Clubs account stems from the great support of our sponsors particularly through a challenging period navigating the covid pandemic, where both business and community sport has had many obstacles to deal with. Unfortunately, due to the disruption of Covid it is worth noting some of the Club's usual community proceed events were unable to take place, including the Club Menai meat raffle.

The Club has seen significant investment in signage across the local community, with a brand-new Comets sign being featured on the Akuna Club House, providing our Club with further identity and image across our community. In addition, to signage the Club invested in numerous marketing activities through social media to expand the profile of the Club and attract new players. Further expenses were in relation to providing playing balls across all our teams, ordering additional playing shirts and caps, training shirts and arranging the end of year junior and senior presentations.

The 2021 – 2022 season has placed our Club in a strong financial position as we head into another season, which will allow the Club to fund more initiatives and equip our teams to be the best they can be.

Dominic Cocklen – Treasurer

Receipts & Payments Summary

For Financial Year Ended 31 March 2021

RECEIPTS & PAYMENT SUMMARY	20/21	21/22
OPENING BANK BALANCE as at April 1	\$ 28,137.86	\$ 39,578.17
ADD: RECEIPTS		
Registration Fees & Clothing sales	\$ 29,616.55	\$ 41,048.98
Sponsorship	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 19,000.00
Fundraising	\$ 1,449.29	\$ 832.45
Other receipts	\$ -	\$ 212.01
Grants	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 51,065.84	\$ 61,093.44
LESS: PAYMENTS		
Equipment and Balls	\$ (6,811.40)	\$ (7,126.72)
Printing Signs & Brochures	\$ (1,579.05)	\$ (2,744.50)
Bank Fees	\$ (20.51)	\$ (25.10)
Uniforms	\$ (5,218.40)	\$ (13,083.00)
Fees - Association	\$ (12,066.73)	\$ (7,707.00)
Trophies & Presentation Day	\$ (8,275.00)	\$ (2,605.09)
Social Media Marketing	\$ -	\$ (90.00)
Other payments	\$ (5,260.08)	\$ (1,171.04)
Registrations Reimbursements	\$ (247.00)	\$ -
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$ (39,625.53)	\$ (34,552.45)
CLOSING BALANCE as at MARCH 23	\$ 39,578.17	\$ 64,813.42
NET CASH MOVEMENT	\$ 11,440.31	\$ 25,235.25

Please note there is expected future expenses of circa \$10K to \$15K

2021/2022 Committee Members

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Martin Cowling

Chad Smith

Major Award Winners

Cricketer of the Year

Max DeCelis



Age Champions

Girls Stage 1 – Anae Tardent

Girls Stage 2 – Darleen Van Wyngaardt

U10's – Josh Peel

U12's – Andrew Young

U14's – Max DeCelis

U16's – Liam Baker

Spirit of Cricket

Lincoln Gibson

Lincoln made the big jump this year from Under 10s to Under 12s, but this has in no way overawed him.

At the beginning of the season, Lincoln had a foot injury that saw him miss the first six games of the season. But he came to every training session and every game to make himself feel part of the team. He took an interest in what everyone was doing and listened to everything that happened at these training sessions.

Lincoln put his hand up to be one of our two keepers for the season and he has done a sterling job behind the stumps. He has encouraged his fellow team mates every step of the way and he certainly plays the game in the right spirit.

He is not one to distract teammates at training, he keeps focused on the job at hand. He helps out with the training gear from the kit and helps collect the cones at the end of the day.

After each training session and every game, he makes a point of coming up to me and thanking me for my time and for coaching the side.

It is easy to see that Lincoln enjoys his cricket and he has the capacity to improve his game and play at a higher level. With his spirit and ambition, there is every chance he can do this.

Lincoln knows this is a team game and while individual contributions are very important, nothing can be achieved without a solid foundation of team work and playing the game in the spirit it is intended.

Chad Smith
Coach 12C's

Team Reports

16A

Batting Aggregate 177 runs. Batting Average 25.29: Harrison Shore

Bowling Aggregate 4 Wickets: Cooper Jones

Bowling Aggregate 4 Wickets: Ethan Whittingham

Bowling Aggregate 4 Wickets. Bowling Average 22.25: Jack Heslehurst

Coaches Award: Ryan Owers

Fielding Award: Harrison Shore

Spirit of Cricket nominee: Bhavya Sharma

A year that has plenty of ups and downs, many of these out of our control and some of our own doing. The season started very positive with some quality performances with the bat and ball and a couple of close wins. We then lost a couple of games that really ended our run at the title.

I had some goals at the start of the season to be competitive, play the game in the right spirit and develop individual players to be able to play higher cricket. Every player showed me that they are capable of not just listening but working at the things we put in place to improve.

I am very proud of our boys they managed to form a tight team that played competitive cricket each week, this is all I can ask for.

The team was a pleasure to associated with and I look forward to seeing how the boys go in the coming years.

Dean Heslehurst.



16B

Batting Aggregate 186 runs. Batting Average 26.57: Liam Baker
Bowling Aggregate 11 Wickets. Bowling Average 7.55: Liam Baker
Coaches Award: Charlie MacPherson
Fielding Award: Joel Aylward
Spirit of Cricket nominee: Steve Kouroulis

What a great bunch of young men the 16B's were this year. Right from their very first training session the boys were keen to have a good year. In what was an extremely strong competition, the boys managed to finish fourth and qualify for the semi-finals. Unfortunately, the weather gods conspired against us and ultimately the semi-finals were abandoned.

Anthony Aldous (co-captain) – One of our on-field generals, Anthony led his side well on the field this season & led from the front. His right arm outswingers took many crucial wickets when they were needed, In the death overs Anthony not only took wicket but would also put the brakes on the opposition run scoring.

Ethan Butcher (co-captain)- Ethan was our other on-field general, Ethan also led his side on the field well this season. Ethan played some good knocks, and his pace was quite intimidating for the opposition. His fielding was also outstanding all season

Liam Baker – Liam is pretty much the complete cricketer, a left-hand bat, left arm bowler & a very good fielder. Liam produced many match winning knocks and took early wickets when opening the bowling.

Ayaan Shaik - Ayaan was a quiet young man but a hard hitting middle order bat who scored his runs very quickly and could take the game away from the opposition, a genuine quick bowler and very strong fielder.

Hassan Kyani - Hassan was thrust into the opening batting position out of necessity.

Hassan's ability to take the shine off the ball while scoring quick runs ultimately helped set his team up for a big score. With his height and high arm action, Hassan was a handful for batters.

Liam Speechley – Liam was solid with both bat and ball all season. Liam has a great attitude & was always prepared to listen and work hard at training.

Ethan Johnston – Ethan was a destructive bat when he got going. He was also solid in the field and could generate some good pace when he got his rhythm.

Joel Aylward – Joel was one of Wicket keepers during the season but was equally effective with the ball and a gun in the field. His 2 run outs (including a direct from 30meters away) and catch in what would be our last game of the season was without doubt a highlight of the season. He also played a few crucial knocks during the season.

Ben Veitch – Ben was one of our keepers and took some nice catches behind the stumps along with taking some key wickets.

Charlie MacPherson – Charlie was our version of "Mr Cricket" a young man who lives and breathes the game & was forever working hard at training to improve himself as a cricketer. Charlie was a more than useful bowler who had the ability to move the ball around a bit, taking his best ever figures of 4/32.

Achilles Masters- Achilles played a few good cameo innings during the season. One helping his side to a win that seemed a lost cause. His bowling was solid all season including his career best figures of 3/4.

Stephen Kouroulis – A young man that never gave up and his talk in the field all season constantly encouraging his mates was fantastic. Steven’s “Team first” attitude is a credit to him.

Xander Glas – Xander’s bowling was solid all year. With career best figures of 2/1. His fielding and batting continued to improve as the season went on.

I would like to personally thank all the parents who helped score during the season & setting up the ground etc. I’m sure the boys would also like to thank their parents for bringing them to training & the game each week.

A big thank you to George & Voula for managing the team this season, especially Georges Friday Night pitch reports live from Casaurina Oval. To Jason, thanks for umpiring each week and for all your support during the season.

