

SEASON 2012/2013



**The 49th Annual Report of Charlestown
District Cricket Club Inc.**

31st July 2013

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It gives me great pleasure to present the
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District Cricket Club Inc.

Steven Threadgold
Secretary
CDCC Inc.

CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INC. 2012/2013 SEASON

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Primary: Kath Pink
Secondary: Steven Threadgold
Tertiary: Chris Oliver

CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB 2012/2013 SEASON

CONTINUATION OF CLUB HISTORY

SEASON No. 49

OFFICE BEARERS

President: Chris Oliver

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TEAM CAPTAINS

1st Grade: Stephen Mace

2nd Grade: Todd Disney

3rd Grade: Lee Davies

4th Grade: Jack Sharpe

Under 21s: Daniel Arms

Denis Broad Cup: Chris Mace

Registered players: 62

1st Grade: 9th

2nd Grade: 7th

3rd Grade: 3rd, lost semi-final

4th Grade: 2nd, lost final

Tom Locker Cup: 5th in pool

SCG Cup: Lost in Round 2

Dennis Broad Cup: 2nd in pool

U/21s: 2nd in pool, washed out in semi-final.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Season 2012/2013 was one of consolidation for the club balanced by some minor disappointments in our overall performance. We achieved our primary objective from last season which was to secure a permanent home ground for the lower grades. Charlestown Oval has proven to be a quality ground both for players and spectators and despite initial negative publicity we have had a successful season there. It is disappointing that due to LMCC by-laws we are unable to make optimum use of the ground with regards to sponsorship but we will continue to pursue other avenues of fundraising using what is a high visibility sight.

On the field we performed creditably particularly in the lower grades where 3rds made the semi's again and 4th Grade played in the final losing in a nail-biter. Second Grade lost a few games early on and were always just off the pace in what was an under-achieving season for them given the talent available. The 1sts unfortunately had a poor season and took a real battering at times but there are positive signs with a strong group of juniors starting to make their presence felt across the grades. We had three players in the Newcastle Colts XI being the biggest club representation which is a reflection of the talent we have coming on.

The club has had a strong year financially and are well positioned to start the new season. Thanks must go again to Andrew Standing who has done a terrific job with our fees administration and this has contributed to our financial standing. The Cricket NSW raffle was a success and we hope to make use of this each year but its success is dependent on your efforts. Our major sponsors have once again come to the party and we thank them for their continued support. They are Central Leagues Club, Newcastle Weighing Services, Martin Trisley Solicitors, Hancock Sheet Metal and Markey Insurance. As usual we need to thank Stephen Mace for his promotion and organisation of the season launch which is our major fundraiser for each year.

We were unfortunate to lose Rob Eddy just a few weeks prior to the start of the season but I must acknowledge the contribution of Neil Evans who covered that loss for us. Neil attended just about all training sessions and provided skill drills throughout the season. We are desperately seeking to fill the gap left by Rob's departure and it will be our primary objective in the off-season.

The executive will be active in attempting to recruit a few batsmen with potential to play 1st Grade and we have already been successful in securing the services of Michael Crawford who was the leading run scorer in the Maitland District competition last season.

We will also be aiming to further reinforce the relationship between the junior and senior clubs. The 20/20 games have been a great success and we had a very positive response from the Swansea juniors who played against Wally's junior team. Rob Eddy provided bowling clinics for Charlestown juniors and we will be presenting our first Encouragement Award at the CJCC Presentation Day next month. The importance of our junior nursery is significant for the future of CDCC as is exemplified in the rise to success of the current crop of junior graduates.

On behalf of the committee I wish to thank all players for their performance both on and off the field this season. Thanks also to the executive for their hard work, particularly to Kath who appears to be inexhaustible. In conclusion I feel we are in a good position once again to carry on the proud Magpie tradition for the 2013/2014 season.

