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**The 54th Annual Report of Charlestown
District Cricket Club Inc.**

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It gives me great pleasure to present the
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Steven Threadgold
Secretary
CDCC Inc.

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Primary: Chris Oliver
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CONTINUATION OF CLUB HISTORY

SEASON No. 54

OFFICE BEARERS

President: Chris Oliver
Vice President: Stephen Mace
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Assistant Secretary: Kathleen Pink
Treasurer: Todd Disney
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TEAM CAPTAINS

1st Grade: Stephen Mace
2nd Grade: Todd Disney
3rd Grade: Ian Baggs
4th Grade: Craig Mitchell
Under 21s: Matthew Bench
Under 15s: Toby Chillingworth
Denis Broad Cup: Lee Davies
5th Grade in C&S: Tim Standing

Registered players

NDCA Registered Players:	65
NDCA & C&S:	19
C&S only:	12
Masters Only:	9
Under 15 only:	19

Results

Club Championship: 1st
1st Grade: 3rd, lost semi-final
2nd Grade: 1st, lost final
3rd Grade: 1st, won final
4th Grade: 1st, won final.
5th Grade C&S D4: 3rd, lost semi-final
Tom Locker Cup: 2nd in pool
First Grade Summer Bash T20: 2nd in pool, lost semi-final
Denis Broad Cup: 2nd in pool, won final
U/21s: 1st in Pool, lost final
U/15: 2nd in Pool
Masters: 3rd, lost final

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This report has been the highlight of my tenure as president of CDCC over the past decade as much of the work the committee and myself have done has come to fruition. We went so tantalisingly close to achieving the Grand Slam it is hard to believe. As a result the club is in an enviable position being financially secure, in possession of an above average talent base and already achieving success at NDCA level. Our objective now is to maintain that position of eminence and to ensure that all players meet their needs and objectives from the purely social cricketer to the player who wishes to advance further in the game.

The season started as it always does with a modicum of negativity as we were informed that our MVP from last season, Colby Gallagher, had decided to join our other defectors at University. To counter this loss came the news that Josh Claridge was returning from his CHS UK tour as the leading run scorer and Glenn Winsor was soon to be named in the Australian U/17 XI and we were in to the final negotiations with a 1st Class player from Sri Lanka, Pitigala Arachchi Saliya Saman Jeevantha, aka Sammy. When it rains it pours and we were informed that Jed Dickson was returning to play the season and that Bayley McGill was interested in joining CDCC. All of a sudden we started to look like contenders for a 1st Grade premiership. Given the overall strength of the club we knew this meant success across all grades.

All this coincided with our return to both Kahibah Oval and Charlestown Oval on a regular basis and the appointment of Mitch Morgan and Ian Baggs as respective curators. A big thankyou to both and to LMCC for their untiring work during the season: Kahibah Oval soon became the showpiece ground for the competition and by the end of the season was arguably the best; while Charlestown was known as the better of the lower grade grounds. All of a sudden we became batsmen: we had 17 players across the 4 grades topping 300 runs for the season compared to 6 the previous season.

As for the committee our biggest change for this season was the appointment of Diz as Treasurer. I must say there were a few nervous moments on my behalf but he has done a fantastic job and has been very available throughout the season. Neil soon delivered our new short format strip and it was a hit with all players. Thanks to sponsors CBC for their contribution to that uniform.

Another pleasing aspect of this season was the acceptance of the 5th Grade side as an integral part of the club. I know when we started with this side there were concerns about the guys being ostracized to some extent and some weren't interested in playing for that reason. The committee has persisted though as it has always seen it as important that we provide a game for those players who can't make the 4th grade standard especially now that we are so strong. In this vein I want to thank Tim and Davo, and Dave and Michelle Ellison and the boys for the work they did this year in gaining acceptance for the 5ths. To see the higher grade players stopping in at Myambra to watch the 5th grade semi-final was a great exhibition of club spirit and I know it made the guys feel very accepted. I want to be sure we provide a game for the older guys who drop back down the grades but want to have an active life in the club.

