

**SEASON 2013/2014**



**The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of Charlestown  
District Cricket Club Inc.**

**24<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

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It gives me great pleasure to present the  
50<sup>th</sup> Annual Report of the Charlestown  
District Cricket Club Inc.

Steven Threadgold  
Secretary  
CDCC Inc.

# **CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB INC. 2013/2014 SEASON**

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **PATRONS**

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## **COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT**

President: Chris Oliver  
Vice President: Stephen Mace  
Secretary: Steven Threadgold  
Assistant Secretary: Kathleen Pink  
Treasurer: Stephen Wallace  
Assistant Treasurer: Andrew Standing  
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Statistician and Recorder: Kath Pink

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## **DELEGATES TO THE NDCA INC.**

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

## **CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB 2013/2014 SEASON**

### **CONTINUATION OF CLUB HISTORY**

#### **SEASON No. 50**

##### **OFFICE BEARERS**

President: Chris Oliver

Vice President: Stephen Mace

Secretary: Steven Threadgold

Assistant Secretary: Kathleen Pink

Treasurer: Stephen Wallace

Assistant Treasurer: Andrew Standing

##### **TEAM CAPTAINS**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Stephen Mace

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Todd Disney

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Lee Davies

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jack Sharpe

Under 21s: Daniel Arms

Denis Broad Cup: Chris Mace/Todd Disney

**Registered players:** 64 (plus 8 Under 15 only)

Club Championship: 3<sup>rd</sup>

1st Grade: 4<sup>th</sup>, lost semi-final.

2nd Grade: 3<sup>rd</sup>, lost semi-final.

3rd Grade: 5<sup>th</sup>

4th Grade: 4<sup>th</sup>, lost semi-final.

Tom Locker Cup: First in pool, lost final.

SCG Cup: Lost in Round 3

Dennis Broad Cup: 1<sup>st</sup> in pool, lost semi-final.

U/21s: 2<sup>nd</sup> in pool.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Our primary objective for the past season was to lift our whole club performance and we achieved this above expectations. We were a close 3rd in the club championship, semi-finalists in 1st, 2nd and 4th Grade and a close 5th in 3rd Grade. A major improvement on our performance last season. We also picked up 4 major individual NDCA awards.

The club has had a strong year financially and are well positioned once again 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. Steve Wallace has proved a real bonus for the club as Treasurer and has as his objective to have the club actually investing a little money each year.

The Cricket NSW raffle was a success, though due to the late start it was not as lucrative as previous, 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, Markey Insurance and Greg Buxton Excavations. As usual we need to thank Stephen Mace for his promotion and organisation of the season launch which is our major fundraiser for each season.

Our off season recruitment was a real success with Callum Jackson sharing the Herald Player of the Year Award and winning the NDCA 1st grade batting average trophy. Dilan Sandagirigoda with 471 runs, 31 wickets and 13 catches would have figured prominently in the Champion Player list of the NDCA. Both players have been involved in negotiations to return for next season.

Our only real disappointment was our inability to secure a full time coach but it wasn't for want of trying and we will continue to pursue this avenue across the off season.

We continued to foster our relationship with Charlestown Junior Cricket and welcomed the inaugural winner of the CDCC Encouragement Award to the club this season. Josh Sutton proved to be an exceptional recruit with solid performances in 3rd Grade and exhibiting a strong club spirit. The 2014 award was presented at the Junior Presentation to Jarrod Whyte. We hosted the U/16 Premier League XI at training on numerous occasions and they received individual tuition from Callum, Daniel, Max and Dilan. I would also like to thank the juniors who combined with us to upgrade the synthetic net surface and continued to share the Kahibah training facility. Next season I would like to see us host more junior 20/20 games and ensure that we have an U/15 team in the NDCA 20/20 competition.

We have contracted to provide training programs under the After School Activities Program. We have completed one at Merewether PS (Josh Edwards) and at Maryland OOSH (Neruiben Jayakumar)

On behalf of the committee I wish to thank all players for their performance both on and off the field this season. Off the field was also a successful year and it was heartening to have Paul Marjoribanks (NDCA President) observe and make comment on the camaraderie displayed by the club members this year. Our Saturday night

meals were a success and contributed no end to the clubhouse fun this season culminating in the Mad Saturday which was well attended.

