

SEASON 2015/2016



**The 52nd Annual Report of Charlestown
District Cricket Club Inc.**

July 2016

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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. 2015/2016 SEASON

ADMINISTRATION

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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

President: Chris Oliver
Vice President: Stephen Mace
Secretary: Steven Threadgold
Assistant Secretary: Kathleen Pink
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DELEGATES TO THE NDCA INC.

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

CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB 2015/2016 SEASON

CONTINUATION OF CLUB HISTORY

SEASON No. 52

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

1st Grade: Dane Macourt
2nd Grade: Todd Disney
3rd Grade: Lee Davies
4th Grade: Craig Mitchell
Under 21s: Daniel Arms
Under 15s: Josh Claridge
Denis Broad Cup: Chris Mace.
5th Grade in C&S: Ian Winpenny/Ian Baggs

Registered players

NDCA: 60
C&S/NDCA: 26
C&S only: 31
NDCA U/15: 8
Club Total: 99

Results

Club Championship: 3rd
1st Grade: 6th
2nd Grade: 1st, won final
3rd Grade: 3rd, lost semi-final
4th Grade: 4th, lost final.
5th Grade C&S C3s: 4th, lost semi-final
6th Grade C&S C4s: 5th
Tom Locker Cup: 2nd in Pool
First Grade T20: 1st in pool, lost final
Dennis Broad Cup: 2nd in Pool
U/21s: 4th in Pool
U/15: 2nd in Pool

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The highlights of this season from my point of view were undoubtedly the club's first premiership pennant during my tenure and the appointment of Gary Pinches as the Club Training Coach. It has been an objective of the committee since I came on board to get our training days organised and instructive and Pincho has been successful in achieving that goal. To Diz and his 2nd Graders go my heartiest congratulations on being undefeated minor and major premiers in 2nd Grade.

The season began in its usual fashion with a Callum Jackson fiasco and the loss of a number of players across the grades. This was offset by the return of James Rushford, the 'out of the blue' appearance of Jed Dickson and the signing of Colby Gallagher from Wyong. All three contributing significantly to the good pre-Christmas run of the 1st grade. The club had another strong season on the back of this finishing 3rd in the club championship, 6th in 1st Grade, undefeated Premiers in 2nds, semi-finalists in 3rds, finalists in 4ths, semi-finalists in C3's and 6th in C4's.

A highlight of the season was the appearance of 1st grade in the NDCA T20 final vs Ham Wicks. In winning all 5 pool games the lads performed above expectations with the Marquee Player concept proving quite fruitful for us. Adam Taylor (Wyong CC) and Tym Crawford (Gordon CC) being amongst the best performers in the competition.

The relationship with our major sponsor, CBC, continued to flourish throughout the season. Macey's season launch proved to be one of the best ever both in enjoyment and fund raising with the both clubs benefitting markedly from the good attendance and the drinking. Something Robbo was able to take advantage of in the auctions. Merv Hughes proved to be well worth his fee as he caroused on into the night with that funny little Diz fellow.

The Bowls day was not well attended and if not for the effort of the younger members of the club could have been embarrassing. We need to get behind any functions held at the club to ensure we maintain their excellent sponsorship. It will be important next season that all eligible players take out club membership as they will be issuing CDCC cards from which the club will get a percentage of all CDCC purchases.

Our relationship with the CJCC remained static during this season and we need to encourage a much closer working relationship with them in the next few years. Despite numerous invitations to host 20/20 games, no junior teams took up the opportunity. Attendance at the Junior coaching clinic organised by Steve Wallace was poor and requests for coaching were minimal. Communication with the juniors is an important part of what we do and we need to ensure it improves in the near future.

A genuine thank you to all our volunteers who have really put in this season. Unlike many other clubs I can honestly say that we have a hard working group and it is rare that anyone declines a request. To Michael Hill for all his effort with the 1st Grade squad from the pre-season through to the difficulties of the final rounds. It's great to have a good committee but even better to know where we're going and it's people like Michael and Armsy who contribute their knowledge and experience that do the value adding to our decisions.