Finally, to the 13 young men who took the field every week & gave it everything. We challenged you each week to be able to look your mate in the eye and say you had given it your best no matter the result. Something you all were able to do. You all should be very proud of the improvement in your game. You are group of great young men and I’m sure you all have great futures ahead both in cricket & in life because of you good attitudes. You were a pleasure to coach.

Mat



14A

Batting Aggregate 363 runs. Batting Average 45.38: Max DeCelis

Bowling Aggregate 14 Wickets. Bowling Average 7.18: Bailey Parker

Coaches Award: Connor Hart

Fielding Award: Jackson Keen

Spirit of Cricket nominee: Ethan Stoddart

A fantastic season for the 14A side this year being Minor Premiers and Premiers! A very difficult last month for all of us with torrential rain resulting in washouts for most weeks. Not exactly the ideal preparation heading into a Grand Final.

To the kids credit they turned up on the big day ready for the challenge and certainly delivered when it mattered. After winning the toss and electing to bat on a very very slow ground we fought extremely hard to reach 7/78 off 45 overs until the rain arrived. Lucia batting at #3 was rock solid and did a great job which went a long way in us batting the overs out. A couple of really nice innings in the middle order from Cooper (20) and Bailey (16) just gave us the advantage until the rain arrived. The match now reduced to 45 overs with Engadine chasing 79 runs for victory.

The plan was to bowl full and straight, and all the bowlers delivered! A tremendous opening spell by Bailey had the opposition reeling at 3/9 off 4 overs then Madi claiming an early wicket had Engadine 4/15 and in real trouble. The game remained tight with scoring runs very difficult and at the 38th over the Heavy rain arrived and with Engadine at 5/49, the mighty Bangor Comets were declared Premiers on superior run rate. Consistent tight bowling from, Cooper, Mathew, Madi, Ethan and Jacko in the middle overs made it near impossible for the opposition to gain any momentum. Our fielding was the best it had been all season which included a brilliant catch by Jackson at 1st slip. Catches like that in any game go a long way to winning matches and this was no exception, it was a beauty! It really lifted the whole team and from that point on the fielding was near faultless.

A rain interrupted match but we clearly deserved the Premiership and one that we really had to fight for. Extremely proud of all the kids involved from the way they trained, the way they played and the way they respected the opposition. A super talented side and back-to-back U/14A Premierships for half of them. As a coach, I'm so proud of what they achieved as a group this year, it was amazing.

Special mention to Max on scoring a fantastic century in the early part of the season and to Madi in taking 5 wickets in a match with superb inswing bowling. Congratulations to both of you it was great to watch.

Good luck to everyone moving forward with your cricket! Look forward to seeing you all next year.

Dean Parker (Coach)



14B

Batting Aggregate 162 runs. Batting Average 27: Aston Graham

Bowling Aggregate 13 Wickets: James Storey

Bowling Average 7.33: Katie Abrook

Coaches Award: Hayley Jurinario

Fielding Award: Liam Smith

Spirit of Cricket nominee: Lincoln Wright

The Boys and girls of the 2022/2022 14B's team should be very proud of what they achieved this season. A combination of parts of several teams from last season resulted in quite a formidable side.

We struggled at the start of the season to find our rhythm, resulting in a number of close losses but the skills were there and I felt it was just a matter of time before we got our first win. Round 3 were up against the clear front runners for the season and looking down the barrel of three straight losses. Pleasingly the team dug deep, batted to their potential and we chased down the total on the last ball to secure our first victory. It would end up being the only loss the eventual premiers would suffer all season.

By the time round 5 got cancelled due to rain we were 1 win from 4 starts but 3 of the games had gone down to the very last ball and if a few things had gone our way we would

have been right up amongst the top of the ladder. Our win against the top of the table St Pats/Miranda team gave us confidence that we could match it with the best in the competition and it spurred us on.

We then hit our stride and won the next 3 of 4 games in which the only loss was against St Pats / Miranda. We were batting with much more confidence and our bowling was getting far more consistent too. We were gelling much more as a team and all of the players growing in confidence and we were now sitting in second place on aggregate.

Round 9 brought about one of our best performances after another consistent batting innings we rolled the shell-shocked Engadine Dragons for 58 runs in 21 overs securing our biggest win and securing outright second on the ladder.

The next 2 weeks were rain affected but others in the competition managed to get a game in which impacted the table and we were again back to equal second.

Round 12 had us up against Gynea (equal 2nd) and we didn't know it at the time, but this game would decide our fate for the season. We lost our first wicket on ball one but rallied and set a strong total of 132 from our 30 overs despite not having a bat for 2 weeks. We took wickets early and built pressure and when Gynea's big hitter Logan was dismissed cheaply, we kept to our plans, bowled really well and secured another valuable win.

The next two weeks were a coaches (and managers) nightmare as training had to be cancelled and games were rained out but the round 12 victory had secured us 2nd place and a place in the semis, which were also cancelled, because of even more rain.

When it was time for the Grand Final, it felt like we hadn't seen each other in weeks and despite a gallant effort with the ball, we lost early wickets and were unable to regain our footing against a very strong bowling attack and eventually lost the match. It was a great effort to get there and a great experience to be a part of playing in front of quite a crowd.

It was a disappointing way to finish a good season where we built momentum and improved as players but more importantly as a team. As I said on the day it took two teams to beat us (St Pats & Miranda) and many of the players were current or previous representative players.

As for the season, all of our players had great individual performances throughout and while no one broke any club or association records, everyone contributed to the teams success. Our records prove this as wickets, runs and catches were well and truly shared amongst the team. This ensured we consistently scored solid runs as we didn't rely on one or two gun players like some other teams did and suffered from. Similarly every bowler was a threat of taking wickets at any time.

I took great pride in the way our team conducted themselves each and every week, playing hard but fair, supporting each other and displaying great sportsmanship and competitive spirit. This was often highlighted by the opposition coach as we shook hands which made it all the more important.

You wouldn't have guessed they all came from different sides last year as when we took wickets or batted well we celebrated as one unit, supporting each other after a bad over, dropped catch or less than stellar innings. These are the most important attributes of a good player to me and it was great to see the kids really believe in it and themselves.

Massive thankyou to all the parents for bringing kids to training, setting out fields, putting up with the rain and my post match positives. Special thankyou to Jennene Abrook as manager for her amazing organisation, doing a large portion of the scoring and managed all of the GF week shenanigans, arranging subs for unavailable players

I thoroughly enjoyed the season and hope you all did you. The team will no doubt be separated next season with some going up the U16's some potentially moving into the 14A's side but no matter where you end up, I hope it's with the comets, that you continue to enjoy your cricket, believe in your ability and hopefully look back fondly on the memories you created in U14B's in season 2021/22

Scott Cullum

Proud Coach of the U14B's



14C

Batting Aggregate 144 runs: Jackson Bold

Batting Average 35: Henry Parkinson

Bowling Aggregate 8 Wickets: Holly Bold

Bowling Average 9.38: Karani Davis

Coaches Award: Holly Bold

Fielding Award: Dylan Heslehurst

Spirit of Cricket nominee: Jake Grinham

As with each year I must initially thank the kids and the parents for allowing me to coach the team. I am grateful of the opportunity to share in the achievements of the boys and Holly, and possibly to have contributed ever so slightly to some of them.

The team finished fourth for the season, qualifying for the semi-finals. Noting that 11 of our 12 players will be eligible to play U14's next season, it is encouraging that we generally beat the teams consisting of the players in their first year. It was a bit harder against the older boys playing their second season of U14's, who further restricted the batting and bowling to their best players.

As an overall comment I would note the sense of camaraderie amongst the players that didn't diminish throughout the season. The boys and Holly genuinely shared the best intentions for the team. Further discussion specific to each of the players is provided following.

Thanks to Kelly Jones for looking after the Manager responsibilities. Further thanks to Kelly and Justin Davies who got through most of the scoring for the season, definitely the worse part of cricket. And thanks to all the parents who ensured that the kids were present at training and the games, and always ready to do their best.