In conclusion I wish to note that we got our Magpie mascot this year and that Michelle Arms has begun work on upgrading our website. Thanks also to the executive for their hard work, particularly to Kath who appears to be inexhaustible. I feel we are in a good position once again to carry on the proud Magpie tradition for the 2014/2015 season.

**Chris Oliver**

### **ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Wow – what an improvement in 2013/2014! A fantastic way to celebrate our 50th season! We finished third in the Club Championship, a jump from seventh last season; First Grade finished fourth, up from ninth, and were beaten in the Semi Final; in Tom Locker Cup we were first in our pool and lost the final; we were washed out in Round 3 of the SCG Cup; Second Grade were third and lost the semi; Third Grade narrowly missed the semis, finishing fifth; Fourth Grade finished fourth and lost the semi; while we were first in our pool in Denis Broad Cup and lost the semi; the U/21s were second in their pool; and the U/15s third in their pool. A big thank you to all our captains - Steve Mace, Todd Disney, Lee Davies, Jack Sharpe and Daniel Arms; all players; as well as committee members, curators and supporters who contributed to Season 2013/14.

A major positive for the Club this season was the recruitment of our overseas players – Dilan Sandagirigoda from Sri Lanka, and Callum Jackson and Sam Smart from England. They were great additions to our club, with Callum and Dilan in particular thorough professionals on and off the field. A big thank you to Chris Oliver and Vicki, Heather and Greg Arms, Deb and Steve Magann and the Maces for their hosting of these players and all members for the way they welcomed and supported Dilan, Callum and Sam.

We also need to acknowledge the enormous efforts of Steve Mace who has retired from first grade after almost 30 seasons. Congratulations on a fantastic career for Charlestown, Steve, especially in First Grade. His contributions to Charlestown DCC since 1982 are unmatched – both on and off the field. All the best and maybe see you playing lower grades with Zach and Logan. On a personal note, I will miss you in first grade - I'm now the longest serving member!

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. Daniel Arms was chosen in the Newcastle Colts (U/19) and was then chosen in the NSW Country Colts merit team. There were five Charlestown juniors (Zach Mace, Adam Winchester, Luke Hitchcock, Daniel Standing and Michael Richardson) in the Newcastle U/14 Kookaburra Cup team that won the NSW Country Kookaburra Cup held in Newcastle and then went on to play in the State Challenge at the SCG. Zach, Adam and Luke were all named in the Kookaburra Cup merit side named at the end of the carnival. 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 – Daniel Frew; the major bowling trophies- Frank Simpson (Aggregate) – Andrew Standing; John Stuart (Average) – Dave Moore; and Steve Woolmer (Aggregate) – Andrew Standing; the major batting trophies - Mark Curry (Aggregate) – Rod Mace, and Mattara Hotel (Average) – Rod Mace; the Hogan/Lancaster wicketkeeping award – Steve Claridge; the Paul Trisley Trophy for the best Under 21 cricketer – Callum Jackson; the Mark Hall Trophy for the best U/17 cricketer – Isaac Wallace; the Black and White Workers award – Greg Arms; and the Tim Towers Medal for Clubman of the season to Andrew Standing ; along with our various grade awards. Congratulations to all award winners. Our Club also won NDCA awards with Callum Jackson the First Grade Batting average, as well as joint winner of the Newcastle Herald First Grade player of the year; Todd Disney – Second Grade Bowling average; Steve Claridge – Fourth Grade Wicketkeeping, Dave Moore – 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 U/15 20/20 competition. The weather was better this season than last, although many cricket days were missed in November. Season 2013/14 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 while Newcastle Junior Cricket Rep and competition matches, were also played at the Oval along with a number of school games. Kahibah and Charlestown Oval also hosted matches in the NSW Country Cricket U/14 Kookaburra Cup carnival in January. 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 construction of a permanent practice net system will hopefully be in place for next season – again a far quicker process for putting them up and down.