Chris Oliver

ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT

Season 2012/2013 was a season of consolidation for the Club, especially in the lower grades, although our higher grade performances were disappointing. We were beaten in the Fourth Grade Final after finishing second; Third Grade were beaten in the semi-final after finishing third; while the U/21s were washed out in the semi-finals after finishing second in their pool; and the Under 15s won their pool but lost the semi-final. We finished seventh in the Club Championship, a drop from fourth the previous season; First Grade finished ninth, Second Grade finished seventh; we were beaten in Round 2 of the SCG Country Cup; and were second in our pool of the Denis Broad Cup. A big thank you to all our captains - Steve Mace, Todd Disney, Lee Davies, Jack Sharpe, Daniel Arms and Daniel Frew; all players; as well as committee members, curators and supporters who contributed to Season 2012/13.

Our Club was again successful in having players chosen in various rep teams-both junior and senior. Congratulations to all those players- you represented our club with distinction. Ben Evans was in the Newcastle Senior Rep Team (an outstanding achievement at only 17 years of age!) as well as playing for ACT U/19s at the Australian Under 19 titles in Adelaide, and Newcastle Colts (U/21) while players to represent the NDCA at U/21 and U/19 level this season included Max Magann and Daniel Arms. Daniel and Ben also represented NSW Country U/19s. We also had Rhys Cooper selected for the Hunter CHS side while Isaac Wallace played for Northern Districts in the U/16 Green Shield. We look forward to following their progress in future seasons.

At our Presentation Night, the following trophies were awarded: the Kevin Oliver Trophy for Player of the Season – Sam Logan; the major bowling trophies- Frank Simpson (Aggregate) – Parth Shah; John Stuart (Average) – Craig Mitchell; and Steve Woolmer (Aggregate) – Parth Shah; the major batting trophies - Mark Curry (Aggregate) – Rod Mace, and Mattara Hotel (Average) – Rod Mace; the Hogan/Lancaster wicketkeeping award – Dane Macourt; the Paul Trisley Trophy for the best Under 21 cricketer – Max Magann; the Mark Hall Trophy for the best U/17 cricketer – Isaac Wallace; the Black and White Workers award – Neil Evans; and the Tim Towers Medal for Clubman of the season to Jack Sharpe ; along with our various grade awards. Congratulations to all award winners. Our Club also won awards at the NDCA Presentation Night with Ben Evans – the Warren Tennant Scholarship for best Under 21 player; Matt Bench – Third Grade Wicketkeeping, Craig Mitchell – Fourth Grade Bowling Average and Rod Mace – Fourth Grade Batting Average winning trophies– congratulations on your achievements!

This season our Club fielded 4 Grade sides of a Saturday afternoon with again no team entered in the C&S competition. We also competed in the Tom Locker Cup and 20/20 matches, which were part of the first grade competition; SCG Country Cup,

U/21s, Denis Broad Cup Lower Grade and the inaugural U/15 20/20 competition. The weather was better this season than last, although unfortunately inclement weather did impact on some teams' ability to finish higher up the ladder. Season 2012/13 was one of our better years in terms of player availability, with better commitment shown by most players. Injuries and rep matches were the main reasons for player unavailability. It is essential that this increased commitment is maintained next season, to ensure that there is competition for selection in each grade and that our on-field performances reflect this effort and commitment.

Thanks again to our curator Tom Anderson for his efforts at Kahibah Oval this season. Kahibah was used for the NDCA Fourth Grade semi and final while Newcastle Junior Cricket Rep and competition matches, as well as a semi-final and final were also played at the Oval along with a number of school games. The facilities at the ground are constantly being improved and we look forward to the quality of the centre wicket, practice wickets and outfield being maintained at a high standard. The practice nets were improved with a winch system brought in to roll the nets out – definitely a quicker system in putting them up and down.

A definite positive for the club this season was the acquisition of a second home ground at Charlestown Oval. Thanks to all involved whose efforts helped to secure the ground. It became a great venue for lower grade cricket with good facilities (although the closeness of nearby roads and buildings caused some anxiousness when balls went over the boundary and out of the ground!). Charlestown Juniors played competition and finals matches there, while it also hosted U/14 rep carnival matches during January, with very positive comments from the visiting players and supporters. Thanks to curator Tom for his efforts here as well.