To the financial Blues Brothers (Stando and Steve W.) for their effective management; to Pinky for her usual herculean effort despite some distractions at the Mattara during this season; the dads who were always there when asked particularly Neil, Wally, Rob, Scott and Armsy; Andy Jackson for his practice net duty; and of course to all the captains who put in that bit extra each week.

To all the sponsors thanks for your contributions but especially this season to those who went over and above their promised sponsorship such as Dave Chapman from Chapman Strata Management and Stephen Leggett from O'Neill's Tyres Gateshead who took an interest in the club and its fortunes. Thanks also to Choices Flooring, Triseley Solicitors, NWS, Markeys Insurance, Swimart, Brokenwood Wines and Ray White Real Estate.

Last but not least I would like to bring everyone up to date with regards to Kahibah Oval for 2016/17. During the season we were approached by LMCC in response to our continued pleas to improve both the playing surface and the drainage issues at Kahibah. Their proposal is to remove the current surface and then seed the entire area with couch grass. The result of this work will mean that we will not be using Kahibah Oval during the 2016/17 season. Implications for CDCC are: where do we play; training will effected; and the clubhouse will not be used. This will need the full co-operation of all players and club members. It will be disruptive and a major pain in the arse but hopefully the end result is a faster, truer outfield and improved drainage.

Chris Oliver

ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT

Season 2015/2016 was a season on the rise for the club. We finished third in the Club Championship; First Grade finished sixth, were beaten in the final of the T20 comp, were second in our pool in the Tom Locker Cup, and were knocked out in Round 1 of the SCG Cup; Second Grade were undefeated minor and major premiers - what a brilliant effort; Third Grade were beaten semi-finalists, having been unbeaten until then and finishing third; Fourth Grade were beaten in the final after finishing fourth; In Fifth Grade (C & S) – C3s finished fourth and C4s fifth; while we were second in our pool in the U/15s, third in our pool in the Denis Broad Cup, and fourth in our pool of U/21s.

A big thankyou to all our captains – Dane Macourt, Todd Disney, Lee Davies, Craig Mitchell, Ian Winpenny, Ian Baggs, Daniel Arms, Chris Mace and Josh Claridge; all players; our coaches Michael Hill and Gary Pinches; as well as committee members, curators and supporters who contributed to Season 2015/16.

A positive for the Club this season was the recruitment of two marquee players for the First Grade T20 competition. Tym Crawford from Gordon and Adam Taylor from Wyong were superb additions to our squad with their performances contributing to our first ever appearance in the First Grade T20 final.

A recent highlight for the club was the induction of Anthony Stuart into the Hunter Region Sporting Hall of Fame. It was an awesome honour for Anthony and his family

and a very proud moment for our club. Thanks to all who nominated Anthony for this award. Well done Scoob - it was richly deserved!

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. Jed Dickson and James Rushford were both selected in the Newcastle Steel T20 team; Isaac Wallace played in the Newcastle U/19 team; there were four Charlestown players (Josh Claridge, Zach Mace, Glenn Winsor and Luke Hitchcock) in the Newcastle U/16 Bradman Cup team that played in the Bradman Cup Carnival in Newcastle; Adam Winchester was chosen in the Hunter Region CHS side that won the State title; and there were two Charlestown juniors (Josh Hardy and Jake Richardson) in the Newcastle U/14 Kookaburra Cup team that played in Griffith, along with Jed Dickson who was assistant coach. Recently, Josh and Lachlan Claridge, Luke Hitchcock and Glenn Winsor were chosen in the Cricket NSW Academy – Newcastle Winter training program. We look forward to following their progress in future seasons.