As for the club's performance on the field this season it is hard to find better:
Winner Inaugural Royce McCormack Trophy

Semi Finalist in NCC Summer Bash T20
Winner Denis Broad Cup
Minor Premiers 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade
Semi Finalists 1st Grade
Finalists U/21's, 2nd, 3rd , 4th and 5th grade
Premiers 3rd and 4th Grade
Club Championship
Warren Tennant Scholarship: Glenn Winsor

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 remain 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, Trisley 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
President CDCC

ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT

Wow! What an awesome season 2017/2018 turned out to be. Club Champions for the first time in 10 years, minor premiers in second, third and fourth grades, final wins for second grade one day comp (Royce McCormack Cup), third and fourth grades, and the Denis Broad Cup, beaten finalists in second grade, Under 21s and Masters; semi-finalists in first and fifth grades, as well as first grade T20, and just missing finals appearances in the Tom Locker Cup and Under 15s – the list goes on. A huge thankyou to all our captains – Steve Mace, Jed Dickson, Todd Disney, Ian Baggs, Craig Mitchell, Mark Davison/Tim Standing, Matt Bench, Lee Davies, Steve Threadgold and Toby Chillingworth; all players; our coach Michael Hill; as well as committee members, curators and supporters who contributed to Season 2017/18.

A giant positive for the Club this season was the recruitment of Saliya Saman from Sri Lanka and two marquee players for the First Grade T20 competition in Tym Crawford from Gordon and Kieran Gray from Wollongong. Sammy was a fantastic inclusion for first grade with both bat and ball, winning the NDCA First Grade Bowling Average, along with being involved in coaching of our younger bowlers as well as players from Charlestown Juniors. It was unfortunate that his stay with us was cut short. A big thank you to Michael and Anne Hill for accommodating and looking after Sammy. Kieran and Tym both performed well in the Summer Bash games.

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. Glenn Winsor became our first Australian representative since Anthony Stuart when he was chosen in the Australian U/17 team which went on to play in the Australian U/19 championships. Glenn, along with Josh Claridge, was part of the NSW Country/ACT U/17 team that played in the National U/17 carnival in Brisbane. Glenn and Josh have both also been chosen in the NSW Country/ACT U/19 squad for the upcoming season. Jed Dickson had a very successful rep season, playing for the winning Newcastle senior team at the NSW Country Championships, and Newcastle Steel in the Kingsgrove T20 competition. He also played for the Newcastle Blasters who won the State T20 final at the SCG, with his run-out from the deep a highlight. Josh Claridge (captain), Adam Winchester, Luke Hitchcock, Michael Richardson and Glenn Winsor were chosen in the Newcastle Colts U/18 team for the Country Colts Carnival. Josh Hardy was in the Newcastle U/16 Bradman Cup team while Joey Gillard and Milan Lambert were in the Newcastle U/14 Kookaburra Cup team, with Jed Dickson as Assistant Coach. Josh Claridge, Luke Hitchcock, Michael Richardson and Glenn Winsor (injured) were chosen in the Hunter Region CHS side that won the State CHS title for the third straight year, with Josh chosen in the NSWCHS(1) side. We look forward to following their progress in future seasons.

A fantastic honour for our club came just last week at the Newcastle District Cricket Association AGM when Michael Hill was awarded just the 27th Life Membership in the history of the NDCA (and first Charlestown member!). This was richly deserved after a long career in Newcastle and representative cricket. Charlestown DCC are extremely proud of Michael and his contribution, in particular, to our club. Steve Mace and Simon Moore both delivered great speeches in support of Michael's life membership at the AGM. Congratulations Michael!

At our successful Presentation Night, the following trophies were awarded: the Kevin Oliver Trophy for Player of the Season – Parth Shah; the major bowling trophies-Frank Simpson (Aggregate) and Steve Woolmer (Aggregate) – both Parth Shah; John Stuart (Average) – Connor Pobjie; the major batting trophies - Mark Curry (Aggregate) – Andrew Standing and Steve Mace (Average) – Andrew Walker; the Hogan/Lancaster wicket keeping award – Matt Bench; the Paul Trisley Trophy for the best Under 21 cricketer – Josh Claridge; the Mark Hall Trophy for the best U/17 cricketer – Glenn Winsor; the Bruce Moore Club Workers award – Wendy Wallace; while the Tim Towers Medal for Clubman of the season was awarded to Ian Baggs; along with our various grade awards. Congratulations to all award winners.