The Club again benefited from the support of sponsors- thank you to Central Charlestown Leagues Club, Newcastle Weighing Services, Trisleys, Harvey's, Markey Insurance and Hancocks. We also held various functions throughout the year such as our Season Launch, Christmas Party, 20/20 Days, End of Season Function and Presentation Night. These were great social occasions that were well attended although our numbers can always be improved. Unfortunately our 20/20 Day against Merewether was completely washed out, throwing plenty of eating and drinking plans awry. Hopefully the weather is kind to us next season and we can make these days bigger and better. This season saw the continuation of the barbecue back at the Shed after each day's play – with grades cooking/ cleaning up etc. on a weekly roster. This is a great time to catch up on how each grade has performed and have a drink and a feed. Numbers from some grades were disappointing – it is important that you get back to the shed for even a short time to grab a drink and catch up. They don't go that late and still leave time to go on to other venues. We also provided barbecue lunches for both teams and supporters at our U/21 games at Kahibah as well as barbecues after the semi finals and finals. The Raffles at the Mattara Hotel on a Thursday and Friday night are still continuing – they are our only income source in the off season and definitely need more support. Get along from 6pm to 7pm and support the club - you might even win a meat tray. Please continue to support our Sponsors and any function that the Club holds. They are there to benefit all Club Members and without them the Club would struggle to survive. There are already plans in place for numerous social functions for next season but if anyone knows of any potential sponsors or ideas about fund-raising please contact the committee as every little bit helps.

At a Junior Development level, a huge positive for the Club has been the continuation of the close links between Charlestown DCC and Charlestown Juniors. A number of 20/20 matches were hosted at Kahibah Oval on a Saturday after grade cricket featuring Charlestown Junior teams as well as juniors from Swansea. These were very successful occasions with many people supporting. We hope to continue these matches in future seasons. Many of the Junior teams utilised both the turf and synthetic wicket practice facilities at Kahibah; with the run-ups for the synthetic practice wickets being concreted at the end of the season; while the bowling machine has further improved the quality of facilities offered for all players. These ventures help the juniors familiarize themselves with our club's facilities and provide a pathway from junior to senior cricket with Charlestown. We hope to continue to strengthen this link between the senior and junior clubs. The inaugural NDCA Under 15 20/20 competition which ran in conjunction with the First Grade and Denis Broad Cup 20/20 matches was a great success, especially for Charlestown, as the team was formed from both Charlestown and Redhead Under 15s along with a couple of players from Charlestown seniors. A big thank you to Andrew Turner and Eddie Norton for running the team, along with support from both junior clubs and the seniors. We hope to see these players move into the senior ranks in the future.

A disappointing moment for the club was the resignation of our coach Robert Eddy just prior to the start of the season due to personal and work commitments. This was a blow to the club after his excellent input the previous season. Thanks to all who stepped in to assist in any way with coaching/practice drills/etc throughout the season on our training days including Neil Evans and Greg Arms, along with our players both young and old. Obtaining a coach to oversee training and player development is of vital importance to our club and all steps are being taken to implement this for season 2013/14 and beyond. It is extremely important that all players take the opportunity to improve their cricket through attendance at training and participation in all training activities.

A big thank you to all on the Committee this season- it has been an interesting time and your hard work is appreciated. The proposed rationalisation of the competition by the NDCA is still on hold but we still must continue to maintain high levels of performance both on and off the field. Once again a huge thank you to all who have contributed to this season - players, members, sponsors, life members, patrons, supporters and families. It is important that everyone involved in our Club continues to support the Club - if you don't, the Club won't continue to be successful. There are many areas in which you can contribute, apart from playing the game- practice nets, training, covers, afternoon tea, raffles, coming back to the Shed after each day's play, cooking the barbecue, attending Central after training and matches, canteen, cleaning, mowing, attending functions, collecting monies, scoring, finding sponsors, organising fund-raisers, assisting with juniors- the list is endless.

We look forward to the upcoming season, where we celebrate our 50th in the NDCA Competition, and to seeing the Black and Whites successful again on and off the field.