Again a positive for the club this season was our second home ground at Charlestown Oval. It became a great venue for lower grade cricket with good facilities. 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. School matches were also hosted at the Oval. 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, Markey Insurance and Greg Buxton Excavations. We also held various functions throughout the year such as our Season Launch, Christmas Party, 20/20 Day v Newcastle City, farewell to Callum Jackson, End of Season Function and Presentation Night. These were great social occasions that were quite well attended. But, undoubtedly the

highlight was our 50th Anniversary Dinner held at Central Leagues Club in April. Attended by over 160 people it was a fantastic celebration of 50 years of Charlestown DCC with many young and not so young past and present players in attendance. We hope to build on the camaraderie displayed on the night and build a stronger Old Boys network heading into the next 50 years. Unfortunately our 20/20 Day against University was completely washed out, and hopefully the weather is kind to us next season and we can make these days bigger and better. This season saw the implementation of dinners back at the Shed – a step up from the normal barbecues – with meals such as chili con carne, spaghetti bol, hamburgers, pizza, fish and chips and tacos amongst the offerings. A big thank you to Heather Arms and all the parents who supported this idea, as well as cooking, cleaning up, etc. These nights were well supported and it was great to see how many people attended and played pool, table tennis and darts as well as having a feed and a drink. I encourage everyone to come along and support these nights. It is a great time to catch up on how each grade has performed and to build club spirit. We also provided barbecue lunches for both teams and supporters at our U/21 games at Kahibah as well as a barbecue after the semifinals. 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 income is improving. 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. Many of the Junior teams utilised both the turf and synthetic wicket practice facilities at Kahibah; with the synthetic grass being re-laid during the season; while the bowling machine has further improved the quality of facilities offered for all players. We hope to again play 20/20 matches involving the juniors after cricket on Saturdays in future seasons. These ventures help the juniors familiarise themselves with our club's facilities and provide a pathway from junior to senior cricket with Charlestown. The 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. We hope to see these players move into the senior ranks in the future.

2013/14 was disappointing for the club in the fact that we had no full time coach to oversee training and development. A big thank you to all who contributed in any way with coaching/practice drills/etc throughout the season on our training days. Steve Mace, Greg Arms, Callum Jackson and Rick McCosker; along with some dads who manned the bowling machine all contributed. It is exciting to report that Michael Hill has been appointed as our coach for 2014/15. This is great news and 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 improved on and off field performances have

only come through hard work and we 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, assisting in providing dinners, 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 51st Season in the NDCA Competition, and to seeing the Black and Whites successful again on and off the field.

Yours in cricket,  
**Kathleen Pink**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Captain's Report**

The season past proved to be one that re-established Charlestown as a serious force in the competition after a disappointing 2012-13 season.

The Tom Locker Cup saw Charlestown –v- Merewether play in the final at No. Sports Ground and unfortunately we were beaten by a quality Merewether side, however I felt this defeat set a benchmark of where we needed to get to. It also gave ourselves good exposure against a very good attack and all round team who we would later meet in the semi-final of the grade competition again played at No. 1 Sports Ground. The coin fell my way and I elected to bat or what appeared and proved to be a wicket with some assistance for the bowlers. I have always felt runs on the board particularly in semi-final cricket is a huge advantage and in tight games you often feel as though you have an extra fieldsman thus the decision to bat. There may have been some questioning my decision at 2-0 after 2 overs however we recovered well and came into lunch at 2 -106. Our total of 192 I felt was going to be very competitive and a solid total against a very good attack after a poor start. Dilan/Dan and myself all made starts without taking control of the game with a big score. As we often do with a score on the board we built up some good pressure, bowled with good discipline made steady inroads and made Merewether fight hard for every run. Max with 3-45 and some key wickets in the middle gave us a serious chance of winning until Simon Moore guided Merewether past our total 6 down. I felt Simon's innings was the difference between the sides with 88 no. Dilan with 57, Dan 37 and myself 28 all should have made big scores. Hundreds WIN games! Simon Moore effectively made one and we didn't however I knew from talking to the Merewether team that they felt they played their hardest most competitive game against Charlestown which not only should it be something to be proud of but will provide a big boost for the coming season to know we are a real force capable of winning the competition and I say that with the utmost confidence and belief that it is achievable. However winning a competition requires a large amount of commitment/hard work and most importantly self-belief. I felt we had all these qualities but the coming season will require another

level of commitment to achieve higher honours. Each season we need to give more than the last or we achieve the same result!

