

NBCC President's Report 2012

On behalf of the Management Committee I would like to present the Annual Report for the 2011/2012 season.

It is pleasing this year to be able to report that in the past season we had minimal changes to our committee with all members for the past year returning and losing only one member during the season due to relocation. I would like to thank those who have contributed as part of this group throughout the year. Matt Blyth has now been treasurer for 2 years and has the books back in a condition that will enable us to return to yearly auditing as we require. Richard Hemingway again stayed on a secretary. The club captains role was again filled by Glyn McDonald, but it is timely to remind all members that this often thankless role is made more difficult if our players and captains are not organised early in the week with their numbers for the coming Saturday. The one change we did have this year was Kym Thompson taking on the role of Junior Convenor, taking over from Simon Ward. Kym has done a great job this year taking care of the junior side of the club for the year, and it certainly takes some of the weight off me when I know that things are being taken care of. Also thanks to go to our other committee members, Brendan Dobier who again has helped a lot around the club with cleaning and maintenance and to Steve Narbey again helping on the committee. We are always looking to increase the number of people on the committee so again would encourage those than can to step forward when the time comes to join. We have worked hard over the past 2 years to make the committee as efficient as possible, so the time commitment is less than the past, but the more ideas and input we can get can only be of benefit.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank the organisations that have helped out our club over the past year. We have had donations of uniform for the Senior A team from both Brooklyn Services Ltd (full One Day strip, training tops & Caps) and the Wave Bar (Two Day tops). We have also had continued support from our Patron, Todd Heller through his company, Hellers' donation of our widely enjoyed player of the day bacon packs. Super Liquor Parklands have once again been our preferred supplier for our crate beer & RTD's and have assisted us by offering us deals when they can and offering sponsorship. In addition to these companies we have had numerous other one off deals of support and donations which are as always greatly appreciated.

This year we have also had a paid groundsman for the season for the first time in 3 years, and our appreciation goes to Andre Burrell for performing this task. Although there have been some issues in getting consistent pitches every week, for most weeks we were able to have both grounds used and have a number of Senior A games at home on the number 1. The bar takings showed that having two home games every week provides a great benefit financially for the club as well as encouraging club spirit. I would also like to express the clubs thanks to the work done by Canterbury Cricket that enabled renovations on the number one block at both the beginning and end of the season. The result of this was certainly a much better pitch than the previous few seasons, and we have taken on this lead and performed a partial renovation on the number 2 block at the end of the season as well, done by committee members. We still have challenges with water at the ground, with the worst period being November & December last year when all water to the ground was cut due to restrictions. We will again endeavour to work with the council to manage this resource in the coming year to hopefully have water available to the blocks for the whole season and also have limited outfield watering to try and improve this area. We will also continue to develop further the

guidelines for our groundsman to further improve the consistency in the pitches produced across both blocks.

From a revenue point of view, the season has again been a success with the club showing an increase in overall funds despite receiving no charity funds this season. This is credit to the committee and the decisions and direction taken to be in this situation. I am often at meetings with other clubs and I can honestly say that there are very few other clubs that can stay in the black without charity support. The 3 key reasons for this are Bar Takings (with a number of good events during the year and the continued volunteer support in serving each week), Raffle Moneys and Playing Subscriptions. On this last point I would like to make a special thank you to all members of the club, especially the captains and committee members as we have, for the first time in as long as I can remember, received sub money from all senior members of the club. This goes a long way to making the club profitable and would hope that this will continue on the coming years.

As for on the field, Glyn & Kym have included summaries of how all of our team have done, but despite a few tight weeks we did manage to get full teams on the pitch most of the season which is an improvement. One of the areas that will need continued focus this coming season is around the strength and structure of our Senior A team. Last season we had to make a submission and presentation to an independent board to be included in this grade with 9 teams applying for 8 spots. The same process has already been started for next season and we will need a greater level of commitment from our prospective Senior A players and some new structures in place to ensure we have a group of players that can start producing the results on the pitch that we know we are capable of.

For the coming season along with the continued development of both the playing and administrative sections of the club, we will be again taking more steps in the Rawhiti Community Sport Project, whereby we are working with other local clubs to consolidate our resources and efforts to help each other's performance as clubs and eventually share a new facility on Rawhiti Domain. Although there is a number of outside factors that will affect how fast this project progresses, I believe that our club needs to continue to be an active part of the project and continue with our development as part of it, as the resources we can access through this will only be of benefit to the long term success of the club. I myself will be stepping back from full time playing commitments for the coming season to ensure I have enough time to help administer the club, whilst my other commitments increase. I again wish to thank all of those from the club for the assistance you provide and hope that the support will continue over the coming year as it is this collaborative attitude that is the key to making a successful volunteer administered club function.

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