Our Club also won numerous NDCA awards with the Club Championship flag presented to President Ollie, captains Todd Disney, Ian Baggs and Craig Mitchell claimed the second, third and fourth grade premiership trophies; Todd, Ian, Craig and Lee Davies with the Royce McCormack Cup, Third and Fourth Grade final winners and Denis Broad Cup trophies, Glenn Winsor won the NDCA Warren Tennant Scholarship for Junior Player of the season, Saliya Saman (First), Parth Shah (Second) and Andrew Standing (Fourth) NDCA Grade Bowling Averages, Jackson Mace (Second) and Andrew Walker (Fourth) NDCA Grade Batting Averages and Michael Richardson the NDCA Second Grade wicket keeping award. Just recently, Matt Bench was named as wicketkeeper in the inaugural NDCA first grade merit team of the season – a great honour! Congratulations to all 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 in particular to Chris Oliver for his 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 Summer Bash T20 matches, U/21s, Denis Broad Cup Lower Grade, Masters and the U/15 T20 competition. The weather was pretty kind to us this season with not many days missed. The continued development of our younger players was evident with many exciting performances, and this made for some great competition for selection in each grade. This was definitely reflected in our on-field performances.

Season 2017/18 was fantastic for the club in relation to grounds. We returned to Kahibah Oval after a year of refurbishment and wow! The surface is now the best in town and a pleasure to play and train at. We were also fortunate to secure the services of Mitch Morgan as our curator at Kahibah and he did a great job in his first year. The wicket square was top quality and our club appreciates Mitch's hard work and dedication. Being back at Kahibah meant getting back to putting up and pulling down the nets, and we have to thank the whole Standing family - Andrew, Nick, Dan and Ben for their efforts in setting up the nets each Tuesday. It was great to be able to rely on them each week and be able to maximise our training time. We were also fortunate at Charlestown Oval to have Ian Baggs as a curator, who performed the role completely without charge. Our club definitely appreciates his hard work, especially being able to deal with the locals!

The Club again benefited from the support of sponsors - especially Charlestown Bowling Club who continued this season. Our brand new one day outfits (thanks to Neil Saville for his efforts in designing and organising them) were part of this deal and the Magpies looked great! The attendance at the Bowling Club after play on a Saturday was pretty good, especially early in the season and we need to ensure that this continues for the whole season. We also got back to the Shed at Kahibah after some games.

Other sponsors included Newcastle Weighing Services, Trisleys, Markey Insurance, O'Neill's Tyres Gateshead, 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), Christmas Party back at Kahibah, hosting a Summer Bash T20 day, Final Winning Nights, Club Championship Night 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 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.

Our club Facebook site – CDCC Magpies Facebook – is a great advertisement for our club and a fantastic place for us to promote our club activities and sponsors. Ollie’s weekly match reports are always interesting reading and viewing and his numerous posts about all things CDCC kept us all up to date – make sure you check it out! It has also been great to follow the performances of Armsy, Jacko, Chill and Benchy in England each week during the off-season.

At a Junior Development level the re-availability of Kahibah Oval was beneficial in being able to help develop the juniors of the area. We had a few coaching opportunities and were able to host some junior T20 matches at Kahibah after cricket on Saturdays. The NDCA U/15 T20 competition which ran in conjunction with the U/21 and Denis Broad Cup T20 matches continued with Samuel Winpenny and Josh Claridge assisting. This provided an opportunity for the juniors to play on first grade grounds, and although quite young, they showed great promise and it will be interesting to follow their progress. It was exciting to see sons of former players in Joey Gillard and Joseph Stephenson make their debuts in CDCC colours. We hope to see many of them coming through the grades in the future.

In 2017/18 we were fortunate to have both Michael Hill and Colin Sanctuary (mainly pre-season) on board as coaches. Michael’s knowledge and assistance helped our players throughout the season while his organisation of the winter training squad which comprised a combination of mainly junior players in 1st and 2nd grade was quite successful. Colin Sanctuary was a great addition in leading the winter training squad and then early season with the whole club. His knowledge and professionalism was appreciated by all. Being back at the refurbished Kahibah Oval was great for training with many players utilising the facilities including the turf and synthetic nets as well as the bowling machine. Thanks also to everyone else who stepped in to run drills at every training session. Your efforts are appreciated and were reflected in our on-field performances. Rob Eddy has just commenced putting the Under 21 pre-season squad through their fitness and skills sessions and it will be good to see the benefits of this as the season progresses.