We acquired some new faces with the addition of our 2 overseas players Dilan Sandigirigoda and Callum Jackson, 2 quality first grade players who were crucial to our success we experienced and their statistics speak for themselves. Both players rejuvenated not only our first grade team but the Club in general. Congratulations to our President (Chris Oliver) for introducing them to our Club and the hard work in getting them here. Chris Connor's was another quality addition after missing the previous season due to travel commitments. Chris is another player capable of winning big games with bat on ball. Chris Rendina returned to the Club after a long stint at Cardiff. These four new faces from 2012-13 provided us with some valuable experience of which we lacked the previous season. Isaac Wallace who debut during the second half of the season made it 5 new faces. Isaac provided our attack with some good variation making a good fist of the opportunities presented and developed into an important member of our attack. It is pleasing again to see one of our junior products progress into first grade and with more experience and opportunity. Higher honours may present themselves for Isaac.

Our attack was again reliable very disciplined and hard to beat particularly with runs on the board. Path Shah again led the attack with distinction and may have been unlucky not to have gained selection for Newcastle when opportunities arose during the season due to injuries etc. Max Magann, Chris Connors and Aaron Payne were the other quicks and all played their part at various times during the season. Dilan and Isaac provided the spin and excellent variation in what formed a solid well respected attack but one with room for improvement.

Batting was led by Callum Jackson who developed into one of the leading batsman in the competition finishing with an average of 60.50 after returning home early due to county commitments. The next best with 25.14 was me, followed by Dilan on 24.79. However next best averages in the 20s probably wasn't good enough from the talented batsmen that we have in our line up. One century for the season is another area we need to improve on as I said earlier hundreds win games! Having said that I felt we did move forward and improved as a batting unit during the season although a little inconsistent at times. We now have a great platform to build on for the coming season and with a more dedicated approach the batting line up can be as competent as most if we desperately want to be.

Overall I felt our season was a positive one being Tom Locker finalists and semi-finalists in the grade competition. 20/20 and the SCG Cup are areas we also require improvement.

Positives gained from the season past include:

- Re-establishing ourselves as a force and threat to the competition
- Developing a belief that we can not only compete but defeat the best teams
- Returning to finals cricket of which is an important habit to develop
- Progressing as a batting unit
- Development of our juniors and the emergence of Isaac in 1st Grade

But probably the most important point was the fight we showed in our defeat by Merewether in the semi-finals. I could feel that even with Merewether within 10-20 runs off victory that we all felt a victory was still achievable. The feeling within the team was a very positive determined one that many successful Charlestown sides had. From my point of view as Captain it is very important to me personally that this message is passed onto the next generation of Charlestown cricketers as it was to me.

Congratulations to all the lower grades on what was a very successful season for the Club. We are now in a position to challenge for the Club Championship of which is an outstanding award to win for the Club and that we have won more times than any other Club.

As this report finalises my commitments as First Grade Captain due to my retirement I would like to take this opportunity to thank the current and past Committee/Players supporters etc. for the opportunity provided to myself as a player and Captain of Charlestown for such a long time. It has been an honour and pleasure to be part of this Club that I will always hold close to my heart for so many years. In order to play any sport for so long does take an enormous amount of time/commitment and sacrifice. Health/injuries/work commitments /form etc. can play their part but you also need an understanding family and in particular an understanding wife. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank my wife Sue and my children Zach, Logan and Kiarni for their support over the years. Without that support you cannot do what I have been lucky enough to do.

Thank you to Kath for all her help over the years and for the immaculate scorebook she keeps of which is second to none.

