

SEASON 2016/2017



**The 53rd Annual Report of Charlestown
District Cricket Club Inc.**

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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.

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Primary: Chris Oliver
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CONTINUATION OF CLUB HISTORY

SEASON No. 53

OFFICE BEARERS

President: Chris Oliver
Vice President: Stephen Mace
Secretary: Steven Threadgold
Assistant Secretary: Kathleen Pink
Treasurer: Stephen Wallace
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TEAM CAPTAINS

1st Grade: Stephen Mace
2nd Grade: Daniel Frew
3rd Grade: Ian Baggs
4th Grade: Craig Mitchell
Under 21s: Matthew Bench
Under 15s: Jake Richardson/ Josh Hardy
Denis Broad Cup: Lee Davies/Jackson Mace
5th Grade in C&S: Mark Davison

Registered players

NCCA Registered Players	71
NCCA & C&S	17
C&S only	7
Masters Only	5
Under 15 only	13

Results

Club Championship: 3rd
1st Grade: 8th
2nd Grade: 3rd, semi-final washed out
3rd Grade: 3rd, semi-final washed out
4th Grade: 2nd, lost final.
5th Grade C&S C3s: 2nd, lost final
Tom Locker Cup: 2nd in Pool
First Grade T20: 5th in pool
Dennis Broad Cup: 3rd in Pool
U/21s: 1st in Pool, won Final
U/15: 4th in Pool
Masters: 2nd in Pool, lost Final

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The 2016/17 season was always going to be one which would present the club with a range of difficulties to be overcome. The proposed works by LMCC at Kahibah Oval would mean no access to our home ground, turf training facilities and, most significantly, the clubhouse. We felt that these handicaps could be overcome if the reward was a much improved playing surface and at this stage it is looking superb. In reality the couch grass will provide much improved scoring opportunities for players and a great improvement in the field drainage. The season off for both wicket squares will be of great benefit also.

As always we had another major setback before the season got underway with the news of the defection of three key 1st Grade players to University. Fortunately, we were able to secure the services of Miles Hammond, a contracted Gloucestershire county player, at short notice. He proved a competent player scoring 368 runs and taking 19 wickets and, was a responsible and competitive member of the squad.

On the management front we had a strong year with the addition of three new committee members – Neil Saville, Todd Disney and Aaron Payne – and Neil in particular who took over the management of our gear relieving Kath and I of a lot of work. He has also spent time on the design of a new one day/2020 strip which we hope to have ready for next season. It is with much regret that I acknowledge Stephen Wallace's announcement that he will not seek re-election as Treasurer. Stephen has been a fastidious and efficient treasurer and he leaves the club in an excellent financial position.

We have now reached a point of financial stability and for this we again must thank Steve Wallace for his management of our finances but above all to Charlestown Bowling Club for their continued sponsorship. This season they increased our sponsorship in the knowledge that we would be losing income from the closure of the clubhouse. An action that was greatly appreciated. I can't emphasise enough how important it is that we be seen to support the club in numbers. The committee were disappointed with the after match attendances and would like people to make a concerted effort next season to ensure that is not the case. You should also ensure that you renew your membership and if you aren't a member join up asap.

On the playing front we had another tantalisingly successful season. The highlight being the successful journey of the U/21's under Michael's tutelage and Benchy's leadership. It was quite an emotional win for me to see Rocket's boys providing the strong leadership for the group. It was a wonderful reward for Rocket for all the time and effort he put into that group over the years. Six weeks out from the end of the season I had dreams of winning the club championship and premierships in 2, 3, 4 and 5th Grade. Rep commitments and weather conspired to provide a set of circumstances which saw us implode resulting in 4th and 5th Grade being our only finalists. The 4th Grade final proving to be a textbook example of why we all enjoy the game so much. Third in the Club Championship is still a credible performance and there are many clubs envious of our depth and the quality of our young brigade. Despite their personnel losses and the subsequent loss of the captain the 1st Grade performed above their weight and were well in the competition into January. A big thank you is owed to Stephen Mace who returned to lead 1st Grade in our time of need and performed

with the bat as well. The 3rds were most disappointed as Ian Baggs led them through an undefeated season but they were unable to get the chance to figure in the final.