A big thankyou to all on the Committee, superbly led by Ollie, for their efforts throughout the season – they are greatly appreciated. The winning of the Club Championship flag was a fantastic reward for all the hard work that Ollie, in particular, has put in for CDCC over the years. 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, 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, gear steward, raffles, attending the Bowlo after matches, canteen, cleaning, mowing, rolling, attending functions, collecting monies, scoring, finding sponsors, organising fund-raisers, assisting with juniors, washing uniforms - the list is endless.

We look forward to the upcoming season, where we celebrate our 55th Season in the NDCA Competition, and to seeing the Black and Whites continue their reign as Club Champions and being successful on and off the field.

Yours in cricket,
Kathleen Pink

1st Grade Captain's Report

The season past proved to be a very successful season for not only the 1st grade squad but the club in general.

When the race for the semi-finals finished we were sitting in third place in front of some well fancied teams in Hamilton Wickham/University/Belmont etc. With a little more application at key moments during the season we could have easily moved past Merewether into second place. In any case 3rd position and a spot in the semi-finals was a good outcome from a young and developing team after being absent from semi-final cricket since 2013/14.

Our squad was strengthened during the off season with the addition of Jed Dickson, Bayley MacGill and Saman Saliya (Sammy) from Sri Lanka of which balanced the loss of Colby Gallagher and Miles Hammond, our English import. Injuries and representative duties to Glenn Winsor limited his availability to only 8 games and prematurely ended his season, as did the ill health of Saman's wife and death of his grandmother of which forced his return to Sri Lanka and limited Saman to only 7 games.

Saman's and Glenn's unavailability leading into the semi-finals took away a fair amount of strike power, with both bat and ball. We were however blessed with ample depth to cover for those losses with Josh Claridge in particular stepping up with a couple of important innings when required, particularly in the semi-final where he deserved to get us home in what was a very mature innings with exceptional footwork. As mentioned the season culminated in a heart wrenching semi-final loss to Merewether by 4 runs. I felt we played well enough to win however I felt we needed to wiggle through the tough periods a little better. Having said that the entire game was a tough battle all the way and I felt we made a very good account of ourselves on what was an unacceptable wicket and outfield on Newcastle's premier ground No. 1 Sports Ground.

In short the game could easily have gone either way and I felt had we progressed to the final we would have made a very good account of ourselves given the momentum we all felt was building. However that was not to be.

Our bowling was well balanced for most of the season despite the unavailability of Glenn and Saman at various stages. Saman was our standout bowler with his great use of variation and his constant search for wickets saw himself and Aaron Payne both take 26 wickets a piece. Parth Shah (22 wickets) after being demoted bounced back and really stepped up at the back end of the year together with Aaron (who again showed great consistency) provided the bulk of the medium pace workload and were both to be relied upon to get the job done. Glenn and Daniel Chillingworth provided

some good variation and strike power. Glenn unfortunately being restricted with injuries cut his season short but made a good account of himself when fully fit. Daniel developed his leg spin to a degree where he is in my opinion one of the premier spin bowlers in Newcastle, and as is any good leg spinner, an invaluable asset to the team. Should Dan be prepared to work tirelessly he has the skills to progress to another level. Bayley MacGill also provided some under rated medium pace and left arm orthodox when needed. There were a number of other players in and out of the side at various times who all made contributions and due to the depth of the squad were unlucky to be demoted. However, their contributions should not be underestimated.

Our batting progressed from previous seasons and I felt we were not far from being a force with the bat had we shown little more determination when needed. The statistics show Charlestown registered more runs than any other 1st grade team with the exception of Wallsend who benefitted from a number of second innings total. This statistic speaks volumes as to how the batting unit has progressed. Having said that we need more determination and ownership of the outcome to become a serious batting unit. Only Jed Dickson and Daniel Arms registering a century during the season. I believe there is enough talent within the playing group to achieve more centuries and we need to do so if we are to progress further. Jed/Sammy led the way with the bat. Daniel Arms appeared to turn the corner and find his feet in 1st grade registering his maiden century in what was a flawless innings from a talented player. With Bailey providing back up. Josh Claridge is also a player that now knows he is good enough to compete in 1st grade and showed great maturity on a number of occasions. Josh certainly looks a player on the rise and I look forward to watching him progress. The remaining batsman all chipped in but need to step up further to solidify the batting group and take more responsibility when needed.