I am happy in retirement knowing that the Club is in good hands with Dane Macourt recently appointed First Grade Captain and the healthy production line of juniors is continuing. I will be excited to watch the team and club develop over the coming seasons with the belief trophies are achievable.

Thank you again and I wish the Club all the success it deserves and until the comeback, good-bye for now.

**Steve Mace**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Captains' Report**

2nd grade had another solid year, but fell one game short of where we wanted to be. We lost a very tight semi-final against City, this being only our 3<sup>rd</sup> loss for the year.

Again this year the bowlers stood up with everyone contributing during the year. Our young openers in Josh Edwards and Sam Mostyn bowled well week in week out supported by the old blokes in Daniel Frew, Steve Threadgold and myself we formed a very strong bowling unit. Eddie in the semi-final bowled his heart out and nearly got us over the line – throw in Geordie Oliver who when he gets it right is as quick as anyone in 2nd grade.

The batting was dominated by Frewy and Chris Mace, both had excellent years with the bat scoring in excess of 500 runs. Add in Frewy's bowling and Monks always solid wicket keeping and they had standout years for the team. Some of the younger players showed glimpses of what they are capable of in the future, Jack Mace with a great partnership with Frewy at Wests, Eddie and Jordy Bradley in the semi-final getting us to a total we could bowl at.

One of the jobs of second grade is to develop the next group of players to push into first grade. This year Isaac Wallace went up to ones after a very strong start to the season with the bat, he has gone on to cement his spot in one's and looks to be a very good prospect for the club.

Again this year the support from the mothers, fathers and partners has been great – I'm happy to say the afternoon tea's extremely high standard was maintained. Our dedicated scorer Convers looked after us again, kept me organised and didn't miss a beat all year doing a job we all take for granted. We all know there is nothing worse than the opposition having no scorer. Thanks to Mark's dedication to the club it's not something that we have to worry about.

Keeping this young side together with a few experienced heads will see this team breakthrough for a premiership.

**Todd Disney**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Captain's Report**

Firstly I would like to take the opportunity to thank the committee for giving me the chance to Captain 3rd grade again this year. It was a pleasure leading the boys throughout the year and it was one of the most enjoyable seasons I've had playing cricket. Unfortunately we had a slow start to the year filling the gap left by a couple of standout players from the 2012-2013 season, however as the season progressed we began playing a lot more consistent cricket, eventually placing 5th and missing out on the finals by 2 points.

There are two main standouts from the 2013-2014 season that come to mind, the first being that after losing both our top scoring batsmen and highest wicket-taker from last season, we had no shortage of players willing to stand up and take more responsibility on their shoulders. Myself, Josh Sutton and Aiden Moore managed to score over 200 runs for the season and played some important knocks along the way. In the bowling stakes Andrew Standing had an outstanding season as our strike bowler and was well supported by Duncan Brown, Chris Fisher and Craig Mitchell.

The other standout from the season for me was the way the team rose to the occasion when facing some of the top teams. Knowing that we were able to knock off both Stockton and Belmont when they were top of the table gives me great satisfaction and belief that this team has plenty of ticker and can perform against the stronger sides. Being able to do this on a more consistent basis will be the greatest test, however it is reassuring to know that this team is capable of not only beating the top sides, but doing so in quite a convincing fashion. Turning out these performances on a more consistent basis will lead to our team featuring heavily in late March in seasons to come.

This season we had a fairly youthful group primarily made up of a younger stock under the age of 20. To watch the carry-on in the dressing room was a highlight. Win or lose there was always a positive vibe and plenty of laughs to be had. This season was also the “coming of age” for some of the younger members in the team. Josh Sutton had an outstanding year with the bat and in the field, Duncan Brown also bowled some outstanding spells at the back end of the season (and threw his body on the line each game without question), Aiden Moore came into the side this year and was as solid an opening bat that you could find anywhere, and Nick Standing showed that he is ever-improving and is developing into an excellent young bowler.