Holly Bold. Was the equal leading wicket taker for the team, and further recorded a bowling average below 10. This was through consistent full pitched and straight bowling. The batsmen did not get an opportunity at loose bowling with Holly, which allowed her to draw false shots and take the wickets.

Holly was the recipient of the Coaches Award. Holly could not have done any more than was asked of her. Her wicketkeeping was of a high standard throughout the season with generally few byes and no dropped catches / missed opportunities that I can remember. As noted above, she bowled full and straight. And when batting, always made the effort to keep the score moving by pushing singles and looking to attack the bad ball.

Jackson Bold. Jackson likes hitting boundaries. And when he is not hitting boundaries, he is trying to hit boundaries. Finished the season as the team's leading run scorer and also far and away the best strike rate of the team's batsmen. A particular point of which I'm sure Jackson will be delighted is that he led the U14C's competition for the number of 6's hit. Jackson shared the wicketkeeping duties with his sister Holly which ideally suited his role as the chief motivator for the team in the field.

Graeme Butcher. A very good season for Graeme. On his day was the fastest bowler in the team, and the hardest hitter of the cricket ball. My favourite part of Graeme's season was his innings against the St Pats team who clearly had the tallest and fastest bowlers of any other team in the competition. With the Bangor team having struggled to nearly almost

out for 40, Graeme stepped out and smashed their quickest bowlers for a run a ball 19, singularly responsible for injecting respectability into the score.

Karani Davies. Karani was also the team's (equal) leading wicket taker, achieved with an excellent bowling average of 9.4 and an economy rate of 2.3 per over. Straight bowling on a good length were the keys to Karani's success – with a high proportion of the wickets recorded as bowled. With near to the strongest arm in the team, Karani was further an important contributor in the field.

Karani's batting showed significant improvement over the course of the season. Karani's highest score of 12 not out was in the team's final game of the season and had an extent of shot selection and execution that was world's away from the earlier rounds. This contribution was particularly crucial to securing the team a win in this match.

Jake Grinham. This was my first year with Jake in the team and I must firstly state that he was an absolute pleasure to be associated with. Was asked to open the batting on several occasions, which restricted his opportunities to bat against the easier bowlers. Jake excelled when presented an opportunity. This is most clearly observed in our Round 8 game where Jake top scored with 18 not out, building a competitive total for the team which facilitated victory.

His bowling did not get the rewards he deserved. Bowled good outswingers throughout the season, and likely would have topped the bowling aggregate if he got to bowl at left handers. Unfortunately, the 95% of right handers he bowled to were simply not good enough to edge his deliveries, but able to get the pads in front of the ones aiming at the stumps. This will not be the case in future years.

Dylan Helsehurst. Dylan's first year of cricket. Finished the season as the team's standout fielder, most accomplished batsman and a very reliable bowler. This is evidenced by a batting average twice as high as his bowling average and being the clear leader in catches taken for the season.

Notwithstanding the excellent measured performance, Dylan's greatest contributions were in the support and encouragement of his teammates. He was a constant positive influence throughout each of the matches – importantly not letting his standards slip during a batting innings, or otherwise with the effort expended in the field.

Ryder Hitchcock. Ryder's first year of cricket. Ryder's batting saw a rapid improvement at the start of the season, and then pleasingly in the second half of the season came the improvement with his bowling. An excellent defensive technique made Ryder vary hard to get out, with a review of time spent at the wicket demonstrating this in comparison to his teammates. Tellingly his most assured performances with the bat occurred when he was promoted up the order.

The improvement in Ryder's bowling is evident from a review of the bowling figures of the final match where Ryder returned the team's best figures of 2/7.

Alex Jones. Opened the bowling for most matches. Has a natural outswinger action which produced many balls which were too good for a division where slips catching is a developing skill. Notwithstanding Alex collected six wickets for the season. Unfortunately, having to bowl most of his overs against the best opposition batsmen reduced the opportunities to further build on this tally.

Though he doesn't necessarily focus on his batting – a crucial 38 ball innings batting No. 11 against Engadine in Round 8 cannot go without mention. By holding up his end and letting the other boy's bat around him, the team were able to scrape together enough runs to claim the win.

Henry Parkinson. Was a solid contributor to the team with a batting average of 35 and a bowling average of 9.3. Unfortunately, the coach did him no favours with his batting, making him open the batting, or bat last. Most of the boys found it difficult to score quickly at the start of the innings, this being the time when the two or three good bowlers that each team has generally bowl most of their overs, and Henry was no different.

Special mention is warranted for having all the entries to the team's Classic Catches, consisting of three separate diving efforts at Square Leg.

Luke Rawlinson. On his day, Luke was the standout bowler in the team. A strong wrist action at ball release facilitated significant movement off the seam. I recall one sequence of deliveries in Round 7 against the batsman who finished the season as the competition's leading run-scorer. This included three fast good length balls that seamed in and each struck the pads, followed by an even quicker fuller length ball that seamed straight past the outside edge of the bat and into off stump. The look on the batsmen's face was my own personal highlight of the season.

As with previous years with Luke, his batting improved dramatically throughout the course of the season, with his best contributions coming during 2022. It's also worth mentioning that Luke took the responsibility of captaining the team for most of the season. It was especially pleasing to observe the respect earned from his teammates in this capacity.

James Tsavalias. James played the 2021 portion of the season of the team. As consistent with past years with us, James's bowling and fielding continued to stand out in comparison to his teammates. James had the lowest bowling average of the team, taking his wickets at 8.7. This is particularly noteworthy as he was often the go to bowler when the opposition batsmen were on top.

Jonty Walsham. This was also Jonty's first season of cricket. Jonty's enthusiasm and enjoyment of the game was evident at all times. I would make specific mention of the way Jonty fought to preserve his wicket each time he batted, and the productive outlet his cut shot became as the season progressed.

Jonty has not set himself an easy task as a bowler, bowling leg spin. When he got it right, he was unplayable, with several dropped catches from his team mates not flattering him. I was very pleased however to see him take matters into his own control during our second last game of the season, claiming his first wicket as bowled.



12A

Batting Aggregate 236 runs. Batting Average 78.66: Andrew Young

Bowling Aggregate 9 Wickets: Beau Lovell

Bowling Aggregate 9 Wickets: Taylor McMahon

Bowling Aggregate 9 Wickets. Bowling Average 9.11: Arlen D'souza

Coaches Award: Ethan Gervassilis

Fielding Award: Aleisha Rutherford

Spirit of Cricket nominee: Beau Lovell

What a great bunch of cricketers the Comets under 12A were this year. Right from their very first training session the boys and Girls were keen to have a good year. They all capped off a great year almost progressing into the Semi-finals in 12A's. This was a great achievement as they started the year in 12B's.

A very special thank you to Denise whose ability in managing the team was superb! Denise is a very dedicated and organised manager who went above and beyond to ensure things always ran so smoothly.

A special mention to James my Assistant Coach for all the help and support he gave the team. This was mainly demonstrated at preparing the pitch on game day, so the boys and girls had a great game of cricket.

Also, a big thanks to all the parents and grandparents that week in week out helped set up and prepare the ground before play and more importantly turned up in numbers to support our team. The parents who were fantastic always helping when needed to score, put the markers, and stumps out and warm the players up etc. It was a good all-round effort.

To all the players, Aleisha (Capt), Andrew, Ethan S, Caleb, Beau, Ethan G, Ryan, Arlen, Lachlan and Taylor, I will closely watch in the coming years to see all of your progressions in development to achieve the cricketers I know you all can be.

Bill Bell
Coach



12C/D

Batting Aggregate 200 runs. Batting Average 33.33: Andrew Smith

Bowling Aggregate 11 Wickets. Bowling Average 6.45: Andrew Smith

Coaches Award: Hayden Aylward

Fielding Award: Amaan Shaik

Spirit of Cricket nominee: Lincoln Gibson

It was my privilege to take another group of boys through their cricketering life in Season 2021/22 and I must say it was an enjoyable season full of good performances. We had the unique distinction of putting together a side that had come from several different teams throughout last season so there were going to be some challenges in gelling the boys into a winning combination.