In all I felt the season was a reasonable outcome however there is always the disappointment when the team doesn't win each and every game and I can't help feeling the disappointment of not going all the way. I guess that is the feeling you must have to remain competitive and continue to move forward. Taking a step back and looking from the outside in I think most would agree third placing and a close semi-final loss was above par for our team on paper. Moving forward I feel the team is ready to step up and become a serious contender for a premiership.

Thanks again to Kath for her outstanding work around the team and club in general. Heather Arms/Michael Hill and the committee in general for all the support and hard work.

Congratulations to the lower grades in achieving the success we did of which culminated in the Club Championship of which is the pinnacle of club cricket.

Once again thanks to everyone involved.

Regards, **Steve Mace**

2nd Grade Captains' Report

A season that was 2 runs away from perfection...

2nd grade had an excellent year, starting with a tough win in round one against Cardiff, set 239 off 40 overs, what followed set us up very well for the season. The target was chased down with a few balls to spare after some great contributions by Jackson Mace and Dan Chillingworth with the bat. It showed that we were willing to work hard to get the wins and that the young blokes were ready to step up and take a leading role in the team.

From there the season rolled on with an unbeaten run that led us to the final of the inaugural Royce McCormack Cup against a strong Merewether team. We bowled and fielded very well and restricted Merewether to 137 off the 40 overs. Jackson Mace again stood up and carried the chase with 51, we ended up chasing the target 4 down with 10 overs to spare – a great way to win the first “Roycey”!!

The real two day cricket started from there and we continued to be very dominant, the combination of excellent young cricketers coming through and a few older heads was proving to be very hard to beat.

Strong performances saw players be rewarded with 1st grade spots, Jackson Mace, Josh Claridge, Luke Hitchcock and Rory Maddison all going up and having some success in the top grade.

Luke Hitchcock with 470 (42.73) runs, Jackson 384 (64.00) from just 6 digs, Josh Claridge 266 at 53.50 were the stand outs from the younger players, Daniel Frew solid as always 363 runs. A special mention to Josh Edwards who was not out for the majority of the season and ended up averaging 53.50 – very handy to have a bowler that can give you runs like that in the middle order. Michael Richardson came back in the second half of the season and kept well and batted even better, it was an excellent response to going back to thirds, he showed he belonged in the higher grade and has great potential to go further.

Bowling was once again dominated by Steve Threadgold – 35 wickets at 11.17. It is great for the younger generation coming through to learn from Thready, definitely a bonus having him standing at mid-off talking to bowlers during the game. Rory Maddison (22 wickets at 13.14) showed again he is ready to play first grade when needed. A great first year in the higher grades for Dan Standing – 22 wickets at 13.73, this looked like being 40 wickets at one stage after a great start to the year.

I want to mention Zach Mace and Andrew Saville – two players that made contributions to the success of the team but, due to player movement in the top grade missed out towards the end of the year. Both were very mature and showed they were club men by the way they handled this and went on to make strong contributions to the 3rd grade final win. Sav's excellent innings in the 3rd grade final shows he can make an impact in the higher grades.

All the above stats led us to an undefeated season, winning the minor premiership by 19 points, and to the final against the old foes Merewether. We bowled tight but missed a couple of chances off Dave Celep which hurt us in the end, his 45 turned out

to be the difference. Merewether posted 132 off their 40 over – very similar to the one day final.

We started poorly to be 3 for 17 and never fully recovered losing wickets at regular intervals. 8 for 130 we looked a good chance but two quick wickets left us 2 runs short. A very disappointing end to what had been great season.

Very proud of the team and the way we played cricket this year, we played hard, had fun and were very successful. A great bunch of blokes who were a pleasure to captain, with the covers, afternoon teas etc. all done without too much stress which makes it a lot easier for a captain.

With that I would like to thank the Mums, Dads and girlfriends etc. for the teas, in particular Wendy Wallace who was at every home game organizing the teas and getting us all set up. All teams that come to Kahibah always comment on the standard of the teas and it is due to the help of those mentioned above.

Mark Convery again has done a great job and makes not only the captains but all the players' life easier on a Saturday by scoring, doing the team sheets, collecting money and giving out the players points. It is much appreciated by all in the team – a big thanks to Mark.