Our bowling attack this year was led by the ever-reliable Andrew Standing. Stando collected the NDCA 3rd Grade bowling aggregate taking an outstanding 34 wickets at 13.97. The other bowlers in the mix were Dunc Brown with 18 wickets at 17.72, Craig Mitchell with 12 at 15.92 and Chris Fisher with 10 at 24.70. Dane Mostyn and Nick Standing also provided good support and each bowled some strong spells when required.

I felt this year that our batting was much more consistent and everyone in the top and middle order knew their role and pitched in regularly with runs. Aiden Moore (204 at 15.69) and Johnathon Sharpe (143 at 14.30) developed into a solid opening pair that dug in and could be relied upon to see out the new ball. Josh Sutton (275 at 22.92) was an excellent number 3 with myself (311 at 31.10), Neruiben Jayakumar (156 at 26.00) and Stando (168 at 18.67) rounding out a much more consistent middle order. Good support was also provided by the lower order throughout the season.

The only disappointment for us this year was being guilty of a slow start to the season and not taking control of some of the closer games when they were there for the taking. I believe the team has evolved throughout the course of the year and we have learnt valuable lessons in staying in the game and maintaining focus. All in all the season should be seen as a time of growth and development, with an eye to next season when we will be looking to capitalise on the improvements and growth achieved throughout the 2013-2014 season.

A big thanks to everyone involved with 3rd Grade this year, it has been a pleasure representing Charlestown District Cricket Club once again and I look forward to the season ahead and building on the foundation and culture we have established in 3rd Grade this year. I believe we have a great group of players who will again give their all for the team in order to achieve greater success for the 2014-2015 season.

**Lee Davies**

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Captain's Report**

4TH grade had another successful year resulting in a semi-final appearance, which we lost in a close game. Once again the spirit and mateship in the team was fantastic, making for a very enjoyable season. This season we introduced more young players to grade cricket. Adam Winchester, Grant Anderson, Dan Standing & Rory Maddison, all from the under 14 age group, played a significant number of games and all made good contributions to the team. All four were part of our semi-final team.

Our batting was once again led by Rocket who scored 755 runs with two centuries and five fifties. Steve Claridge had another good season scoring 401 runs with a century & 2 fifties. Steve also had another good season behind the stumps with 14 catches & 5 stumpings. Davo, Moorey, Wally Winchester & Tim Standing all contributed at different times to a successful season for the team with the bat.

Our bowling attack performed well with Dave Moore being our best bowler taking 33 wickets, including a great performance against City when he took 6/16 off 7 overs. Andy Jackson continued his improvement taking 17 wickets with his leg spinners with a best of 5/10. Adam Winchester also bowled very well in his first season troubling a lot of batsmen with his left arm inswingers finishing with 12 wickets at a very good average and economy rate. Dan Standing (7 wickets), Rory Maddison (4 wickets) & Grant Anderson (3 wickets) also did well in their debut seasons.

In the semi-final at Kahibah Oval we fell short by 20 runs against a strong City side. We started badly chasing 183, losing 4 early wickets but we never gave up with Rocket holding the innings together for a long time having good partnerships with Moorey and Adam Winchester. After losing Rocket, Adam played a very mature innings, finishing up with 37. A highlight at the end our innings was an unbeaten last wicket partnership of 25 between Rory Maddison & Dan Standing in front of our supporters.

I would like to thank all who played 4th grade this year, making my second season as captain a very enjoyable one.

Once again my thanks also go to our hardworking committee led by Ollie & Thready, whose hard work keeps the club ticking along. Thankyou to Kath, whose dedication to the club is never ending and her help in organizing players when needed is much appreciated. I'd like to make a special mention of Steve Mace, your support and advice has been invaluable. Good luck in your retirement. I would also like to thank the other captains, Diz and Lee for their support during the season.

Overall, the club is in great shape, on and off the field, so let's look forward to another upcoming successful season.

**Jack Sharpe**

### **Under 21s Captain's Report**

It was another year of "what could have been" for the 21's side this season with rain again being our downfall. With one win and one loss in the two pool games completed we did only have ourselves to blame.