Discussion of player performances cannot be completed without mention of the efforts and achievements of our younger group. Rory Maddison showed that you shouldn't be disheartened if you finished the season in 4th Grade as he did last season. He went on this year to make his 1st grade debut and impress all and sundry. We had four representatives in the State title winning Hunter CHS XI in Josh (c), Hitchy, Adam and Chilli with Josh and Daniel going on to be selected in the NSW 1st XI. Josh along with Richo and Glen were significant performers in Newcastle U/16's winning the C.S. Watson Shield. Prior to his season ending injury Glen was proving to be the star of the AW Green Shield competition in Sydney. Josh also won the NDCA Junior Player of the Year award and the Warren Tennant Scholarship.

Thank you to all of the Grade captains who take on a lot more than just team selection and coin tossing. Of course to Kath for her 'usual' efforts, to Michael Hill for his support and mentoring of the younger guys, to Greg and Heather Arms for their continued support of the club, Andrew Standing for his continuing vigilance in ensuring all fees are paid and to all committee members. It goes without saying that we are the envy of many clubs for our astute and forward thinking administration.

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. And above all Charlestown Bowling Club and its staff and management board.

Chris Oliver

ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT

Season 2016/2017 was a season of consolidation for the club, but also some team and individual highlights. We finally won the U/21 title again after many years of trying-congratulations to captain Matt Bench, coach Michael Hill and the rest of the team – an awesome effort! We finished third in the Club Championship; First Grade finished eighth, were 5th in our pool of the T20 comp, and were knocked out in Round 1 of the Country Cup; Second Grade finished third and were washed out in the semis; Third Grade were third and were washed out in the semis; Fourth Grade were beaten in the final by 4 runs after finishing second; Fifth Grade (C & S) finished second and lost the final; while we were fourth in our pool in the U/15s, third in our pool in the Denis Broad Cup, and lost the final of the Masters T20 after being second in our pool.

A big thankyou to all our captains – Dane Macourt/ Steve Mace, Daniel Frew, Ian Baggs, Craig Mitchell, Mark Davison, Miles Hammond/ Matt Bench, Lee Davies/Jackson Mace and Jake Richardson/ Josh Hardy; all players; our coaches Michael Hill and Gary Pinches; as well as committee members, curators and supporters who contributed to Season 2016/17.

The season also saw injury and then retirement end the career of first grade captain Dane Macourt. Congratulations on a fantastic career for CDCC – first grade final winner, Tim Towers medal winner, representative keeper, the list goes on. It is great to see that Dane has agreed to join our coaching team for next season. Thanks again. Also a huge debt of gratitude goes to Steve Mace who stepped out of first grade retirement and took over the first grade captaincy. Thanks Steve.

A positive for the Club this season was the recruitment of Miles Hammond from England and two marquee players for the First Grade T20 competition in Tym Crawford and Richard Stobo from Gordon. Miles was a member of our first grade and U/21s teams and made some valuable contributions with bat and ball, as well as in the field. Tym and Richard only played one game due to weather and Sydney commitments but it was exciting to note that Richard made his NSW Shield debut in Adelaide after he was confirmed to be playing for us!