Overall a great year for 2nd grade but more importantly the club, 1st grade 5 runs from a final, 3rd grade win, 4th grade win, 5th grade a game away. Most importantly was the winning of the Club Championship – the ultimate goal for a sporting club. I have been to some nights at the shed over the last 25 years, I must say that was the best I have been involved in and it was great to reward the president with the banner. He works tirelessly for this club and to be able to see him with that banner and trophy at the presentation was a great sight!!

We just have to do it all again this year – 7 more runs across the top grades though.

Thanks, **Todd Disney**

3rd Grade Captain's Report

Congratulations to all members of the Club.

Our results this season have been fantastic throughout every team that took the field. From a Third Grade perspective I couldn't have been prouder of the effort and commitment that was on display. A narrow loss of 2 runs during the regular season was the only blip on the radar in this successful campaign. To finish as minor and major premiers is always a hard thing to achieve, but this group did it in style finishing 10 points clear and winning both semi and final by convincing margins.

The balance within our team I believe proved to be a formula that enables success in competitions like 3rd grade to be achieved. Having a blend of experienced players to offer guidance and discipline to the up and coming younger group works.

Within the younger playing group we saw how they learned to not only believe in themselves, but the process of consistency to produce results. I am not going to single players out because our results this year were built on broader contributions, with the team achieving a lot of individual performances in the top 10 for the district, with both bat and ball.

I hope the younger players continue to play at the club as I sure many offers will be forthcoming from rivals, but please consider how special it is to win as a team and a club which is what we do at Charlestown on a more than regular basis. If you're good enough to play first grade here, then you are a first grader.

To see a man both play alongside his son and win a premiership was very special, thanks and well done Hapes and Sam.

Again the club continues to be well governed, congratulations to all associated with Chris and the committee.

Personally I won't be continuing to play, but the privilege to take the field and represent this club over more than 3 decades has been special. To be awarded the Tim Towers medal will probably never be surpassed in my sporting life, and in the same year as our on field achievements will most definitely make this a season one I will never forget.

Signing off, **Ian Baggs**

4th Grade Captain's Report

4th Grade Premiers after getting the runners up tag the previous two years was a great achievement by all players. A big thanks to Stando and Moore for their help and support throughout the season and it was good to see Aiden and Johnny (yes Johnny) step up to give support to our younger players. We got off to a good start to the season once we got the top order settled with Stando volunteering to open with Aiden. We have always had a good bowling attack but it was our batting that made the biggest improvement and after 5 innings Andrew Walker moved up to third grade 295 @ 147.5 ave with 124* and for the season Jake Richo and Aiden 350+ runs, and our young opener Stando 551 @ 42.38. Aiden and Stando shared opening stands of 158, 130, 69, 92. From round one we batted well with Ben Fryer 73*.

Our bowling has been a strong unit the past three seasons but this year we had good balance and control with youthful stallions to back the old draft horses. Our surprise package was Richo when given the opportunity he never let us down bowling with good line and length and finished up with 16 wickets. Moore regularly got us off to a good start with an early wicket or two and narrowly was beaten for leading NDCA wicket taker with 31. Joe Hadden opened the attack with the outswing breeze bowled well but at times short and wide. In the late rounds Joe changed bowling ends with the support of an inswing breeze and it was like he had a twin, bowling with good length pace and bounce. Ben Fryer bowled consistently and at times not getting the wicket rewards. Our fielding was another big difference from the other sides, not to say we did not have our off days, but more often we would take a desperate catch or fielding which lead to good run outs. The match against Merewether we needed a wicket and

seeing Richo run around the boundary to then see him take a superman like catch which got us back on top, and A G Standing finished the innings with 7-18 incl another career hat trick.

OUR YOUNG ROOKIES – Ben Standing, Conrad Watson and Toby Chillingworth all were a credit to the side and played their part in the team's successful season. Ben behind the stumps took out our fielding award with 12 catches and his maiden stumping in the final to read bowled Standing stumped Standing. Conrad grew in confidence each match and was involved in some vital partnerships getting late runs down the order and moving up to number 6 in the late rounds. My little Padwan Toby bowled well above his 4 foot 2" height and often made it difficult for batsman to get him away. With his inswing he was handy to bring on after Moore and opposing players would say he bowled well. With their first year of senior grade cricket behind them and the 2018/19 per season approaching, they should be looking to train hard and develop their game.