We had three players from last year's 12C/D team, two from the 12E/C team, three from the 10Bs, one from the 10Ds and two young men who were playing their first ever season of cricket. I'm pleased to report that over the season they all got on very well and some great new friendships were born.

We started off the season with a bang, winning by 80 runs against a team that were destined to be regraded to the 12D competition. Still, it was a great effort first up from our boys with Levi scoring a whopping 42 runs and Andrew taking 4/2, almost taking a hat-trick! We finished the regular season with 5 wins, 4 draws (washouts) and 5 losses and finished in 4th place, worthy semi-finalists!

As with every year I have coached for the Comets, I have been blessed to have support from our parents and I cannot thank them enough for the hard work they have put in to make this team a success. Thanks especially to Dan Aylward, Martin Cowling, Darren Gibson, Ben Russell and Adam Shaik who continually shared the scoring and game prepping duties and a big well done to Simone Pocock who had never scored a game before in her life, putting her hand up to do this!

I would also like to thank my wife Leonie in assisting me with the team manager duties and supporting myself and Andrew in any way she could throughout the season. I could not have done my job as coach without her!

Player Profiles

Levi Cowling – Levi was one of our strong batters throughout the season finishing second in the overall number of runs. He proved very adept in playing shots all around the wicket, especially the cover drive and late cut. He improved his bowling throughout the season and in our last regular game before the big rains came, he took 4-9 in a brilliant performance including a very sharp caught and bowled.

Aaron Bool – Aaron came up from the Under 10s this year and handled himself very well. His left arm over the wicket deliveries transformed themselves into ones with more pace and when accurate the opposition found it very hard to play him. Aaron had some good stints with the bat and took some great catches in the field. A very good season for Aaron!

Joshua Russell – Josh was one of our main keepers throughout the year. He had not played this position before but put his hand up to have a go at the beginning of the season.

He really enjoyed it and became a regular and managed to get a couple of catches as well! With the bat Josh came in most times when we needed quick runs and, in this instance, he always put the team first. Josh's bowling has improved again, and he finished with 5 wickets for the year.

Hayden Aylward – Hayden made the big step up this year to be one of our senior players having already had a year of Under 12s under his belt. Hayden has a great defensive technique with the bat and can be relied upon to get through his 20 balls. He is a good runner between the wickets as well. His bowling has also improved through his accuracy and pace and he deserved to take more than 5 wickets throughout the year.

Amaan Shaik – Amaan is a great version of your complete cricketer. He is well versed in every facet of the game, showing his talents with the bat, ball and in the field. He took an amazing six catches throughout the year and his bowling was excellent taking 8 wickets and generally keeping the run rate down. He was unlucky not to score more runs with the bat, several times he got a good ball before he could get himself going. But Amaan is a player to watch and a worthy winner of our Fielding Award.

George Gardner – George has had a good season and has learned much with his new team. He wowed the crowds down at Prince Edward Park in Round 5 against Miranda by taking 4 catches and none of them were easy! George can hold his bat well and can hit boundaries and when he is on the stumps with his bowling, he can certainly take wickets. We have enjoyed having George in the team this year!

Fletcher Fraser – Fletcher is a young man who loves his cricket and works hard at it. Both his bowling and batting have improved, and he is a valued member of the team. He can run well between the wickets and he and Amaan put on 30 runs together earlier in the year which put us in a winning position. Fletcher's bowling is now more consistent, and he has added some pace which makes the batsman play him very carefully.

Lincoln Gibson – Lincoln spent the first six weeks of the season on the sideline with a broken foot but that did not stop him attending training and coming to the games to support his new teammates. Once on the field, Lincoln proved himself as one of our top wicketkeepers and he used his goalkeeping prowess to help him take catches and prevent byes. He possesses a very sound defence with the bat and his bowling is improving all the time. Lincoln plays the game in excellent spirit, and he is a valued member of his team.

Samuel Pocock – This was Sam's first year of playing cricket but if you watched him on the park, you would not know it. He has developed into a fine player and next year will see him do even better. He is more than capable of hitting the fence while batting and he has now developed some pace in his bowling that will challenge any batsman. Sam has enjoyed his cricket this year and we hope to see him again next season!

Jayke Lapham – Jayke joined us halfway through the year and this was also his first year of playing competitive cricket. Jayke has shown he can handle all facets of the game. With the bat he reached a total of 52 runs which included 5 fours and 2 huge sixes! He has now developed a long run with his bowling and with this will come greater pace and accuracy. In the field he is like a gazelle, sprinting after the ball and getting it in over the stumps. Welcome to the Comets Jayke, we hope to see you again next year!

Andrew Smith – Andrew continued his good form from last year and played some fine innings with the bat and also bowled with pace and accuracy. As a senior player, Andrew

took on more responsibility this year and led the team in making fielding placements and encouraging his teammates. Apart from topping the grade in most runs and equal most wickets, he also hit 36 fours during the season, the next best in the grade was 16. His economy rate was one of the best in the grade also only conceding 2.54 runs an over. Hopefully an even better year awaits him in the Under 14s.

Chad Smith
Coach



10A

Batting Aggregate 269 runs: Josh peel

Bowling Aggregate 25 Wickets. Bowling Average 4.16: Josh Peel

Coaches Award: Cole Grinham

Fielding Award: Josh Peel

Spirit of Cricket nominee: Cole Grinham

Coaches General Comment to say our preparation leading into the 2021-22 season was not ideal would be an understatement. As a side we dealt with grade changes, multiple last minute ground changes, several wash outs on training afternoon, injuries, Covid and continual battles with player availability. Only once did we field our full side in the top grade. To the players credit, they turned up each week and gave it their best shot. This year, I'm most proud of the fact that we were able to put a team out on the park each week and amazingly didn't succumb to a single forfeit. On reflection, it can only be put down to "one of those years." Starting the year in B's, we were soon shocked to find an abundance of teams that were arguably graded incorrectly and genuinely struggled to bowl overarm. This was a vast difference in the standard of Bs from 2020-21 and we didn't manage to find a single team to challenge us in the early part of the season. Sadly, this was neither enjoyable for us nor the opposition. Round 6 came around and we found ourselves playing in the top grade with only four players available. We accepted this fact and prepared for an uphill struggle in the second half of the season. At times we showed our true potential but there were games where we were outplayed and possibly our fielding let us down on occasions. In the top grade you need most things going in your favour to be competitive and you need to execute the basics well. After a run of losses against some of the stronger teams, we found our feet and were competitive in some games, managing to come away with a couple of wins under our belt, albeit a player or two short in each case. Although the MyCricket points table suggested otherwise, we finished the season mid table and were in contention for a semi-finals spot until late in the season. Regrettably however, the year will be remembered for all the off-field disruption, more so than what occurred on the field. We learned as a team that you can only control so much, try your best on the day and get as much enjoyment out of the game as you can. I think the kids were able to do that remarkably well, all things considered. I have several people to thank for helping us navigate our way through the season. Firstly, Jo Fox for managing the side under trying conditions, especially with her son Jacob out of action with a major injury in the first half of the season. The parents for their continual support and shared help with the scoring, plus a mention to the player's siblings who helped us greatly at training. Thank you, guys. Thank you to 10C's coach Luke and the 10C players who were always willing to help us each week when we were short. There were some great contributions from these players, and I can't thank them enough for their support. Bill Bell for his helpful wisdom throughout the year, ensuring we fielded a

side each week. Lastly, I wish all members of our team the best of luck for next season and hope to see everyone return for 2022/2023.

Luca Bruzgulis 9 games 199 runs @ 22.11 31 overs, 10 wickets @ 11 Although still our youngest in the team, Luca was one of our senior players this season and lead by the front was his batting. With regular, powerful blows down the ground, Luca amassed almost 200 runs in the games he played. On several occasions, Luca opened the batting and set us off on the right foot with his dominate stroke play. His technique also improved in the second half of the season, and he looked right at home in the top grade. A solid year with the bat Luca well done. Luca was one of our best fielders with a strong throwing arm from the outfield and a handy pair of hands under the high ball. He continues to improve his all-round cricket ability and in time will be a force to reckon with. Highlights for Luca were his 42 runs in round 4, 44 runs in round 9 and his 3 for 6 in round 10. Congratulations Luca on a strong season.