At our successful Presentation Night, the following trophies were awarded: the Kevin Oliver Trophy for Player of the Season – Steve Threadgold; the major bowling trophies- Frank Simpson (Aggregate) –Andrew Standing; John Stuart (Average) and Steve Woolmer (Aggregate) – both Steve Threadgold; the major batting trophies - Mark Curry (Aggregate) – Jed Dickson and Mattara Hotel (Average) – Dane Macourt; the Hogan/Lancaster wicketkeeping award – Michael Richardson; the Paul Trisley Trophy for the best Under 21 cricketer – Daniel Arms; the Mark Hall Trophy for the best U/17 cricketer – Josh Claridge; the Black and White Workers award – Neil Saville; while the Tim Towers Medal for Clubman of the season was awarded to Dane Macourt; along with our various grade awards. Congratulations to all award winners. Our Club also won NDCA awards with captain Todd Disney being presented with the Second Grade Minor and Major Premiership trophies. Congratulations on your achievements!

This season our Club fielded 6 Grade sides of a Saturday afternoon with two teams entered in the C&S competition. A big thankyou to Chris Oliver, Ian Winpenny and Ian Baggs for their efforts in organising and getting the C & S teams up and running, as well as throughout the season. They provided an opportunity for many of our young junior players to experience senior cricket and saw many of the players promoted to higher grades during the season. Again a big thankyou to many of the fathers and senior players who filled in to help get the teams on the park. We also competed in the Tom Locker Cup and T20 matches, which were part of the first grade competition; SCG Country Cup, U/21s, Denis Broad Cup Lower Grade and the U/15 T20 competition. The weather was mixed this season with more cricket days missed than last season, especially in January. This season was one of our better years in terms of player availability, with better commitment shown by most players. It is essential that this increased commitment is maintained next season, to ensure that there is continued 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 and Charlestown Oval this season. Kahibah was used for the NDCA Second Grade semi and final, while Newcastle Junior Cricket competition matches, including finals, were

played at Charlestown Oval along with a number of school games at both venues. This season also saw work undertaken (top-dressing and turf replacement on sections) on Kahibah Oval which resulted in periods over December and January where the ground was unavailable for both matches and training. This caused some changes in training venues (No. 1 Sportsground, baseball grounds, synthetic nets and indoor) while some matches were moved to Charlestown Oval including matches in the NSW Country Cricket U/16 Bradman Cup carnival, some second grade matches as well as one of our T20 fixtures (at very late notice) with a great atmosphere ensuing.

Next season we will not be playing or training at Kahibah Oval due to a refurbishment of the ground with the whole outfield being dug up and the ground being seeded with couch grass. We look forward to a return in 2017/18. The permanent practice net system continued to be used this season– this is a great asset for our club – and was also used by representative teams and coaching clinics. The efforts of Andrew Wilson need to be acknowledged as well, as he spent many hours rolling the centre and practice wickets at both grounds, while Greg Arms spent much time on the ride-on mower trying to improve the outfield. New covers were purchased and used at Kahibah during the season while the old covers were used at Charlestown Oval with many games getting on that would not have done so in previous seasons.

The Club again benefited from the support of sponsors - especially Charlestown Bowling Club who continued this season. The attendance at the Bowling Club for our monthly Sponsors' Nights was fantastic with a highlight being the presentation of the O'Neills Tyres Player of the Round award each time. The attendance at the Shed at Kahibah was good early in the season but this dropped off later in the season, especially when Kahibah Oval was unavailable for matches. Next season it will be very important to support the Bowling Club each week as the Shed at Kahibah Oval will not be used. Other sponsors included Newcastle Weighing Services, Trisleys, Markey Insurance, Ray White Real Estate, Carpet Choices, Chapman Property and Warners Bay Swimart. We also held various functions throughout the year such as our Season Launch (thanks to Steve Mace again), Bowls Day at Charlestown Bowling Club (thanks to Craig Mitchell), End of Season Function, hosting of the Second Grade Semi and Final and Presentation Night. These were great social occasions that were quite well attended. It was also great to see a number of our Old Boys attending many of these functions – let's hope there are even more in the future. Over 80 people at the Presentation Night was our best attendance in years!