The last round against Stockton we avenged our round 5 loss to them, the only loss for the season, and knocked them off Minor Premiers and faced Newcastle City in the semi-final at a below standard Learmonth Park, in high 30 degree heat. Winning the toss and batting we started off well with quick 20 from Stando then with some steady partnerships from Richo, Johnny and a quick fire 24 from Wilso we were bowled out for a competitive 175 and finished day one with one City wicket. Sunday was another hot day and getting an early run out and two more quick wickets we had City 4-36 before their hardened middle order put on 63. Tight bowling and good ground fielding keep City behind the run rate and we were able to pick up regular wickets to bowl out City for 148 with four run outs.

Again for the third year we had rain the week leading into the final and Saturday was washed out and the match became a one day 35 overs each. This would suit Stockton whose side is ex C & S side who played high level and are more suited to the one day format. Even though we were minor premiers we had the pleasure of playing the final at Lynn Oval. Winning the toss and bowling, our bowlers kept it tight and our fielding was at the high standard we need to have. Getting consistent wickets and good pressure in the field with four catches and one stumping we restricted Stockton to 124 for their 35 overs. Standouts with the ball were Joe Hadden 8-3-3-11, Richo 6-3-2-8 (my go to bowlers) and the old fox Stando 4-0-2-17 and a sharp catch at gully. We lost Stando early to be 1-20 and quickly 3-38 then steady batting and cool heads we worked our way to 5-76. A good quick fire partnership from Cooper and Moore by running hard and turning 2's into 3's got us to 6-95 with Moore's departure. With the captain pacing around still needing more than a run a ball but knowing we bat down to number #10 with #11 not faced a ball this season. The first over after drinks, Cooper and Nick Standing taking 16 runs from it and another big over from Cooper bought us needing 9 from 4 overs then 4 runs from the final 3 over and Cooper only needed one ball six to win the final and bring up his 50. Cooper finished 54* off 45 and Nick 21* from 11. A huge effort from Cooper to guide the innings with support to victory 6-130 off 33.1 overs and finishing for a second year player of the final.

Big thanks from the team to Kath who has also scored for us in the past two finals and to our fantastic supporters throughout the year and especially the finals, it's great you

all were part of our Premiership winning season. It was a pleasure to captain this group of players who wanted to win for the team and the club.

Congratulations to all club players for your achievements and bring so much success to CDCC and setting us up for successful seasons to come.

Thanks also to Chris Oliver and committee for their tireless work and to all our willing club helpers and supporters. To Charlestown Oval professional curator Baggsy thanks for producing wickets under the guidance of the local delinquents

Statistical note: elected number 11 bat.

Matches: 16

Innings: 2

Highest score: 0* never faced a ball

Average: N/A

I would say the captain looked after this player

Craig Mitchell

5th Grade Captains Report

2017/2018 season was a competitive one with only 2 points separating the top 4 teams. After a slow start to the season we managed to pull some consistent performances and wins together to finish 3rd only to lose in a close encounter in the semi-final to the eventual winners, City.

The season seemed made for the batters with Dave Ellison (3 centuries, 5 half centuries), Linden Butler (2 centuries, 2 half centuries) and Marty Matthews (1 century, 3 half centuries) starring with the bat in the top order. Consistent contributions in the middle order from Davo, Aidan and Jacko with some big hitting from Kye Ellison to round out innings meant competitive totals could be set and chased most games.

Our bowling was consistent with 5 of our bowlers taking more than 10 wickets for the season. Kye Ellison had most opening batters beat for pace while Zane had massive improvements during the season, being very consistent with his line and length that was then missed because of injury in the finals. After many years playing with Jack Sharpe, it was a privilege to be there for his first 5 wicket haul. Jake Banyard and Andy Jackson also took some handy wickets at crucial times with the ball.

Our fielding was one of our great strengths this year with many teams commenting on the effort made in the field. Dave Ellison was a ball magnet with 16 catches for the season. Catch of the season split between Kye Ellison's many one handed efforts and Marty Matthews diving catches in the outfield.