Yours in cricket,
Kathleen Pink

1st Grade Captain's Report

The season 2012/13 was one of rebuilding for the 1st grade team which saw us field a young and inexperienced side but one with great potential. The loss of Chris Connors due to travel commitments was a large hole to fill, further exposed with the loss of Eric Crose due to injury for a large part of the season and Dan Whitmore's retirement mid-way through the season. This removed a lot of experience from the side which was filled at times by inexperienced players finding their feet in the top grade. Rhys Cooper, Sam Mostyn and Jonny Sharpe all made their debuts during the season and will no doubt be better for the experience. Our batting at times seemed brittle and lacked determination highlighted by a number of sub – 100 scores. The senior batsman clearly did not lead the way as they were expected to which left the team badly exposed. While many experts wrote our batting off I felt we had enough quality to compile competitive scores had we applied ourselves to our full potential. The statistics tell the story with no centuries scored and only 3/50's for the season. Jed Dickson with 350 @ 20.59 was the best of the batsman, well short of where our leading batsmen (whoever that maybe) is expected to be.

Our bowling was again solid and reliable. Parth Shah 32 @ 15.53 again led the way with the ball. Max Magann 26 @ 15.19 finished the season with the new ball and with greater consistency and hard work has the potential to push for higher honours. Mark Curran and Ben Evans had a solid year with the ball and, together with Parth and Max, formed the large part of a very consistent attack which most teams found difficult to dominate.

Our final position of 9th was a little disappointing however, with a little more commitment we could easily have pressed for a top 4 position. A number of games we were defeated in close encounters and it is these games that we must learn to turn close defeats into victories.

I didn't feel our side was settled and for one reason or another we seemed to have new faces each week which is never an ideal situation. Sometimes this cannot be avoided however players need to make a commitment to one another to be available each week and I think this is one area that can be improved throughout the grades as a whole. Looking forward with the tough times we experienced last season, the benefits of the lessons learnt and a greater pride in our performance I am confident we will be in contention again next season. The current team together with the younger players coming through have a great opportunity to build not only a strong 1st grade squad but a dominant club of which can deliver great success. So the future looks good and I am eager to watch and help this develop.

Congratulations to Ben Evans who made his senior representative debut and all the other representative players within the club. It is important we have these players leading the way at the club.

Thanks again to Kath for her help throughout the season, also to Chris Oliver for his commitment to the Club and the work it entails. Finally congratulations to 3rd's and 4th's who were semi-finalists and finalists respectively on a great year.

Steve Mace

2nd Grade Captains' Report

Season 2012/13 was a frustrating one for 2nd grade – We only lost 3 games all year and missed out on the semis due to weather.

The team is made up of some old heads and some young blokes which is proving to be a good mix and is helping to build a strong team with some very good young prospects that should be pushing for selection in 1st grade this year.

The attitude of these young fellas is great – they come to training, they get to the ground and look after the covers, a couple of these young blokes have had a taste of first grade throughout the season in Mitch Morgan and Sam Mostyn, another who is definitely a future first grade player is Isaac Wallace, for a very young kid his leg spin bowling is something special and his batting is coming along to the point where he will be in the top 3 next year in two's.

As a bowling unit the team did very well again this year – Isaac took the most wickets but Moisty, Trav, Frewy, Thready, Brock and Eddie (when available) all chipped in and took wickets and had just about every side we played against in trouble. I would like to thank the bowlers, there are plenty in the team and it was hard to give them all a decent roll in many games but they all were very much team players and understood and were ready to give their best when called on.

Batting needs to be the main focus next year (déjà vu all over again) – We bat all the way down but all too often we were in trouble early and scrambling to get a total for our bowlers to defend. This is a problem throughout the club and something that we need to work on as a group.

A few thankyou's – the parents of the young blokes have again been great this year, getting them to the ground, helping with covers (sometimes in torrential rain) and setting up the afternoon teas. All of these things help the group become a team and certainly makes my job much easier; it's much appreciated.

A special mention again this year needs to go to Convers (and Julie Winpenny for being the back up when Convers was away) – he scored every game he could this year and basically keep things organised for me. Scoring is a tough job and his help and dedication was very much appreciated by myself and the team.

I am looking forward to next year and taking this team back into the finals and helping build the club so we are back on top of the NDCA in all grades.