This season saw the continuation of dinners back at the Shed – a step up from the normal barbecues – with meals such as chicken, hamburgers, pizza, and tacos amongst the offerings. A big thankyou to Heather Arms and all the parents who supported this idea, as well as cooking, cleaning up, etc. These nights were reasonably well attended. It is a great time to catch up on how each grade has performed and to build club spirit (before heading to the Bowlo!) We also provided barbecue lunches for both teams, umpires and supporters at our U/21 games at Kahibah as well as a barbecue after the second grade final. 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 or seafood 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.

At a Junior Development level we saw many of the Junior teams utilise both the turf and synthetic wicket practice facilities at Kahibah; with the bowling machine further improving the quality of facilities offered for all players. 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. It was great to see Ronan Bruce and Josh Edwards stepping up to look after the team. I'm sure the players all enjoyed playing and singing the team song after a win. We hope to see these players move into the senior ranks in the future, with many already playing. These ventures help the juniors familiarise themselves with our club's facilities and provide a pathway from junior to senior cricket with Charlestown. It was also pleasing to see a number of our Under 21 players assisting at junior training sessions. Kahibah also hosted a coaching clinic for junior players with Lyon Cricket.

In 2015/16 we were fortunate to have both Michael Hill and Gary Pinches on board as coaches. Michael's knowledge and assistance has helped many of our players with, in particular, the winter training squad which comprised a combination of 1st and 2nd grade players as well as many of our juniors, being quite successful. Michael has agreed to remain involved with us for next season. We were also very fortunate to have Gary Pinches to oversee training days on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as working individually with players. Training sessions definitely improved and it was good to see most players take the opportunity to improve their cricket through attendance at training and participation in all training activities.

A big thankyou to all on the Committee, superbly led by Ollie, for their efforts throughout the season – they are greatly 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 thankyou to all who have contributed to this season - players, members, coaches, 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, attending the Bowlo after matches, canteen, cleaning, mowing, rolling, 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 53rd Season 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 2015/16 season was a mixed bag for First grade. Pre-Christmas the team performed well and we headed into the break sitting in the top 4. On our return we did not win a game and ended the season in 6th position. While this was a disappointing overall result, we made the T20 final which was a consolation.

From the previous year where we batted 90 overs 2 games in a row, we extended that record for the first half of the season. We batted into every over we were allocated except for the Cardiff game where we were sent in on a "green top." We ended up batting a patient 76 overs to set up the victory. The team had a new found confidence where we expected to bat our allotted overs week in week out, which I had never seen before at Charlestown. It was uncanny that our batting was winning us games, where in previous years we had relied on our bowling attack.

Post-Christmas our season was derailed. We went a month without playing cricket due to washouts, and I feel the games we played in one day fixtures disadvantaged us. At times we struggled to bowl teams out and only recorded one outright victory for the season. Our notable run scorers at the start of the year struggled to find form after Christmas with only a few averaging more than 15. The dynamics of the team were hindered due to injuries to myself and Chris Connors, where we tried to play in a limited capacity.

At the start of the year we welcomed some new faces and some old faces returned home. Sam Harrison was a notable recruitment from Waratah Mayfield. The 6'4 fast bowler came to the club looking for a fresh start. He took 22 wickets at an average of 18.4. After a year to settle in, I believe Sam is only going to improve his form in the upcoming season. Colby Gallagher was the other fresh face who slotted straight into the opening role with returning player, James Rushford. In the first half of the season they had set up a formidable opening partnership. Colby went onto to score 296 runs at 22.96, Rushie ended the season with 489 runs at an average of 25.74.