Jacob Fox 5 games 61 runs @ 12.2 17 overs, 4 wickets @ 16 Unfortunately for Jacob, injury saw him gain limited opportunities this year and finding any of kind of rhythm or consistency proved difficult. When Jacob was available, he was a valuable contributor to the side and displayed some serious skill and memorable performances. Highlights for Jacob were his 26 runs in round 9 against Caringbah 2, with some very clever batting where he manipulated the field around to suit his favoured scoring areas, particularly with some lethal pull shots to the boundary. Jacob also picked up a couple of handy 2fa's with the ball, including possibly the catch of the season with a screamer of a caught and bowled. Next season with a bit more luck on the injury side and regular play, it should be a good year for Jacob. Well done Jacob on your season.

Cole Grinham 11 games 186 runs @ 16.91 39 overs, 12 wickets @ 12.75 A great asset to our side this year and a great team player. With his powerful on-side stroke play, Cole's value with the bat was always welcome and he finished off the year as one of our most consistent batsman. Cole's left arm swing bowling was often dangerous, and the opposition found him hard to face most of the time. Highlights for Cole were his 44 runs in round 4 & 28 runs in round 9. With over 180 runs to his name in his first year of cricket, it was a successful year for Cole. Cole was also one of our best wicket keepers this year, saving countless amounts of runs with his handy glove work. Cole's commitment to the team did not go unnoticed as he played through an injury late in the season, such was his dedication throughout the year. Well done on a fantastic season Cole and I look forward to seeing your progression in cricket.

Cameron Lovell 10 games 92 runs @ 9.2 35 overs, 14 wickets @ 9.57 A bit of a learning year for Cameron but he soon adapted well and handled the season comfortably. Cameron was our bravest competitor, opening the batting on occasions against some quick bowling, he was always up for the challenge and took the game head on. Cameron was one who was rarely looking to defend but rather he went on the attack which proved successful for him several times. Camo's bowling improved

each game and in the back half of the season, found himself towards the top of our leading wicket takers list. Highlights were Cameron's round 4 performance (17 runs and 3 wickets), plus an impressive 4fa in round 11. A real vocal player and never one to shy away from a contest, Camo should be proud of his first year in cricket. Great effort Cameron.

Josh Peel 11 games 269 runs @ 24.45 40 overs, 25 wickets @ 4.16 including two hat tricks. Josh was one of the standout players in the 10A's comp and we were fortunate enough to have him in our side. A real natural talent in all facets, Josh was our leader this season. His smooth, rhythmic bowling was rarely off target, resulting in numerous cleaned bowled wickets. In fact, standing at the umpire's end, I can remember countless occasions where he only just missed the stumps or hit the batsmen on the pads in front. Next season when LBWs are in play, expect to see even more wickets from Josh. His batting was a class above with many skilful innings throughout the year. His anticipation of the game was generally ahead of the opponent's way of thinking, and he cashed in on the bad balls, punishing any width or misdirected balls. Statistically, there were some significant performances and milestones from Josh this year including 2 separate hat tricks in Bs (yes two in one season!) plus a 50 in the same game. In A's there were several solid performances with the bat, proving his consistency time and again. He excelled in the top grade with some outstanding individual performances including a 5 for 12 against Como & a 4fa against Caringbah 2. Josh's all-round skill didn't fall short in the field either. He was one of the leading fielders in the comp with several direct hit run outs and impressive catching. Quick to the ball, he was always on his toes and looking for an opportunity for a run out. A remarkable season from Josh and I have no doubt that he has a bright future ahead of him.

Casey Schultz 11 games 144 runs @ 13.09 38 overs, 18 wickets @ 6.61 A much improved season from Casey this year with some strong performances in both grades. Casey enjoyed the year with the bat, finishing with nearly 150 runs and with some confident stroke play and aggressive running between the wickets. At times, runs didn't come easy for Casey, but he learnt to fight his way through some tough bowling spells and found ways to tick over the score board which was pleasing to see and a great attribute to have. His bowling was his strength though with some consistent performances throughout the season. He proved to be a pivotal player for us on more than a few occasions with some very valuable wickets. On several occasions, opponents found Casey difficult to face when he pitched the ball on a good line & length. Highlights were a couple of 3fa's and a 4 for 19 against Como in round 12, including taking two wickets in his first two balls. A good, all-round year from Casey and he should feel happy with his performances this year.

(Awards based on stats after all matches, combining both grades A & B): Spirit of cricket award: Friendly, enthusiastic, respectful, and competitive are some of the traits that the winner of the Spirit of Cricket award should possess. The player in our team that best reflects these attributes is,

Cole Grinham. Cole has a great attitude towards the game and never once got involved in any on field or off field controversy. Always polite and courteous, Cole was a pleasure to coach this year and a real team man who contributed in many successful partnerships with bat and ball. A real student of the game, Cole took what we learnt at training and applied his newly acquired skills in the games. His encouragement in the field was valued by his teammates and he was always first into the team huddle to celebrate when a wicket was taken. BBRCC has a fine future ahead with the likes of Cole coming through the grades. Coaches award: Cole Grinham Fielding award: Josh Peel Batting Agg: Josh Peel, 269 runs Batting Average: Josh Peel, 24.45 Bowling Agg: Josh Peel, 25 wickets including two hat tricks Bowling Average: Josh Peel, 4.16 Regards,
Nathan Schultz (Coach 10A's)



10C

Batting Aggregate 159 runs: Oliver Glas

Bowling Aggregate 15 Wickets. Bowling Average 6.13: Aiden Solagna

Coaches Award: Dave Jacob

Fielding Award: Oliver Jones

First off, I want to start by saying how unbelievably proud I am of these 6 young boys. Making it to the Grand Final with only 6 players in a seven a side team and playing at least 1 player short every week and still being competitive is an amazing achievement. We didn't know how we would go this season - considering we all came from the 10E teams last year and with 1 new player who hadn't played before. We started the season off with a win and our confidence grew from there, winning 5 out of our first 6 games. We then managed to stay in second place on the ladder with the last 2 rounds a wash out, guaranteeing us a spot in the GF....more on that later.

But being in the GF isn't the best thing about our season. Just watching how all 6 boys skills and sportsmanship grew was the real highlight. Every week I could see the improvement with the little things, such as backing up in the field and loud calling while batting. We had great encouragement and no bad words were spoken - most probably due to the great support staff (parents) around us.

It was an absolute pleasure to coach these boys and it was made so easy with the help and involvement of our parents. Having 6 players also means we only get 6 set of parents to help out as well. I truly am thankful to all (especially during training nights fielding the ball at back stop as I am such a terrible keeper!) and for making sure the boys were ready to bat and filling in to score. Thank you!

But a really really big thank you to our manager Bec. Thank you for organising everything and keeping the score book correct! But mainly for allowing (*telling) Luke to score even after night shifts. Really appreciate you guys.

Now, back to the GF. It didn't start off to well with Jacob unfortunately unable to play. We missed his batting, but we really missed him in the field. We batted first and Ollie J and Aiden got us off to a great start. Beau kept the runs going and then Oli G and Dave finished it with lots of boundaries. Giving us a total of 85 with only a loss of 4 wickets, giving them 16 penalty runs. We then started great with the ball taking quick wickets, 6 in all which gave us 24 penalty runs. It came down to the last few overs and I can safely say that we can hold our heads up high knowing we did everything right. Well done boys 10C's runners up!

Aiden S - Great swing bowler taking 4 wickets in his first game. Outstanding fielder and kept us all going with his words of encouragement and laughs.

Beau C - Lovely swing bowler who really improved bowling keeping that arm high. Future Pilot with his helicopter batting.

Dave J - Super fast bowler and so passionate. Always thinking about how he could score more runs, like wanting to bat last so the fielders are tired.

Oli G - Great batter, always top scorer. Gets lots of fours with his beautiful on drive. And takes wickets accidentally (apparently) by hitting the stumps.

Ollie J - Awesome bowler with his fuller length and bounce that tricked every batter and keeper. Best cover drive I've seen on a kid as well.