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. Adam Winchester, Luke Hitchcock and Daniel Chillingworth were chosen in the Newcastle/ Central Coast team for the U/18 State Challenge. There were three Charlestown players (Josh Claridge (captain), Michael Richardson, and Glenn Winsor) chosen in the Newcastle U/16 Bradman Cup team that played in the Bradman Cup Carnival in Newcastle and were beaten on quotients for the title. Daniel Chillingworth, Adam Winchester, Josh Claridge, Luke Hitchcock and Glenn Winsor were chosen in the Hunter Region CHS side that won the State title, with Daniel and Josh both chosen in the CHS(1) side, and Josh winning the Alan Davidson award for most points in the carnival and tying for rookie of the championships. He is now touring the UK with the NSW CHS team. Lachlan Claridge was a member of the Newcastle U/14 Kookaburra Cup team that played in Griffith. We also had Josh, Michael and Glenn (U/16 DCA) and Josh Hardy (U/15 DCA) be part of winning teams in the state junior DCA competitions. Recently, Josh and Lachlan Claridge, Luke Hitchcock and Glenn Winsor were chosen in the Cricket NSW Academy – Newcastle Winter training program; while Josh and Glenn have been chosen in the U/17 NSW Country/ACT Academy Squad. 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 – Colby Gallagher; the major bowling trophies- Frank Simpson (Aggregate) –Steve Threadgold; John Stuart (Average) and Steve Woolmer (Aggregate) – both Andrew Standing; the major batting trophies - Mark Curry (Aggregate) – Daniel Frew and Mattara Hotel (Average) – Steve Claridge; the Hogan/Lancaster wicketkeeping award – Matt Bench; the Paul Trisley Trophy for the best Under 21 cricketer – Daniel Chillingworth; the Mark Hall Trophy for the best U/17 cricketer – Josh Claridge; the Black and White Workers award – Mark Convery; while the Tim Towers Medal for Clubman of the season was not awarded ; along with our various grade awards. Congratulations to all award winners. Our Club also won NDCA awards with captain Matt Bench being presented with the U/21 trophy, Josh Claridge winning the NDCA Kingsgrove Junior Rep Player of the season, Steve Threadgold (Second) and Andrew Standing (Fourth) NDCA Grade Bowling Averages, Michael Richardson the NDCA Third Grade wicketkeeping award

and Daniel Chillingworth was the best performer in the U/21 competition. Congratulations on your achievements!

This season our Club fielded 5 Grade sides of a Saturday afternoon with one team entered in the C&S competition. A big thankyou to Chris Oliver (in particular) and Mark Davison for their efforts in organising and getting the C & S team up and running, as well as throughout the season . It provided an opportunity for many of our young junior players to experience senior cricket and saw some of the players promoted to higher grades during the season. We also competed in the Tom Locker Cup and T20 matches, which were part of the first grade competition; McDonalds Country Cup, U/21s, Denis Broad Cup Lower Grade, Masters and the U/15 T20 competition. The weather was mixed this season with cricket days missed due to extreme heat and then wet weather, especially for the final rounds and semis. The off-season loss of many experienced players, especially in first grade, allowed opportunities for many young players to make their first grade debuts, and hopefully they continue their development in the future. There was strong competition for selection in each grade and our on-field performances reflected this.

Season 2016/17 was a difficult one for the club in relation to grounds. We were unable to play or train at Kahibah Oval for the whole season due to the refurbishment of the ground with the whole outfield being dug up and being seeded with couch grass. It is coming along well and we look forward to playing and training there in 2017/18. After much negotiation the club managed to secure the nets at No.1 Sportsground for training on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thanks to Newcastle City Council for the preparation of these wickets throughout the season. They did come with an added bonus - no putting up or pulling down of nets each day! We also experienced some issues with the ground at Charlestown Oval and not all our scheduled matches could be played there. However, we did host two T20 days against Wests and Merewether and some U/21 matches on Sundays. We were fortunate to secure Hunter Sports High School as a ground for third and fourth grade. Thank you to Andrew Somerville at HSH and our third and fourth Grade players for their assistance in getting matches on at the ground. We were able to use our new covers from Kahibah Oval at Charlestown Oval with the material for the sightscreens having to be put up before, and pulled down after each day's play. The Charlestown Oval covers were used at HSH and we were able to go ahead with matches that would have been washed out previously. A big thankyou to our curator over many years at Kahibah and Charlestown Ovals – Tom Anderson – who has finished up, as he pursues representative coaching opportunities. Thanks for all your efforts over the years. The club has appointed Mitch Morgan (Kahibah Oval) and Ian Baggs (Charlestown Oval) as curators for the up-coming season.