Another familiar face returned in Jed Dickson who went on to captain a few games in place of Parth Shah who had taken on the responsibility whilst I was injured. Jed went on to have his best season with the club with 435 runs at an average of 27.19. He also made valuable contributions off the field through coaching and trying to improve how we train. Jed brought some new and interesting ideas to the club to support us in our development. Other notable performers for the year were myself scoring 464 runs at an average of 42.18. Aaron Payne won the bowling award with 28 wickets at an average 17.18.

Throughout the season there were a few debutants. Mathew Bench made his first grade debut behind the stumps in Round 1 against Merewether. He demonstrated his capabilities during his first grade appearances and will improve his cricketing due to these opportunities. The Claridge name has a rich history at Charlestown and it was only fitting that Joshua Claridge received his baggy black from his grandfather George Claridge. At the young age of 15 we expect that Joshua will become a regular first grade player in the coming years. He is talented cricketer with a promising future.

The T20 sides I picked throughout the campaign were at times considered controversial. Charlestown had more than 11 players of a first grade standard,

meaning each spot was contested. This allowed me the freedom to select the most suitable players for the conditions. Due to the rule changes for T20, Ollie sourced two marquee players. Tym Crawford (Gordon) proved his worth, playing two round games to qualify for the final. He demonstrated his class, scoring two half centuries in his only two games. Adam Taylor (Wyong) was the second player, who made many valuable contributions averaging over 40. He bowled well taking wickets, and was very economical. Overall I was pleased with Charlestown's performance in T20 as I feel we have made significant improvements in this format of cricket.

Congratulations to 2nd grade who were major and minor premiers. The team was evenly balanced with talented youth and more experienced players. 2016/17 is shaping up to be another competitive year for Charlestown. Internally the fight for positions will intensify as there is some good young talent that is starting to perform.

Dane Macourt

2nd Grade Captains' Report

This was the year we have been building up to for the last 5 seasons – we played to our potential and did all the way to the final game. We finished the season as undefeated minor and major premiers winning the final outright.

This was the year the “kids” played to their potential and contributed greatly to the season. Josh Claridge, Adam Winchester, Luke Hitchcock and Dan Chillingworth had great seasons which showed them to be future first grade players that will keep the club strong for many years.

Josh and Luke batted with maturity beyond their years, scoring hundreds and batting for long periods of time. Dan's leg spin was something special this year, I knew that when I threw him the ball that a wicket would not be far away, all be it from a wrong'un!! Adam contributed with both the bat and ball all season bowling some fast spells and scoring very important runs, this was highlighted in the final with his 43 in the run chase which was crucial.

Our bowling was the strong point, as it has been for the last few years, I was very much spoiled for choice with Ronan, Sam Mostyn, Thready, Adam, Chill all lining up at any time and I enjoyed not bowling hardly at all in the last half of the season.

The batting was led early on by Sam Logan and Isaac Wallace getting us off to great starts, Hitchy scoring his maiden grade hundred and Claridge holding us together with solid fifties.

I can't give all the credit to the young blokes – the old boys stood up when needed every time with Thready and Ronan contributing with the bat and the ball especially late in the season. Moisty was his reliable self taking wickets in the big games and going through City in the second innings of the final. Monk was solid behind the stumps and we have a second slipper for as long as he wants after Benchy's display in the final!!

I just want to say that it was a pleasure to captain this group of blokes, with the old blokes doing all they could to help me out all year and the young blokes that were willing to listen and learn and contribute to the team on and off the field. This very successful year is a testament to a close group of mates playing the game hard but not forgetting to enjoy themselves along the way – which is the reason we all still play the game, mateship and fun.

I would like to thank all the parents, wives, and girlfriends for their great support during the year with the afternoon teas maintaining our reputation for the best in the comp. The parents that contributed to the covers each week, either dropping the kids there or helping out on the field – it was greatly appreciated and made the job much easier.