Jacob M - Great spin bowler with his over the head action. Best team batter I've seen, knowing exactly when to run, without him we wouldn't have scored as many runs as we did.

Big thanks for season team!

Luke Glas 10C's coach

Good bowling, good batting, good Fielding, good umpiring!!!



10D

Batting Aggregate 56 runs: Lachlan McShane

Bowling Aggregate 7 Wickets. Bowling Average 12.43: James Simons

Coaches Award: Luca Gashovski

Fielding Award: Summer Kean

Spirit of Cricket nominee: Scarlett van der Dolder

2022 saw many changes to our team from 2021 with 2 players remaining in the side from last year and 5 new players joining them. The challenges were many, rain, Covid and some very strong opposition teams in our grade.

The overriding objective at this age and stage is that the kids have FUN. I judged the games and season based on player development and player improvement. Effort and attitude was my focus for the team and this they delivered throughout the season. Teamwork and developing friendships are an important part of any team sport. With all the parents we have tried to instil in the players how important it is for them to support each other and to always be positive towards their teammates. The Spirit of Cricket, fair play, friendship and striving to do our best have been the goals we have reached this season.

I would like to thank all the parents for their support and willingness to jump in and help wherever they were needed. Everyone had a go at scoring and at any time I needed a hand on a Saturday or at training someone would jump up and get involved this as a Coach makes things so much easier. To Courtney our manager for the work behind the scenes and always keeping out top of who had to come in next. To Peter thanks for filling in as Umpire for when I was away and helping me set up. George, Ryan, Paul and Nick thanks for warming the players and helping out at training. To Jane thanks for keeping me on an even keel and for supporting everyone with the scoring and setting up with me.

The final thanks go to the players your effort all year has been great everyone made improvements during the season, and you were all very respectful and well-mannered to the opposition players and coaches. It was great that everyone was prepared to give every position a go. I hope to see everyone return for 2022/2023.

Blake Gardener Bos

This was Blake's second year in the team, and he worked hard at encouraging his team mates at training and during games. Blake has been working hard on his bowling and was our second highest wicket taker and made 2 stumpings during his time wicket keeping.

Oliver Valmas

Oliver was new to the game this year and brought a huge amount of enthusiasm to the team. Oliver was always trying to improve his game by asking questions of what he could do to improve his game. Well done Oliver for trying your best all season.

Scarlett Van Den Dolder

Scarlett came into our team from one of the other U10 teams from last year. Scarlett was a great addition to the team bringing good skills and can-do attitude to the game. When she captained the team, she led by example being active in the field and encouraging her team mates. Scarlett always displays the true spirit of cricket showing fair play friendship and fun. Scarlett was very unlucky with her bowling her height and action meant she was able to generate so great bounce but sometimes this was too much and bounced over the stumps. Well done, Scarlett

Summer Kean

This was Summer's 2nd season in the team and in the early part of the she worked hard at including the new team members of the team in all things on and off the field. This season Summer's bowling improved markedly to the point that by the end of the season she was the fastest bowler on the team. Her batting also improved from last year and her partnerships with Scarlett were some of our best during the season. I see some higher honours for Summer in the coming years for Summer especially in the Girls competition. Summer also has a deadly arm and won our fielding award for her 4 run outs

Luca Gashovski

Luca is the youngest in our team, but you would not know it by the way he plays the game. Luca is always looking to improve his game and is always ready to listen to feedback on what needs to improve his game. To this end his bowling was his biggest improvement during the season with his throwing close behind. Luca was great to coach and the winner of the Coaches award. Congratulations Luca on a strong season

James Simons

The silent assassin of the team. Don't let James' quiet personality fool you he is deadly accurate with the ball in hand. James was our leading wicket taker with 7 and should have taken a few more. James' bowling will only get better as he grows and gets that angry fast bowler attitude. As one of the younger members of the team I look forward to watching James' cricket career progress in the coming seasons.

Lachlan McShane

Another new member to the team Lachlan is great at gleaming out a run so much so that he was our leading run scorer for the season. Behind the stumps Lachlan shined as a wicketkeeper and would have stayed there all year if we let him. His work behind the stumps improved with each time he kept, and he has the potential to become a good keeper. A remarkable season from Lachlan and I have no doubt that he has a bright future ahead of him



Stage 1 Girls

Batting Aggregate 240 runs: Anae Tardent

Bowling Aggregate 14 Wickets: Charlotte Fifer

Bowling Average 2.4: Anae Tardent

Coaches Award: Sophia Rauch

Fielding Award: Ashleigh O'Rafferty

Spirit of Cricket nominee: Alexandra Bowen

Stage 1 Girls 2

Batting Aggregate 96: Darleen Van Wyngaardt

Bowling Aggregate 7 Wickets: Bowling: Darleen Van Wyngaardt

Bowling Aggregate 7 Wickets: Bowling Average 14.86: Amella Moore

Fielding Award: Abigail Cullum

This season was an excellent one for the Stage 1 Girls team, highlighted by winning the Minor Premiership and Premiership! Congratulations to the team, parents, and supporters! The season was played entirely at our home ground Akuna oval every Saturday morning, and there were 4 teams from around the shire involved. It was a great atmosphere during the season to be at Akuna and being able to utilize the clubhouse and facilities (including the BBQ!)

The Bangor Stage 1 Girls played in a stand-alone Bangor team, and a joint-venture team with the Bosco Cricket Club. The Bangor girls all trained together as well as helped fill in when spots were needed to be backfilled in both teams, so the teams got to know each other quite well.

Each of the girls contributed well and during the season, improved their skills and knowledge of the game, and they also made new friends within the playing group which was great for us all to see. Anae played some excellent cricket and anchored the batting well for the team, hitting a few 6s during the season was great to watch as well as scoring 51 in the final, her first half century; Charlotte was our most competitive bowler during the season, and as a parent facing her bowling at training I know how well she can bowl first-hand!; Ashy and Ella were both definitely fast bowlers and very handy with the bat – I think Ashy managed to hit a lot of 4s during the season; Sophia improved out of sight with her bowling and batting and so too did Alex, with both providing some great partnerships at the crease and running well between the wickets; Madeline had a sensational season, and her bowling in the final was a key to winning the game (so close to a caught & bowled wicket!); Daleen was the most unafraid of our group, and put so much effort into running between wickets to squeeze extra runs and also showing excellent fielding skills, her bowling got a lot faster and more accurate as the season progressed; Amelia rarely gave up her wicket and by season's end, she was one of the team's leaders with her technique; Abi was one of the best at getting some good banter happening on and off the field, and her fierceness with the bat and ball left meant she left nothing on the table when she played.

Thank you to all the girls for a great season, and thanks to the parents and supporters that helped make Saturday morning's fun, as well as contributing to Scoring, Umpiring, BBQ duties, etc. I'm sure we can get even better next season with our Cricket and helping the girls develop even more deeply together as a team.

Simon (Coach) and Pete (Manager)



Stage 2 Girls

Batting Aggregate 97 runs: Mikayla Shore

Batting Average 38: Tayla Murgouski

Bowling Aggregate 8 Wickets: Tayla Murgouski

Bowling Average 4.57: Eliza Parslow

Coaches Award: Lauren Buckle

Fielding Award: Tayla Murgovski

Spirit of Cricket nominee: Rhiannon Bool

Tayla – Tayla was given the opportunity to lead the team this season as captain and proved that this young lady is a genuine leader, Tayla had a very solid season with the bat and ball but really excelled in leading the team on the field.

Dawn – Playing in her first season of cricket and Dawn was thrown straight into stage 2 whilst most newcomers would have really struggled Dawn really progressed in her short time in the team because of her determination well done Dawn.

Rhiannon – Rhiannon was selected as our wicket keeper for the second half of the season and did a fantastic job, as this position is the hardest place to be on the park for a young cricketer Rhiannon really put in a big effort and will get better and better as she gets more experience in that role.

Mikayla – Mikayla is the most naturally talented player in the competition making the game of cricket look very easy, Mikayla topped the runs this season and when the time came for the grand final, she took 3 wickets to get us back in the game against a very strong batting team.