The Club again benefited from the support of sponsors - especially Charlestown Bowling Club who continued this season. This was very important as the Shed and facilities at Kahibah Oval were not in use for the whole season. The attendance at the Bowling Club after play on a Saturday was good early on in the season but numbers did drop off. It is important next season that we get back to the Shed at Kahibah after games and then head up to the Bowlo afterwards to support our sponsor. Other sponsors included Newcastle Weighing Services, Trisleys, Markey Insurance, O'Neill's Tyres Gateshead, Ray White Real Estate, Choices Flooring, Chapman Property and Warners Bay Swimart. We also held various functions throughout the

year such as our Season Launch (thanks to Steve Mace again), Christmas Party Bowls Day at Charlestown Bowling Club (thanks to Craig Mitchell) and Presentation Night (thanks to Todd Disney for organising the early payment for tickets). These were great social occasions that were quite well attended. It was also great to see a number of our Old Boys attend these functions – let's hope there are even more in the future. 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. 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 the unavailability of Kahibah Oval affected our club's ability to help develop the juniors of the area. Hopefully, with Kahibah Oval back in action in 2017/18 we can improve our junior development activities. We saw many of the Junior teams utilise the synthetic wicket practice facilities at Kahibah; with the surface re-laid at the start of the season. The NDCA Under 15 20/20 competition which ran in conjunction with the First Grade and Denis Broad Cup 20/20 matches was a success. Gary Pinches looked after the side with Jake Richardson and Josh Hardy leading the team. We hope to see these players move into the senior ranks in the future, with some 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.

In 2016/17 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. It was great to see all of this hard work with our junior players rewarded in the Under 21 Final win with 8 of the players aged 17 and under. 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. Thanks to Gary for all his efforts. Again, the lack of Kahibah Oval affected our training sessions and it is hoped that our return to Kahibah in 2017/18 will result in good attendance at training and participation in all training activities. In positive news for the club, Colin Sanctuary and Dane Macourt have agreed to oversee training for season 2017/18.

Season 2016/17 was a sad one for the club with the passing of Bruce Moore and Bev Disney. Bruce helped form CDCC and was our inaugural president. He was a life member and an important part of our club's history. He came back and played in 10 over days, and always said he was willing to fill in if we were short of players for fourth grade, even into his eighties! Bev was part of CDCC since the early 1990s, ever since son Todd joined the club from Charlestown juniors. She was well known across the NDCA for her legendary sausage rolls that improved our afternoon teas and made them the best in the competition. Her support for Charlestown DCC will not be forgotten. Vale Bruce and Bev.

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 54th 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 season past loomed as a difficult season after the departure of Chris Connors, James Rushford, Sam Harrison and Jed Dickson, Dane Macourt then suffered a hip injury that triggered my return to Captain 1st grade after a break of 2 seasons. Glen Windsor also missing the second half through injury. Dane's injury limited him to the sideline for a large part of the season then worked commitments eventually ended his season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dane for his contribution to the Club over many years and welcome him to the coaching role of which he has committed to for the coming season after announcing his retirement from playing. His outstanding glove work saw Dane become the Premier glove man in Newcastle for many years. His glove work will be a loss to the Club.

The previously mentioned player losses together with a number of fringe player losses saw opportunities present themselves for many of our talented young players over the course of the season. Six players aged 16-17 were involved with the 1st grade side at various times. Adam Winchester, Glen Winsor, Luke Hitchcock, Daniel Chillingworth, Rory Maddison, Joshua Claridge are these players and I believe the experience gained will see many of these players establish themselves within the team and help build a very competitive team in the coming season.

We were at times inconsistent however we stayed in touch with the top 4 throughout but lost crucial games which halted momentum. I felt as the season progressed the team was starting to gel more and there was a good vibe throughout the team particularly after we almost pulled off a remarkable win against Merewether. This game for me was a real turning point for our team and the development of our team. After the final whistle was blown the points table read Charlestown 8th on 50 points

equal with Waratah and Wests both with 50 points also, but finishing above Charlestown with a Superior quotient. Merewether and University both on 65 points were further up the ladder, University making the four with a healthier quotient also. At the end of the day, 15 points separated Charlestown and semi-final cricket. An additional 3 victories would most likely have done the trick. I believe there were games last season, that come next season we will win given the experience gained from the season past and the maturing of our younger players. There also needs to be a greater responsibility from our senior players of which is essential to guiding our young squad.