Thanks

Todd Disney

3rd Grade Captain's Report

First and foremost I would like to reflect on a great year within 3rd Grade for all involved. From getting an unexpected request to Captain the side this year I have to say I couldn't have asked for a greater group of blokes to play cricket with. When you stack a dressing room full of blokes like Geordie Oliver, Matt Bench, Jackson Mace

and the Logan brothers you wind up with a pretty laid back but highly entertaining vibe throughout!

The standout of the season for me was not only seeing young cricketers come through and have a crack at 3rd Grade, but also excel in the environment. Neruiban Jayakumar and Rhys Cooper both came in looking for 'a few games in thirds' for the year... How wrong they were! Neruiban went on to play half a season in 2nd Grade and Rhys finished an outstanding debut grade season in 1st Grade. Further to this Jackson Mace had a disappointing start to the season before working his way back into 3rd Grade and becoming one of our most dominant batsmen in the latter part of the year. Along with Mitchell Westley, Geordie Oliver and Matthew Bench, there certainly are some big futures around for some of the young cricketers coming through.

There were also some familiar faces around with the likes of Andrew Standing, Brett Winchester and Jarryd Logan providing great support to myself throughout the season. The experience that these players provide is invaluable and the lessons that they teach on and off the field cannot be measured. They not only provide a wealth of knowledge to the young boys coming through, but also strive to improve the cricket of those who have been around a few seasons (and yours truly learnt some very valuable lessons throughout the course of the season from Wally, Stando and J-Lo).

Our bowling attack this year is was the strongest I have seen in 3rd grade in quite a while. Chris Fisher and Mitchell Westley with the new rock, Sam Logan and Geordie "Duracel" Oliver taking first change and then Stando's off-breaks also provided some outstanding spells throughout the season. To give you an indication, between our 4 bowlers who played 3rd Grade throughout the entire season, the wicket tally's were 26 (Mitch), 24 (Sam), 22 (Stando) and 16 (Fish). This just shows how effective the bowling attack was and how well they all complimented each other. I will also say that Mitch Westley has a great future in cricket and I already feel sorry for the bloke who gives Mitch a crack at 2nd Grade because he will have a hard time getting his position back! Whether it be through another players injury or otherwise, I have no doubts that Mitch will make the most of his opportunity when it arises and will take a bag full of wickets when his time comes in the higher grades.

Our batting once again was our downfall and we continuously relied too much on the top order. Sam Logan was again outstanding scoring by far the most runs in the team. At times there was some good support provided however we just weren't consistent enough. More responsibility is required of the other batsmen in order to continually post strong, defendable scores. Jackson has certainly shown his ability with the willow and will cement a spot in the top order if his positive attitude and development continues. Geordie, Johnno Sharpe, Matty Bench, Marty Moate and myself played some great innings over the course of the season however we will all be somewhat disappointed with our final results with the bat and will surely be looking to improve our consistency in the coming season. Middle order collapses and "not going on with it" were the primary concerns throughout the year and by rectifying these issues I'm positive we will be one of the strongest teams in the competition with our batting supporting the strength of our bowling attack.

Unfortunately after a season which showed so much promise we suffered a sense of Déjà Vu in the finals going down to City in a fiery clash at Learmonth... all too

familiar in March! One thing I will say is the guys never gave up. It was a low scoring affair and over the course of 4 innings we came within a whisker of sneaking home, a great lesson in never giving up I'm sure we will all take with us.

A big thanks to Kath for scoring for us when the opportunity arose and also to Josh Edwards, who after having a very interrupted season through injury and playing between 2nds and 3rds showed his class of character when advised that he was not selected to play the last couple of games of the year. Eddie showed great maturity and a selfless attitude in his acceptance of the unfortunate situation and I look forward to seeing him bounce back stronger this year.

A new season brings new hopes and aspirations and if we can maintain the strong core within 3rd grade I'm positive we will continue to improve as a team and achieve greater success over the coming years.

Lee Davies

4th Grade Captain's Report

4TH grade had a great year culminating in a grand final appearance, which we lost by the narrowest of margins. The spirit and mateship in the team was fantastic throughout the season, and I believe it was a major contributing factor to our results on the field.