The committee has done a great job again this year, the club is getting better every year not just on the field but off it – I think that this improvement is very closely related. Training, coaching, playing gear, player fees is all run very well and the after the game support (my favourite time of the week) is growing year in year out. This is the base to any club getting stronger and is all down to the hard work by the committee and as players we all appreciate.

Lastly I would especially like to thank Mark Convery for all the hard work that he put in throughout the year with scoring, team sheets and all the other things that he did were great. Having a scorer that does all the little extra's that Conver's does make a massive difference to the team and is greatly appreciated.

This has been one of the most enjoyable years that I have played – winning everything with great mates, watching the young blokes become strong contributors and the club going forward in every department, it doesn't get much better than that for me, thanks for letting me be a part of it!

Thank you

Todd Disney

3rd Grade Captain's Report

The season past was quite a successful year for Charlestown's 3rd grade outfit. Following a couple of disappointing seasons where we went within a whisker of playing finals, it was exciting for the boys to make it to the Semi this year and play one of our best games of the season.

The regular season was impacted due to the unforgiving weather, however we did manage to go through the regular season undefeated recording 8 wins in the process and finishing in 3rd place (due to other teams recording outright victories). The semi-final played against Toronto was a thriller, with neither team asserting dominance and the match see-sawing right to the very end. Off the back of an outstanding 60 by Kayne Bradley, Charlestown set Toronto 149 to win off 73 overs. The game was still in the balance when Toronto lost their 8th wicket at 131, however we missed a crucial opportunity when Toronto needed 10 to win and in the end they scrapped their way over the line with 2 overs to spare. A very disappointing outcome following an

excellent season, where all players contributed throughout the year to ensure our first finals appearance in 3 years.

Honours were shared this year in the bowling stakes with Josh Edwards and Andrew Standing each taking 17 wickets for the season, and Chris Fisher closely followed with 16. Great support was provided throughout the year by Dave Moore (13), Andy Saville (10) and Matt Ellis and Glenn Winsor (both 7).

Batting-wise we had a much more solid year than in recent seasons, with solid performances being provided much more consistently by the top order. Jackson Mace (241 @ 30.13), Kayne Bradley (239 @ 29.88), Josh Edwards (205 @ 68.33) and Johnny Sharpe (200 @ 22.22) were the standouts with the remaining batsmen chipping in at various stages throughout the season.

It must be noted that fielding in general has improved over the past season, thanks largely to the involvement of Pincho at training and his relentless approach to completing fielding drills and shuttle runs. The standard of fielding in 3rds has increased this year and I'm excited at the prospect of becoming an even better fielding outfit leading in to the season to come.

In hindsight, as disappointing as it was to bow out of the finals race in the semi, it was still an excellent season that we completed, going through the regular season undefeated and narrowly going down against a strong Toronto outfit that has made the final the last 2 years running. I have no doubts that the next crop of outstanding talent coming through the grades will place increased pressure on those playing in 1st and 2nd grade, with outstanding performances filtering down throughout the lower grades.

All in all another strong season, and with some further improvements in individual performances and learning to hold our nerve in key situations, we will inevitably find further success in years to come.

Lee Davies

4th Grade Captain's Report

I would like to thank our committee for giving me the opportunity to captain the 4th grade side this season.

My goals for this season were

- along with our club coaches, help player development
- club culture and what it means to play for Charlestown
- what is mentally required & understand how to play two day cricket

We had a squad of 22 players with some being there first or second grade years with a core group of 13.

We started the season off with two narrow defeats by less than 10 runs after we put ourselves in a good position to win both matches. Our first victory came in round 6 with a convincing win over Wallsend. By the time we started back after the Christmas break we were in 9th place and it was obvious we needed to start winning matches if

we were going to have any chance for the top four. I knew I had a good side and with the variety of bowling attack I could set more aggressive fielding and challenge each bowler. I remember one of my former Captain's Wally saying to me, you won't need a fine leg cause you won't be bowling on leg stump and I gave the same talk to my bowlers and set the similar field. Fielding was a big plus in our game and added to the pressure the bowlers were applying to get wickets. I'm certain all the hours of fielding drills at training improved all players in this department.

