

SEASON 2018/2019



**The 55th 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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CONTINUATION OF CLUB HISTORY

SEASON No. 55

OFFICE BEARERS

President: Chris Oliver

Vice President: Stephen Mace

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TEAM CAPTAINS

1st Grade: Jed Dickson

2nd Grade: Chris Rendina

3rd Grade: David Ellison

4th Grade: Craig Mitchell

Under 21s: Daniel Chillingworth

Under 15s: BJ Butt

Denis Broad Cup: Dan Standing

Registered players

NDCA Registered Players: 64

Masters Only: 12

Under 15 only: 13

Results

Club Championship: 1st

1st Grade: 3rd, lost semi-final

2nd Grade: 3rd, lost semi-final

3rd Grade: 1st, won final

4th Grade: 3rd, lost semi-final.

Tom Locker Cup: 2nd in pool

First Grade Summer Bash T20: 2nd in pool, won final

Denis Broad Cup: 2nd in pool.

U/21s: 1st in Pool, lost semi-final

U/15: 4th in pool

Masters: 2nd, lost final

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I recall from last year's report that I considered the club had reached a point where it had achieved many of the benchmarks required to make it a force in the NDCA competitions. That was borne out in the performance of the club this season both on and off the field. We won our first Summer Bash title and that was an indication that our 1st Grade XI was now competitive a case that was reinforced when they ran 3rd in the premiership.

We won our 2nd consecutive Club Championship with all 4 teams placing in the semi-finals but only one, the 3rds, taking out a premiership. The club also welcomed three new captains across the grades: Jed Dickson (1sts), Chris Rendina (2nds) and Dave Ellison (3rds), and they continued the sound tradition of CDCC. Jed excelled and went on to represent NSW Country at the Australian Country Championships. Daniel Arms and Dan Chillingworth were named in the NDCA Team of the Year; and Jed, Daniel, Dan and Josh Claridge were selected in the Lake Macquarie and Newcastle Regional Bash squads.

Once again we sponsored a Sri Lankan import, Sashreeka Pussegolla, who proved to be as good a professional as the previous guys and a perfect partner for Dan Chillingworth. Our spin attack became the thorn in the side of many clubs. Many thanks to Michael and Anne Hill who provided the accommodation and board for Sash and to Greg Arms who once again made a motor vehicle available for use by the O/S player. Dave Chapman continued to support our O/S program and provided incentives for Sash and worked on our connections with the local Sri Lankan community.

I would like to wish Chilli all the best as he leaves the club to try his hand in the NSW Premier Cricket Competition with Gordon where he will link with Glenn Winsor who has proven a success in his 1st season in Sydney. This season saw the arrival on the scene of additional talented youngsters in the shape of the Richardson brothers, Luke Hitchcock, Josh Hardy and Andy Saville. The club has a strong reservoir of talent and should continue to find success on the field.

The biggest news of course came late in the season with the announcement that CDCC had been successful in gaining a grant of \$127K to go with an earlier small grant of \$13K to relocate our outdoor turf training facility. A big thank you to Thready for the hours that he put in on this submission and to Steve Mace and Rob McQueen who did a lot of work on the development of the project in the first place and Slug will remain on board as project manager. Once completed this will prove to be a first class practice facility which will complement the state of the art indoor facility to be developed at Hunter Sports High. Charlestown will more than likely become the focal point for cricket training in the Hunter region. Such a development meets one of the significant criteria Cricket NSW has in place to indicate the alignment of the Senior and Junior clubs i.e. the establishment of a 'hub' with quality training, playing facilities and amenities. CJCC has a substantial grant to build synthetic nets similar to the Smith Park set up and they may also be sited at Kahibah.