Our bowling was solid and has the potential to develop into a very potent attack with great variety. Aaron Payne led the way with 29 wickets and his consistency gave the younger bowlers a good platform to work around. Colby, Dan and Miles gave myself as Captain some good variations with the spin bowling options. Colby ripping the ball at times proved a potent threat and together with Dan who developed rapidly towards the back end of the season they complemented each other very well.

A season ending injury to Glen Winsor was a great loss just as he was starting to develop some good pace and appeared to look like he belonged with the new ball in his hand. Adam Winchester developed well as the season progressed also appearing to settle into 1st grade taking some early wickets and troubling the top order with the swinging ball. Rory Maddison was another notable debutant playing only 2 games but making a real impact against Belmont and bowling with good aggression. Our attack has very good potential moving forward and should develop into a real threat.

The batting unfortunately let us down at times and clearly didn't stand up tough enough on occasions. There was a lot of inexperience throughout our side and as mentioned earlier we will be better for the season past. I guess this is an obvious factor to explain some of our collapses, however there were enough senior players (myself included) to have made a better account of ourselves at times. There were no centuries and only 4 x half centuries throughout the season, one player (Colby) made the top 20 batsmen in Newcastle. We clearly need more centuries not only in 1st grade but throughout the Club if we are to compete with the top 4. I will say and I have said previously that there is enough talent to next year make a greater impact as a batting unit, however we need to bat tougher at vital times and a higher price placed on our wickets.

Starting the season outside of 1st grade, I was very grateful for the opportunity to once again compete in the top grade. As the season progressed it was one that I thoroughly enjoyed, working with a new group of players was exciting and I relished the challenge of helping develop a young and maturing side.

I would like to touch on the squad of players we have and the opportunity for that young group to develop as a serious competitive team and Club. I was lucky enough to myself be involved when a similar group of players arrived at the Club and I consider myself very fortunate to be part of what was a very dominant cricket team over a decade or more. I believe the current players have a great opportunity to develop a similar era of success if the bigger picture is sighted by all. These opportunities do not come around very often and should be embraced by the group.

Finally thank you to all the Committee, Kath and Michael for all the hard work throughout the season. Congratulations for a great season to all the lower grade teams and a near miss with the Club Championship.

Regards
Steve Mace

2nd Grade Captains' Report

It was a good season with a disappointing finish. The year unearthed some good future talent in the club. With Josh Claridge, Glen Winsor, Adam Winchester, Rory Maddison, and Zach Mace all having a good season, and will be there and thereabouts in first grade this year.

We had a solid season without any real standouts. We all chipped in with either runs or wickets when required to either get a first inning win late on the first day or deep in the second day when pushing for an outright.

In the bowling, Steve Threadgold bowled well taking the most wickets (28). Isaac Wallace (18) and Josh Edwards (18) both had a good season with the ball and bat. Glen Winsor (6) and Adam Winchester (5) bowled well the few games they played. Both Rory Maddison (7) and Zach Mace (10) bowled a lot better than there figures show.

In the batting Daniel Frew (465), Isaac Wallace (232), Jackson Mace (196) started to get more consistent runs. Josh Claridge (168) batted well in his handful of innings. Glen Winsor (107) from 3 innings with 3 not outs also did his job with the bat.

With two games to go we were in first place, playing Merewether who were in second place. This game got washed out late on the second day with us in bat needing 18 runs with 3 wickets in hand. The washout result meant that third place Toronto jumped both us and Merewether to move into first place. We lost the last game of the year to the 9th placed University moving us to third. The Semi-final get washed out and that was the season over.

Finally a big thanks to Mark Convery for his great effort scoring and organizing. Thanks also to Wendy and Heather and the other mums for organizing the afternoon teas. Thanks to all the other people who helped with covers etc throughout the season.