Bria – Bria was much improved this season showing that she has the technique to become a very solid player and proving very difficult to dismiss this year, this season she was given the task of leading the team a couple of times when needed and proved she is real team player, with more focus on bending her front leg she will be a very solid top order batter. Outstanding performance Knucklehead.

Lauren – Lauren always puts in 100% at both training and game day and whilst having a good season with the bat and ball Lauren really excelled when covid hit and she had to take over the wicket keeping duties for the Grand Final and this was by far her best performance of the year.

Adryelle – Adryelle is always one of the main leaders of the team often bringing the best out of her teammates through her encouragement, Adryelle was another player who saved her best game for last steering the team home to victory with an incredible batting performance in an almost unwinnable position.

Mahalia – Mahalia is a very good defensive batter and improved greatly this season often batting threw the innings, Mahalia another player saving her best performance for the last game with bowling figures of 0/1 at a time that the opposition was scoring freely and managing to bat threw the innings at a time that we desperately needed it.

Eliza – Eliza was a new addition to the team and proved to be a very reliable allrounder, Eliza was very difficult for any player to score runs against finishing the season with an

economy of a ridiculous 1.52, Eliza steered the girls to victory in the final after producing her innings of the season and earning player of the match.

Kayla – Kayla is in my opinion the best Batter in the competition and although she went through a period of self-doubt early on in the season because of the leather ball Kayla finished the season the only player in the competition to score with an impressive strike rate of over 100, I truly believe as her confidence builds Kayla has a big future in cricket.



A1

Batting Aggregate: Nathan Abbott 158 runs

Batting Average: Nathan Abbott 22.57

Bowling Aggregate: Nathan Abbott & Scott Cullum 9 wickets

Bowling Average: Bailey Park 8.00

From Premiers in 2021 to not Premiers in the 2022 season was not exactly the plan that's for sure. Very difficult to replace many top line experienced players from the Premiership winning side last year and have the same success. Throughout most of year we had three 14 year olds, a 16 year old and an 18 year old fighting the battle in the top grade each week. We were even able to beat the top team with this young side!! A massive achievement for us all!

What we did learn with the young kids was how good they are! I can't remember kids that young playing in the top grade or even wanting to. It was super exciting to watch kids at such a young age step up and have a go and have their share of success along the way. They have a really exciting future ahead of them that's for sure. Unfortunately the senior players probably didn't perform as well with the bat as we could have and whilst we were in the fight for most of the games we just didn't score enough runs, simple as that.

We still fought hard as a team week in week out regardless of the total we posted which was a good test of character for the side. As they say, there is always next year!

Dean Parker

A2

Batting Aggregate: Kane Campbell 345 runs

Batting Average: Kane Campbell 43.13

Bowling Aggregate: Jeremy Dwyer 20 wickets

Bowling Average: Jeremy Dwyer 8.35

Thank you to all the players who registered for our team and also filled in throughout. Not being able to contest the GF was very disappointing for the team and as per usual we hit our straps after Chrissy, winning all but 1 game and completely dominating the semi-final. It was a privilege to skipper a great bunch of guys with all of them stepping up to help when the inevitable spanner gets thrown in the works.

We began the season well with the bat, Kane, Matt, Elliot and Paul leading the way with some handy contributions from the lower order here and there. The bowling line up was strong and if we completed couple more catches in the early rounds we may have recorded an extra win or two.

Our first win for the season against Caringbah began our dominance with the ball and a superb 5 fa from Andrew Gerovassillis started the 'ball' rolling. Heathcote Oval made big scores difficult so the bowling group became very good at defending lowish totals. The big destroyer was Jeb who ended as our leading wicket taker for the season. He was ably assisted by BP, Stoney, Bryce, Savs, Ryan, Paul and myself. Catches also began to stick with some notable grabs by Bryce and Matt in the semi-final, two by Stoney and one from Paul and Viv versus Caringbah in the final round. The fielding standard was always high throughout the season with the younger generation of Max, Ryan, Matt and Kane leading the way. Watching some of the stops from these boys was a privilege and it certainly got the more senior players lifting their standard. It was great to see Brett matching it with his young bloke in the field. Viv did a brilliant job behind the stumps with some great stumpings and reflex catches to seal a victory or two. Blake and Gav also deserve a mention, they both only played one game with injury severely shortening their season.

All in all we had a successful season with a great bunch of mates who above all enjoy each others company with a game of cricket going on in the background.

Thanks for the season gents.



B1

Batting Aggregate: Liam Bell 176 runs

Batting Average: Walid Habak 29.60

Bowling Aggregate: Liam Bell 11 wickets

Bowling Average: Samuel Hunt 6.71

The 2021/2022 cricket season was our first for the Comets, coming across from the Bangor Tavern. With a mixture of existing players from the Tavern side and new players given to us by the Comets, everyone was keen to get back out onto the pitch and play cricket. Unfortunately, COVID and work commitments struck us down meaning we were playing short almost every week which did not give us a winning chance in most games. Despite this, everyone who showed up gave it their best and had a crack whether that was with the bat or the ball.

We started to gel towards the back end of the season where we almost knocked off the competition premiers as well as finishing the season of strong by getting our first win of the year in the final game.

Despite a poor run of results, there were still several individual highlights through the year which included a few 50's (Warren 83 not out, Liam 57 and Andrew G 52) as well as a dominate display with the ball by Samuel Hunt taking 6 for 8 off 6 and securing up the final game win.

Overall, the boys still enjoyed the season both on and off the field. The win in the final game of the season brought out talks of next season which I am sure will be much better than 2021/2022.

Liam Bell

B4

Batting Aggregate: Joshua Davis 382 runs

Batting Average: Joshua Davis 47.75

Bowling Aggregate: Joshua Davis 20 wickets

Bowling Average: Shay O'Hara 13.09

Well, what a great season we had in our first year together as a team. To say I'm proud of this group of blokes would be an understatement going into season as the youngest team by a long way I'm sure not many teams gave us a chance at winning many games however we played some amazing cricket throughout the season which put us second overall to end the year and then winning a semi-final to secure a grand final spot. Unfortunately, due to the amount of rain over the week leading up to the grand final we were not able to play leaving us as runners up which is still an amazing achievement.

If you want to judge our teams character all you would need to see is our first round win against St John Bosco, we posted a very competitive total of 199 to defend, however Bosco batted very well with only 15 runs to win and two set batsmen at the crease both on 50 not out with 4 wickets in hand. Although we got together and said we were not giving up and still felt we had a chance to win, thanks to some brilliant fielding by Zac Franken to cause a run out and amazing death bowling from Ryan Gavin and Shay O'Hara we cleaned up the Bosco tail for 4/13 and winning the game by 2 runs. It set us up for a great season with that hunger to win. We had some amazing highlights this year as just seen although cannot go past Josh Davis he was a mainstay at the top of the order for us throughout the season and batted with great control and confidence however in the last round Josh managed to take 5/29 in helping bowl St Patricks out for 80 which was such a great achievement but he also went and scored an amazing 160 not out to set us up to win outright it was just a joy to watch Josh enjoying his cricket this season.

I also just want to thank the club for making my first season as captain so smooth and enjoyable. Lastly, thank you to the boys. I could touch on what you all have contributed to this team but you all made it so easy for me and I could not be happier in what we achieved. Everyone's fire and passion was unmatched by any team, it was an absolute pleasure to lead you boys. I hope to see you all back next season so we can go all the way and take home that premiership.



B5 Undefeated Minor Premiers and Premiers

Batting Aggregate: Blayne Heyward 130 runs

Batting Average: Daniel Bryant 41.50

Bowling Aggregate: Haydn Randell 10 wickets

Bowling Average: Ethan Rix 5.78

Here we are. Premiers!

Undefeated Premiers at that!

To think a bunch of very average park cricketers who generally spent their time loitering in C1's and more time at the pub than the practise nets some how have achieved the dream, an undefeated season.

Covid hasn't been good to the boys, with most of them returning this season more barrelly than the last and half a yard in pace slower.

This bunch of toilers though had worked extensively during the offseason, not on our cricket but on snagging decent free agents to boost roster. This season's addition of Blayne was no exception, leading the batting aggregate and chipping in with some handy death bowling.