The discussions centred around our net projects and the concerted push from Cricket NSW to see senior and junior clubs aligned has led to further strengthening of the ties between CJCC and CDCC. In the near future CJCC will be adopting the Magpie and

the CDCC colours which will bring us further into alignment. They contributed significantly to sponsorship of Sash last season and we need to up the ante from our end with greater involvement in coaching and support. To this end I wish to thank Geordie for his involvement with the CJCC U/12 3rd Division team during the season. He attended all training sessions, organised a training location at Whitebridge HS and attended all games. I like to think that this effort contributed to the kids coming from the clouds to win their premiership and it was great to see them attending the 3rd Grade semi to return the favour. This is the sort of connection we need to see more of between the two clubs.

There weren't many disappointments in such a successful season but mention must be made of our failure to find sufficient players to host a side in the newly formed Social and Development competition run by the NDCA. This is surprising given that we had won the Club Championship the previous season but it was primarily a result of the loss of over 10 players in the higher grades. Another contributing factor and of real concern for the club was the decision by a number of CJCC players to sign with other NDCA clubs for their first year of grade cricket. This would be the first season in my tenure where we have not had a CJCC player come through for their grade debut. Contributing factors were the presence of a Junior rep coach and two Cricket NSW coaches at the Belmont club but players also moved to Cardiff and Stockton. These sorts of decisions fly in the face of the belief that if you run a good club you will attract players. It appears that players are simply motivated by individual success and one of their indicators is whatever grade they are playing e.g. it's better to play 1st Grade at Stockton than 4th Grade at Charlestown !

We had a bountiful season as far as fund raising was concerned and finished the year in a strong financial position. From the Season Launch with Wayne Phillips where the Old Boys and current players were a bigger presence than in previous years through to the successful Craig Bellamy promotion. CDCC were congratulated for their promotion across the codes in providing an opportunity for all the local NRL coaches to spend time with Craig. These promotions combined with the Cricket Australia raffle and the prizemoney from the NCC Summer Bash swelled the coffers beyond any previous year.

To all the sponsors thanks for your contributions but especially this season to those who went over and above their promised sponsorship such as Club Charlestown and Dave Chapman from Chapman Strata Management who contributed extra funds to enable the club to contract an O/S player. Thanks also to Stephen Leggett from O'Neill's Tyres Gateshead, Choices Flooring, Triseley Solicitors, NWS, Markeys Insurance, ELK Design, Swimart Warners Bay who not only supported our O/S player but also provided casual employment for some of our younger players, Brokenwood Wines and Ray White Real Estate. Also to new sponsor PKF under the guidance of Marty Matthews who introduced the PKF Player of the Round poll and award. And above all a huge thanks to Club Charlestown and its staff and management board with particular reference to the assistance they provided in the presentation of the Bellamy Luncheon.

Last but certainly not the least are the thank yous to club members who gave their time and efforts willingly: once again Baggys for the effort at Charlestown Oval; the committee; Michael Hill and Greg Arms for their wholehearted contributions on the

playing front. I have attempted to divest myself of some of my roles and as difficult as that is it has been made easier by the willingness of the current committee to undertake extra work and for that I wish to thank them. All efforts in this area will help us to achieve future goals which include the completion of the net project; the establishment of a fund raising sub-committee; the formation of a women's team; and, the consolidation of the relationship between CDCC and CJCC.

Chris Oliver

President CDCC

ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT

Wow! Back to back Club Champions in 2018/19 plus our first ever win in the First Grade Summer Bash T20 and the back to back minor and major premiership double in third grade. First, second and fourth grades all made the semis, as did the U/21s, while our Masters team were beaten finalists. A huge thankyou to all our captains – Jed Dickson, Chris Rendina, David Ellison, Craig Mitchell and Daniel Chillingworth; all players; our coaches Michael Hill, Rob Eddy and Greg Arms; as well as committee members, curators and supporters who contributed to Season 2018/19.

A giant positive for the Club this season was the recruitment of Sash Pussegolla from Sri Lanka and our marquee players for the First Grade T20 competition in Tym Crawford and Glenn Winsor from Gordon and Tom Ortiz from St George. Sash was a fantastic inclusion for first grade with both bat and ball, and a great contributor to our Summer Bash win. A big thank you to Michael and Anne Hill for accommodating and looking after Sash. The professionalism that Tym, Glenn and Tom brought to the team had a positive effect on the side and provided a standard for all players to aspire to. It was rewarding that we were even able to win the semi and final without them!