Throughout the year we played good hard cricket only losing one game before the final, winning a lot of very tight games. It was a real team effort with all players making contributions at different stages of the season.

Our batting was led by Rodney Mace who scored 773 runs with one century and six fifties. Steve Claridge was a valuable addition to the side scoring nearly 300 runs and having a very good year with the gloves taking 12 catches. Mark Davison also had a good year with the bat scoring over 200 runs with the highlight being a swashbuckling 82 against Wallsend in the first game of the year.

All the other guys played important cameos including some powerful hitting from Tim Standing in scoring 35 against Uni. Geordie Oliver also helped us out with a couple of fifties when he came back to 4th grade for a couple of games. Special mention goes to Aiden Moore who opened the batting all year. Aiden was very solid against the new ball with a top score of 30 and many times saw off the opening bowlers to make life easier for the other guys following, Well done Aiden.

Another new player to the club was Andy Jackson, who played some good innings down the order with limited opportunities, including a very valuable 17 in the semi against Uni in a low scoring game. Andy's enthusiasm in the field was infectious and I am sure he will get more overs next year with his improving leg spinners.

The bowling attack was very consistent all year, which resulted in 5 bowlers finishing in the top 20 wicket takers in the competition. The attack was well led by the new ball bowlers Major and Duncan Brown. Major won the district bowling award with 25 wickets and he was a great mentor to Brownie. Dunc bowled his outswingers very

well, with a very consistent line and length and finished up with 20 wickets. He will be pushing for selection in the higher grades next year.

First change bowler Dane Mostyn also had a good year, troubling the opposition batsmen with his pace on the very good Charlestown Oval wicket taking 17 wickets in only 11 games. Late registration, Dave Moore was a valuable addition to the team with a very good strike rate of 14 wickets in 8 games with a best of 5-19 against Cardiff. Dave also bowled a great spell in the final finishing with 1-9 off 15 overs. The captain even managed to pick up a few wickets during the year finishing with 21 off plenty of overs. Tim Standing chipped in too at different times to finish with 5 wickets. Special mention also to Aaron Cooper who played some games with us through the season when needed, I'm sure Aaron will get more opportunities next year.

In the final we almost got there after an ordinary batting performance with a fantastic bowling and fielding effort against a pretty strong Merewether batting line-up. We never gave up and only fell short by one wicket. It was a great experience playing at Kahibah in front of our supporters, thanks to all who came along to cheer us on. I would also like to thank Dave Brown who scored for us in the semi and the final.

I would like to thank all who played 4th grade this year, your commitment to playing and training and the great team spirit made my first season as a captain a very enjoyable one. Special thanks to a couple of old heads, Major and Rocket, your advice and support was much appreciated. Hopefully we can go one better next year and win the comp.

My thanks also go to our hardworking committee led by Ollie, who work so hard to keep the club ticking along and are always there when needed. I would also like to thank the other captains, Steve, Dis and Lee for their support during the season. Finally, I'd like to reserve a special thankyou to Kath whose dedication to the club is amazing and her help in organizing players when needed is much appreciated.

Charlestown is a great club with a lot of talented young players, so the future looks bright. I look forward to next season with you all.

Jack Sharpe

Under 21s Captain's Report

It was another semi-successful year for the team this year. With higher expectations than any other years, we managed to win our only 2 games that we played. Wash outs in our second round game against Newcastle City and both semi-finals against the Sabres stopped us as their quotient was marginally better which meant they would progress to the final. Our team again was strong as we had 5 guys who played first grade throughout the year and 6 who were regulars in our second grade side.

In our first game we came up against an inexperienced, young Merewether side. We won the toss and chose to bat on the usual Kahibah pitch. We started well with me and Ben Evans putting on 42 before I fell. The star new recruit Rhys Cooper batted at 3 and batted very well with Evans until Ben fell for a well-made 34. Cooper was the

mainstay for us as he faced 84 balls for a good 64 on debut. With a small collapse in the middle Geordie Oliver (25) batted with Cooper to put on 76 for the 6th wicket. We were bowled out in the 47th over for 201.