Daniel Frew

3rd Grade Captain's Report

A difficult chronicle to relate.

A season that had so many positive's yet unable to provide the club with a premiership.

We managed to complete the season undefeated, beating the eventual premiers Merewether convincingly only a month from season's end. To finish in 3rd position

and too miss out on playing at all in the semi-final stage due to weather was and is a hard pill to swallow.

Putting that aside the talent shown by the young members of the team is very noteworthy. I feel quite privileged to have led a team that displayed the determination to fight when needed and show that they were listening and learning as we progressed through the season.

Acting as a conduit for 2nd grade means that players often move up to fill a vacancy, the opportunities then given to others were taken with open arms, making it very hard at selection time. As mentioned in nearly all instances to players moving back to 4th grade, they weren't dropped, there just wasn't enough spots in 3rd which I think is a great example of the strength we have at the club. I am not going to make specific mention of the talented players we have other than to commend everyone who played 3rd grade this season and the contributions made provided a great environment both on and off the field.

A special thanks to both Laura and Shoey who offered their experience to both the playing group and myself at every opportunity, thanks.

Well done to Ollie and the committee the club is in good shape, your efforts are appreciated.

I hope to see all involved back next season to finish what we have started or indeed move to higher pastures and continue to achieve.

Thanks for your commitment.

Cheers

Baggsy

4th Grade Captain's Report

Another strong year with a mix of veterans and young talent representing 4th grade in the 2016/17 season, with many strong performances. It was good to play with Stando, Steve Claridge and Moore again and thanks for their support and help to guide our younger talent this season.

We started off the season with some solid performances where bowling/fielding was our strength and solid batting from Steve Claridge put us up the top of the table. Our only hiccup was against Cardiff when chasing 161, we collapsed to be 5-35 after day one and were bowled out for 118. This was our first loss and a big wake up call. The only other loss in regular rounds was the last round against half of Uni 3rd grade.

Putting the same team on the field for back to back games was the big trick. Every player that came into the side performed well and it was good to have Tommy G back playing with us. I hope the young fellas watched how he built his innings even though he had been away from the game for several years. Samuel Winpenny, Lachlan Claridge, Joe Hadden, Josh Hardy and Jack Richardson played their first grade games/seasons, and all handled themselves against higher competition. I'm sure higher grades are coming.

For the final we had a squad of 13 and I felt confident of winning. After last year's final when we were sent in on a damp wicket, this year we bowled first on a similar deck. We battled hard in the field with good line bowling and fielding and were able to reduce the runs. Bringing on Cooper Sutton to bowl was the innings changer we needed, with his leg spin he ripped through to finish off Ham Wicks 135 to finishing 5-20 of 7 overs and combined with Josh Hardy, for three stumping's. Day two and our batting started off poorly, slumping to 5-21, we then rallied and our mid-lower order lead by Cooper 52* fought back to finish five runs short of victory. It was gut wrenching, as I was the final wicket to fall and for a second year we were beaten in the final. Without question, Cooper Sutton was a clear final MVP.

I could not be any prouder of the players in their competitive fighting and team spirit shown throughout the year. I would like to thank all the supporters for their help with wicket covers and coming along to watch. Thanks to Olli, committee and our coaching staff for another good year.

Congratulations to the award winners

Bowling - Stando 34 wickets @ 8.21 Inc hat-trick

Batting - Steve Claridge 270 @ 135

Fielding - Josh Hardy 7 catches & 6 stumpings

MVP GF - Cooper Sutton 52* & 5-20

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5th Grade Captains Report

The season was largely a successful one for the C&S team. After a slow start to the season we were ultimately defeated in the grand final by the undefeated minor and major premiers Holmesville in a pretty close encounter.

There were a few mainstays in the side throughout the year but as always in the lower grades continuity was a difficult proposition with a lot of the younger guys especially progressing up the grades at different times throughout the season on the back of some solid performances.