We put ourselves in a position 3 times for an outright victory with one success against Wests and another verses Uni when you had to pick me up off the floor after we needed 83 runs in 33 overs and collapsed to be 7-28 off about 16 over's, then finished 7-37 after 33. All players took match experience from those games.

The training structure was a big help and I could chat to Pincho about where I thought the guys needed help in their game. He would then take them for a one on one session.

Needing to win the last round to cement fourth place, our Master Blaster Kye hit a six for victory with two balls remaining. The final series was a bonus and we played well above what our opponents expected. At the toss for the semi-final the joke was I only had one player over the legal drinking age. My reply was but they are all good cricketers. We gave minor premiers Ham-Wicks a crushing loss and processed to the final. The final we were sent into bat on a soft wicket and slumped to 3-9, 4-16 but then middle order rallied and batting in partnerships and we finished day one with a total 142, ironically the same score we got in the semi-final. Day two and the first session did not go our way but in the second session we picked up 5 wickets and to go to tea 5-103. After tea, Toronto got the remaining runs with edges and some streaky shots and we finished second for the year.

I'm proud of every player and strongly believe everyone improved their game in more than one facet whether batting, bowling, and fielding or understanding what it is to play for Charlestown DCC. Many times opposing captains would say, you have a good young side and play in the right spirit.

Congratulations to this year's award winners with some highlights Richo 102* and 22 dismissals, Dane/Alex multiple 50+ opening partnerships and 77 / 98 respectively. Hamish 23, Rory 15 wickets, Moore 5 wickets and Stando 10 wicket match. Our top three batsmen scoring near 250+ runs.

Thanks to Rob MacQueen for all your help and support and to all the parents who were able to experience the boy's development this session. Thanks to Hilly and Pincho for your support and coaching and also Tommy and Wilso for preparing the wickets.

**Special mention to Olli and committee for another good year off the field and too many others who helped out and may not get the accolades. Your support helps all players on the field.

Craig Mitchell

Under 21s Captain's Report

It was the same story as the last 5 years this season for the 21's side. A few guys getting old left us with a young but strong side with the majority of the squad being from the victorious 2nd grade side.

It started with a convincing win v Cardiff with Benchy and Chilli standing up and getting runs and wickets respectively. Washouts v Wests and Belmont were costly but it was close losses to Waratah and Stockton that ultimately decided our fate missing the semi-finals for another year.

There are promising signs for seasons to come with Winchester being a big improver this season and playing a major role for the team as did Chillingworth. Rory Maddison, Josh Claridge and Luke Hitchcock also played their first games of 21's this year and will be the core of the side next year along with Winchester and Chill.

Daniel Arms

**CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR PERIOD YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016**

INCOME	\$
Registration Fees	20,075
Sponsorship	21,000
Season Launch	16,017
Raffles	4,755
Canteen	1,499
Grant - Cricket NSW	2,485
Ground hire	704
Presentation	650
Soil	2,829
Helmet Sales	1,200
Interest	121
TOTAL INCOME	71,335
 EXPENSES	
Clothing	6,099
Cricket Balls & Equipment	8,458
Curating (Kahibah/Charlestown Oval)	12,522
Repairs & Maintenance (Kahibah/Charlestown)	4,851
Season Launch	5,997
Overseas player costs (incl Visa payments)	665
5th Grade NCSCA Registration	1,320
Ground Hire	6,585
NDCA	2,050
NDCUA	6,660
Presentation	2,927
Raffles	3,654
Canteen Purchases	1,511
Covers	3,665
Coaching Fees	3,500
Insurance	2,775
Electricity	2,079
Helmet Purchases	1,650
Government Fees	54
TOTAL EXPENSES	77,022
 NET LOSS	- 5,687