Our bowling really led the way this season with five bowlers taking 9 or more wickets and seven bowlers with an average under 10.

A few season highlights for me include;

Seeing tall timber Will Edgar off the long run snagging 2-2 off 3 overs to really open up a game.

Watching Liam Jefferys bat at a pedestrian strike rate of under 30, pretty much unheard of for this team and much to our disgust.

Dominic Cocklen (designated fielder) becoming the safest hands in the team and making himself right at home at point.

And Brad Hunt for taking up the mantle from his brother Matt and consuming more sideline beers than runs scored this season.

I'll wrap up the season on one of Angry Skips favourite quotes;

'It's not the size of the dog in the fight, its the size of the fight in the dog.' Mark Twain.

Cheers

David



B6

Batting Aggregate: Cameron Smith 211 runs

Batting Average: Matthew Jurinario 30.25

Bowling Aggregate: Rohan Ragel 10 wickets

Bowling Average: Rohan Ragel 15.50

A season that saw 5 father son combinations in our squad. It was a tough initiation for the first year senior players coming up from the previous years 16's competition.

Each week the side competed hard and there were some great individual achievements including Cameron Smith 56no. Luke Naden 62, Matt Jurinario 52 & Rohan Ragel with a match winning 5/9 in the last match of the year & helping us get our only win for the year.

I'm sure I speak for all the Dads in the side when I say it was great fun playing alongside their son & I'm sure some great memories were made for both fathers & sons.

Club History

The Bangor Barden Ridge Comets is a local district cricket club established in the 1994 / 95 season. Initially formed under the name of the Aquinas College Cricket Club, the name was changed at the end of the 2010 / 11 season to better reflect the culture and activities of the Club – having a local community-based representation and open to all players.

The first Club teams were two Under 14-year-old teams which were organized by Michael Barber and Steve Jones, with the assistance of the then Principal of Aquinas College, Peter Turner. Over the following two seasons the Club was represented by one team in the Under 14's and one in the Under 16's. The 1996 / 97 season saw the involvement of Tom Somerville and Peter Evans with the Club with them coaching and managing the premiership winning 14Es.

The first Committee was elected on the 22 May, 1997 and the Club became incorporated on the 1st July 1997. During July 1997 the Club's first open registration days were held. Seven teams were nominated for the 1997 / 98 competition ranging from the Under 8's to the B6 seniors team. Our Club continues to not only field teams in the SSJCA competition, but also runs a very popular In2Cricket program for our very youngest of cricketers in the 4-8-year-old age groups. We have offered this program for over 10 years.

In the ensuing years the Club has been successful in having both senior and junior teams each season finish premiers or runners up. In 2000 / 01, in addition to the normal SSJCA competitions, with the assistance of Illawong, Bosco and Heathcote we organised a successful Super 8 competition for the Under 8 and 10-year-old players. It remains equal with our most successful season as a Club with three of our teams winning the competition, the 12B's, 12E's and 16C's whilst the 10B's and 12F1's finished runners up. The pinnacle of our on-field success occurred during season 2007 / 08 with 5 of our 9 eligible teams making the finals and 3 of those becoming Premiers (our 14Es, 12Ds and 10Cs). Season 2008 / 09 saw 3 of our 8 eligible teams making the finals and another premiership with the 14Cs (many of whom comprised last year's 14Es). In season 2009/10 we had our 16Cs reach the final and winning the premiership, with the majority of these boys coming from the 14Cs and 14Es from the last two years so achieving a rare 'three-peat' – an outstanding result. In season 2010 / 11 we had our 14Cs and 10Bs make their respective finals with the 14Cs becoming Premiers and in season 2012/13 four of our teams made the finals (16Bs, 16Cs, 12Bs and 10Cs) and three of those becoming premiers (10Cs, 12Bs and 16Cs)

The Club has also run senior teams in the Sutherland Shire Cricket Association over the years. In recent times, we worked on coordinating our seniors with the Bangor Tavern Cricket Club ('BTCC') with our first 'graduate side' entering the seniors' competition in the 2011 / 12 season. Moving into season 2013/2014 the Club looks forward to running senior teams under the Bangor Barden Ridge banner.

The 2002 / 03 season saw Tom Somerville step down as President after 5 years, and the Club continued to operate for the season under difficult circumstances without a president. Survival was only assured thanks to a number of hard working committee members who took on various roles in an effort to keep the Club afloat. Allan Graham was elected as President for the 2003 / 04 season and Bryan Gilchrist was elected President the following year, supported by an outstanding Committee who came together at the start of that season. Under Bryan's leadership, the Comets prospered and the four years that this Committee were together will long be recognised as a watershed period for the Club. In 2004 / 05 the Club celebrated their 10th Anniversary with a magnificent dinner and with special guests in former Australian players Doug Walters, Len Pascoe and Jeff Thomson. Season 2005 / 06 saw our Club adopt the more generic Comets name. Bangor Barden Ridge Comets 2017-2018 10

The end of 2007 / 2008 season saw Bryan Gilchrist standing down as President and the election of Roy Amos as President. The end of the 2010/2011 season saw Roy step down as President after rebranding the Club and documenting core policies by which the Club now operates, and the election of Brett Bryant club President

Throughout Brett's tenure as President the club continued to grow and prosper with close ties to the Schools and wider community created. With player numbers now at record levels for the club we are no longer uncertain about our future and will continue to look to improve our clubs cricket experience for the players and parents.

With Brett's departure as President and 15 years overall with the club the committee felt it was well overdue to award Brett Life Membership of the club and will fortunately remain in the role of registrar for the 2015/16 season. Brett's departure saw the election of Mark Dutton as the new President the club is looking forward continuing to innovate and grow the game of cricket and the traditions it holds.

Our Committee has grown into a great blend of old and new faces, and representative of all of our junior age teams. This bodes well for the future administration of our Club. The Club continues to grow and won the SSJCA Club Championship for the first time in 2015/16, a great achievement for the Comets.

Our history is peppered with individuals who have provided outstanding service to our Club and who are integral to where we sit today. We are proud to have eleven Life Members of the Club - Peter Evans and Tom Sommerville (two founding fathers of the Club) and Bryan Gilchrist, Paul Magrath, Barry Prasser, Jeff Cooney, Peter Shepherd, Roy Amos, Scott Andrews, Brett Bryant and Mark Dutton (administrators, coaches, managers and players across our junior and senior teams). These individuals will hold a place in our history.

The 2019/20 season marked a significant changing of guard with many new faces joining the the clubs committee. Under the leadership of President Paul DeCelis the club has gone from strength to strength, with a major overhaul of of the clubs branding, playing shirts, and off-field presence. This season was also tinged with sadness, with the passing of a Comets life member and one of our founding fathers - Peter Evans.

Whilst the year itself will be remembered for the introduction of Covid 19, the season itself was still a successful one. 2020/21 seen the recognition of the latest Life Member in Bill Bell. Outstanding service to the club for a number of years made for an easy decision to include Bill amongst our esteemed life members.

The committee in 2020/21 was mostly unchanged and the club continued to forge strong ties in the community. The clubhouse at our home ground Akuna oval is now somewhere we call HOME!

On the field the club managed 4 Junior Minor Premiers and Premiers along with taking out the premiership in the pinnacle A1 seniors competition. An achievement for the club and a moment to be recorded in the history books.

2021/22 seen the continued challenges surrounding the Covid 19 pandemic. Regardless, we again managed a successful season of cricket for all members. Our senior teams were at an all time high of 6 grades.

Some new faces on the committee ensure a bright future but the continued support from some of our younger committee members is most important. Namely, Mathew Hunt, Will Edgar, David Bollard, Jacob Miller and Dominic Cocklen.

In his 3rd term as president Paul DeCelis continues to lead the club both on and off the field. Good results on the field for our juniors and growing numbers for both Junior and senior players (250) is testament to a strong leadership.

Life members

Tom Sommerville
Peter Evans
Bryan Gilchrist
Paul Magrath
Barry Prasser
Jeff Cooney
Peter Shepherd
Roy Amos
Scott Andrews
Brett Bryant
Mark Dutton
William Bell