Their innings couldn't have started better for the magpies with Max Magann picking up a wicket on the very first ball of the innings. We picked up the first 3 wickets fairly cheaply with Magann, Sam Mostyn and Ben Evans getting one each in their first spells. We then got put under a bit of pressure as Merewether batsman hitting out and getting 80 odd before being stumped by Matt Bench off Isaac Wallace. The rest fell with not much resistance for a total off 155. It was a traditional Magpie win with leg spinners Isaac Wallace, 4/19 off 7.2, and Ben Evans, 2/38 off 10 the best bowlers.

With round 2 against City being washed out, we went to Waratah for our 3rd round match. We knew we had to win to make the semis. We faced a Waratah side with a couple of first graders; it would not be as easy as round 1. They won the toss and chose to bat on a road. We didn't start well, with neither of our openers managing to find their spot. Mitch Morgan came on and bowled really well and grabbed the break through. It was a long, day in the field with Waratah not looking to score too many runs, and our bowlers not bowling as well as they did in round 1. We were gifted with 3 run outs which showed the boys were still very alert in the field. They were eventually bowled out for 120 in the 44th over. Ben Evans the best of the bowlers with 2/24 off 10, and every other bowler getting 1 each.

There was a change in the order with Neruiben Jayakumar opening on his debut. He and 1 put on 20 before he fell. He was closely followed by Rhys Cooper who got one that rolled from a short length. Evans came in at 4 and ran himself out from a direct hit. He was followed by Mitch Morgan. At this stage we were 4/62 until I got our soon after for 45 which left us at 5/64 with Max Magann and Geordie Oliver at the crease. Oliver joined the rest of us in the shed for 0 and it was up to Magann and Isaac Wallace who was promoted from 11. The pair batted very well together putting on 52 and swinging the match back in our favour. Wallace fell for 23 with the score on 115. With a bonus point thought to have been needed to make the semis, we needed 4 off the 39th over to get it. With 2 runs being scored until the final ball, there were plenty of nerves in the stand. Magann swatted the final ball of the over over mid-wicket for 4 and we won with the bonus point which turned out to be irrelevant.

It was a good year for the young magpies, being undefeated but still not getting to the final. With many of us still having 2 or 3 years left on 21's we will be pushing for that title in the years to come.

Daniel Arms

CDCC Financial Report – 2012/2013

I would like to thank our major sponsors for their continuous support Central, Trisley, Newcastle Weighing Services, Markey Insurance and Hancock Sheetmetal. I would also like to take this moment to thank Stando for once again taking control of fees and Kath for running the raffles and looking after canteen monies.

In the 2013 season Steve Wallace came on board as Assistant Treasurer and with his background brought about a different way of containing our expenses which as you can see from our P&L is starting to achieve the goals set by the committee.

Financially, we have ended in a good position, a lot better than in previous years. This season we didn't have any major outlays on equipment, however, with Charlestown Oval coming on board this has created costs (i.e. curating, insurance). We targeted the raffle as a major income earner as it was run by Cricket NSW with no outlay costs from the club, this was not as well supported by the club as we had anticipated. As you may be aware our club relies on these type of money raising activities to keep the cost of playing cricket at the lowest possible level. On a brighter note the canteen is going strength to strength and the ongoing support by players after Saturdays is much appreciated.

Dane Macourt

CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB				
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT				
FOR PERIOD YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2013				
INCOME				\$
Registration				16,329
Sponsorship				16,175
Season Launch				16,061
Raffles				10,030
Raffles - Other				2,520
Canteen				7,100
Interest				34
Ground hire				1,360
Grants				2,310
Presentation				970
TOTAL INCOME				72,889
EXPENSES				
Cricket consumables				2,923
Curating (Kahibah /Charlestown Oval)				9,300
Curating (Lower grades use of other grounds)				861
Kahibah - R&M				3,335
Raffle				8,710
NDCA				2,000
NDCUA				5,711
Season Launch				9,832
Presentation				1,218
Decourcy Lunch				360
Subscriptions				82
Trophies				1,572
Canteen Alcohol				2,027
Food/drink				2,687
Clothing				7,086
Oval committies				2,116
Insurance				2,908
Computer				2,310
TOTAL EXPENSES				65,037
NET INCOME				7,852