There were a few outstanding performances throughout the year. Ben Fryer made a couple of fine centuries in limited appearances and looks to be a player capable of making his through the grades in the coming seasons. He was ably supported with the bat at different times from Steve Claridge and the rejuvenated Andy Wilson. Another player to impress with the bat was Jacob Richardson. His consistent performances deservedly earned him an opportunity in 4th grade late in the season and it was only player qualification issues for the semi's that saw him return to 5's for the finals.

Our bowling attack was solid throughout the season without any one player taking a bag of wickets. There were times our young attack was unlucky with both Kye Ellison and Lachlan Claridge beating the bat at will but just not finding the edges. The two

Andy's – Jackson and Wilson – bowled well at times and it was tough towards the end of the year when we lost one of our opening bowlers, Jack Perrin to injury.

I'd like to thank the senior guys in the team for always putting their hands up to umpire. As we all know C&S can be a difficult environment for younger kids to be put in. There are some serious differences in behaviour and technique to grade cricket and the senior guys stepped up to ensure the juniors weren't exposed to any difficult situations.

On the juniors I'd like to thank all the young guys for their efforts this season. They were our most consistent trainers and always enthusiastic, sometimes too enthusiastic in their support of the bowler. It will be good for their development having stepped up to play in a senior competition.

I'd also like to make special mention of the efforts of our President during the season. He worked tirelessly to ensure we could field 11 players each weekend. Without his assistance and constant working of the phones we would not have had the season that we did so thanks Ollie.

All in all, it was an enjoyable year so I hope to see all the guys next year for another crack and hopefully we can go one better in season 2017/18.

Mark Davison

Under 21s Captain's Report

As noted in the 15/16 season under 21's report, there were promising signs for the season ahead. And this was shown throughout the 16/17 season with convincing wins in all round games and a strong team effort in the final which resulted in the Charlestown side lifting the shield for the first time since 2009/10.

Our successful season was set into motion from the get go with a win against Cardiff and an impressive performance from a couple of the younger guys. Daniel Chillingworth featured with bat and ball, posting an unbeaten 70 and then backing up to take five wickets during our innings in the field. A further four wickets from Adam Winchester ensured the first game was finished quickly with us claiming maximum points.

Bonus point wins were a factor in all of our games which took the pressure off towards the end of the season and allowed us to play confidently at all times.

Patient batting performances was something that this team had at times lacked in previous years, but high individual scores throughout the season such as 70+ scores from Miles Hammond and Luke Hitchcock against Ham Wicks and a number of handy digs from Josh Claridge including a 50 against Wallsend meant the team was able to post scores that was out of reach for the other team on all occasions.

The final was a hard-fought match and was personally one of the best games of cricket I've been involved in. A good all-round performance from everyone in the field had us knocking over Toronto for only 154 and with another solid foundation set

by Claridge and Chillingworth with the bat the runs came steadily and the target was reached with plenty of wickets in hand.

A big thanks to Michael Hill and Chris Oliver for their work with the team on and off the field and of course Kath pink who was there every week to do the score book and have uniforms and lunches ready.

A great season and more promising signs for the year ahead.

Matthew Bench.

**CHARLESTOWN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
FOR PERIOD YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2017**

INCOME	\$
Registration Fees	17,569
Sponsorship	29,630
Season Launch	22,470
Insurance Claim - Covers	3,828
Presentation	670
Xmas Party	875
Interest	118
TOTAL INCOME	75,160

EXPENSES	
Clothing	6,005
Cricket Balls & Equipment	8,082
Curating (Kahibah/Charlestown Oval)	6,919
Repairs & Maintenance (Kahibah/Charlestown)	5,896
Season Launch	9,285
Overseas player costs (incl Visa payments)	2,723
5th Grade NCSCA Registration	1,350
Ground Hire	3,893
No. 1 Sports Ground Net Hire	3,468
NDCA	2,000
NDCUA	6,153
Presentation	2,864
Coaching Fees - Gary Pinches	3,500
Coaching Fees - Overseas	8,130
Players	
Insurance	3,814
Electricity	806
Records Management	1,000
Xmas Party	987
Gifts	606
Miscellaneous	826
Government Fees	54
TOTAL EXPENSES	78,361

NET LOSS 3,201-