We found ourselves at University for the first game with a very similar line-up to last season. Hopes were high with the arrival of Callum and he gave the team a much needed lift batting no.3 and behind the stumps. We lost the toss and were asked to have a bowl. It was quite a boring first hour with Max and Sam trying hard to get the first break through but the Uni openers not playing many shots and scoring slowly. After hanging around for 10 overs Max got the first break through. Wickets fell steadily from one end with Uni Captain Jake Moore hanging around and scoring 70

odd with not much support. They ended up all out for 180 with Isaac getting 3 and Dan getting 5.

In reply the chase didn't start well with Isaac being bowled in the first over. Callum and Dan got the score up to 50 before Callum middled a pull shot to an out of position back-ward square leg and Dan hitting a loose cover drive to a fielder. With the help of bad umpiring and bad batting we lost steady wickets and fell 30 short. The loss sent a shock through the team as we realized we would have to play very well for the remaining two pool games to get through to the semi-finals.

In the next game we were away again to Newcastle City. On a hot day we won the toss and batted first on a hard batsmen friendly pitch. With a different order and change of attitude Isaac opened with Jackson. We again didn't have a great start with Jackson out early. Isaac and Callum put on a good 50 before Isaac was trapped LBW. From there we lost a quick few wickets until Max met up with Josh Edwards. They both knew exactly what was needed and put on close to a hundred putting us back in the box seat. Max ended up on 60 odd and Eddy out for 40. We ended up being 9/230.

In the second innings City never looked in the hunt with Sam and Max both getting early wickets. Geordie came on and also helped himself to 2 wickets. From there Isaac did the rest of the damage picking up 5 of his own. A much better all-round performance from the boys.

In the last scheduled pool game, we faced Belmont at Kahibah. With threatening clouds above and overnight rain we were asked to bat on a damp but also very hard home pitch. In very hard batting conditions, again we lost early wickets with Isaac, Jackson and Callum all out cheaply. Max and Dan stuck together and scored very slowly at times to get through the hard bits. The going did get easier later in the innings, putting on 110 before Dan was caught at short fine leg for 70 odd, and Max followed 5 overs later for 40 odd. Again we ended up posting a formidable score of 9/220.

Knowing the rain would be the biggest problem bowlers Max and Sam both bowled off shorter runs for time and safety. With the Belmont batters looking to go hard to try in be in front after 15 overs, smart bowling and 2 very good catches from Max at cover put them right under pressure with their 2 best batsmen out at 2/15 when rain stopped play. All the boys tried very hard to get back on knowing a win here would make it likely that we would grab a semi-final spot. The rain kept coming down and unfortunately we didn't get back on, so again it left us thinking what would have happened.

All in all it was an interesting year with a disappointing first game and two typical Magpie performances. It proves how important every game of cricket is. Back to the drawing board and hopefully next season, we don't let the rain get to have its say on the way the season finishes.

**Daniel Arms**

## CDCC Financial Report – 2012/2013

<b>CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB</b>				
<b>PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT</b>				
<b>FOR PERIOD YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2014</b>				
<b>INCOME</b>				<b>\$</b>
Registration			15,341	
Sponsorship			12,000	
Season Launch			19,600	
Fundraising			4,239	
Raffles			11,598	
Canteen			9,702	
Ground hire			3,826	
Presentation			920	
50th Anniversary Dinner			7,260	
After School Coaching			910	
Interest			44	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b>85,440</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Clothing			3,986	
Cricket Balls & Equipment			5,394	
Curating (Kahibah/Charlestown Oval)			11,340	
Repairs & Maintenance (Kahibah/Charlestown)			3,495	
Ground Hire			1,055	
NDCA			2,390	
NDCUA			5,604	
Season Launch			10,432	
50th Anniversary Dinner			5,736	
Presentation			2,092	
Trophies			759	
Raffles			9,130	
Canteen Purchases			6,182	
Oval committies			2,081	
Insurance			2,385	
Electricity			1,493	
Overseas player expenses			2,838	
After School Coaching			650	
Government Fees			52	
Games Room purchases			528	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b>77,622</b>	
<b>NET INCOME</b>			<b>7,818</b>	