Thank you to the Juniors who played throughout the year. In particular Jake who would come to most games, even if he wasn't named to play, and Zane who continued to come and support us while injured. There are some very good kids coming through that we need to nurture in the coming years to strengthen a club that already has deep stocks of talented players. Thank you also to the non-playing supporters who turned up every game, even when the opposition would not stop talking to them.

I would also like to thank Ollie for the time given to chasing players to make sure we had a full and strongest team available. It is very hard to win games without a full side! Thanks also to the veterans of the team for the support they provided with scoring, umpiring and showing the future of Charlestown cricket the Magpies style of play.

Our first final was strongly supported by so many Charlestown players from other grades. The atmosphere at the ground that day, especially in the field, was something I have rarely experienced and only ever experienced when playing for Charlestown. Every player on the ground that day experienced this and appreciates the effort everyone made to come and watch a C&S game. On behalf of all the team thanks to the committee and all members and supporters of CDCC for another great season.

Tim Standing

Under 21s Captain's Report

2017/18 brought a new season and along with it a new under 21's competition format. For the first time all games would be played as 20/20 fixtures, in my opinion an exciting and promising step for the under 21's competition.

Heading into round one with a strong side and the confidence of having lifted the previous year's shield, confidence was high. Three wickets from Charlestown's newest import Bailey McGill and a further three from under 21's stalwart Rory Maddison gave us quick inroads to the Stockton middle order. Four run outs in a stellar fielding performance had Stockton all out for 121 which was chased down with only 3 wickets lost.

Round 2 against a talented Merewether side was Charlestown's first loss in the under 21's Competition for 8 games. Although a disappointing result in this game I feel it taught us a lesson and allowed us to play our best cricket in the round games that were to follow. This was on show in our next fixture against Hamilton Wickham which was over in quick time. Nine wickets shared between 6 bowlers and an impressive run out from Isaac Wallace had us only chasing 62 for victory. Our 62 achieved with the loss of only one wicket.

With a couple of fixtures going our way we secured a spot in the semi-final despite having lost our round two game to Merewether and it was to be a repeat fixture. Charlestown v Merewether at their home ground. An overall impressive batting performance which was set in motion by an aggressive 44 from opener Jackson Mace had us going into the interval with 169 on the board. In contrast to our first game against Merewether, bowling and fielding was top shelf and we eventually had Merewether bowled out for 119 in the last over.

A disappointing grand final had us falling short of a small total which was set by Belmont. A terrific effort with the ball and in the field was not enough as we lost wickets steadily throughout our innings. Although a disappointing result, full credit to Belmont as they had a terrific season which was capped off with an exciting final win.

As always 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. The success of the team over the last few seasons really couldn't have been possible without this help.

On a personal note, this was my last season as an eligible under 21's team member and I have very much enjoyed the playing in the team since 2011 and I'm sure the other outgoing team members feel exactly the same.

A great bunch of guys to have captained for the last few seasons and I'm sure the next captain will do a great job and I look forward to seeing more success from our young side in the future.

Thank you,
Matthew Bench.

Charlestown District Cricket Club
Revenue and Expense Statement for Season 2017/18

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Season</u> <u>2017/18</u>	<u>Season</u> <u>2016/17</u>
Sponsorship	29,292	29,630
Season Launch	25,269	22,470
Registration Fees	14,850	17,569
Presentation	2,250	670
Clothing	150	0
Interest	137	118
Xmas Party	40	875
Insurance Claim - Covers	0	3,828
Total Revenue	71,988	75,160

<u>Expenses</u>		
Season Launch	16,667	9,285
Overseas player costs (incl Visa payments)	12,813	10,853
Curating (Kahibah/Charlestown Oval)	12,418	6,919
NDCA	11,426	8,153
Clothing	8,804	6,005
Cricket Balls & Equipment	7,627	8,082
Presentation	3,649	2,864
Insurance	3,155	3,814
Miscellaneous	2,860	2,486
Ground Hire	2,564	3,893
Repairs & Maintenance (Kahibah/Charlestown)	2,262	5,896
5th Grade NCSCA Registration	1,350	1,350
Xmas Party	953	987
Coaching Fees	800	3,500
Electricity		806
No. 1 Sports Ground Net Hire		3,468
Total Expenses	87,348	78,361
Net (Loss)	(15,360)	(3,201)

Cash at Bank	
Opening Balance	26,784
Net Loss	(15,360)
Closing Bank Balance	11,423