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 had a very successful rep season, playing for the Newcastle senior team at the NSW Country Championships, Newcastle Steel in the Kingsgrove T20 competition and Lake Mac Attack in the Regional Bash. Jed was also named in the NSW Country side for the Australian titles and was part of the winning T20 side. Jed was joined by Daniel Arms, Matt Bench and Daniel Chillingworth in the Lake Mac Attack along with Josh Claridge (Newcastle) in the Regional Bash competition. Josh Claridge (captain), Michael Richardson and Glenn Winsor were chosen in the Newcastle Colts U/18 while Jed Dickson was the coach, while Josh Hardy played in the Hunter CHS cricket side. We look forward to following their progress in future seasons.

At our Presentation Night, the following trophies, along with our various grade awards, were awarded: the Kevin Oliver Trophy for Player of the Season – Daniel Chillingworth; the major bowling trophies- Frank Simpson (Aggregate) and Steve Woolmer (Aggregate) – both Daniel Chillingworth; John Stuart (Average) – Andrew Standing; the major batting trophies - Mark Curry (Aggregate) – Luke Hitchcock and Steve Mace (Average) – Cooper Sutton; 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 – Jake Richardson;

the Bruce Moore Club Workers award – Steve Threadgold and Steve Mace; while the Tim Towers Medal for Clubman of the season was not awarded. Congratulations to all award winners.

Our Club also won NDCA awards with the inaugural Robert Holland Club Championship trophy presented to President Ollie, captain David Ellison received both the third grade premiership and final winners trophies for our “Red Hot” third grade team; Andrew Standing the NDCA Third Grade Bowling Average and Ben Standing the NDCA Third Grade wicketkeeping award. Daniel Arms and Daniel Chillingworth were also both named in the First Grade team of the year. Congratulations to all on your achievements!

It will also be an honour for the Club next month when Greg Arms and Mark Curry are awarded Life Membership of the NDCA at their AGM. This is a richly deserved reward for their contributions to Newcastle cricket over many seasons.

This season our Club fielded 4 Grade sides of a Saturday afternoon with unfortunately no team entered either in the new NDCA Social and Development League or the C&S competition. This made it difficult to fill vacancies in the higher grades as we didn't have a big pool of backup players to call on. 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, although the inclement weather towards the end of season did have an impact. The continued development of our younger players was evident with many exciting performances, and there were a number promoted up the grades. It is hoped that this continues and they take advantage of the opportunities available.

Season 2018/19 was again fantastic for the club in relation to grounds. Kahibah Oval continued to be one of the best surfaces in town and a pleasure to play and train at. Mitch Morgan as our curator again produced a top wicket at Kahibah and our club appreciates Mitch's hard work and dedication. 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.

Towards the end of the season it was exciting news when we received a huge grant for the movement of the practice nets and the development of a training facility at Kahibah. A huge thankyou to Steve Threadgold and Steve Mace for their efforts in preparing the submission. We look forward to following the progress of this development.

The Club again benefited from the support of sponsors- especially Charlestown Bowling Club who continued this season. The attendance at the Bowling Club after play on a Saturday was pretty good at times, although 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, Carpet Choices, Chapman Property, Brokenwood Wines, Warners Bay Swimart, Commonwealth Hotel (Summer Bash)

and our newest sponsor PKF with our player of the round awards. We also held various functions throughout the year such as our Season Launch(thanks to Steve Mace again), Christmas Party at Kahibah, hosting a Summer Bash T20 day, Final Winning Nights, Club Championship Night, Presentation Night and Comedy for a Cause. One highlight was the Craig Bellamy Luncheon held in February – congratulations must go to Chris Oliver, David Chapman and Michael Hill for their hard work in ensuring it was such a success! These were great social occasions that were mostly 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.

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!

At a Junior Development level we 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 Nick Standing assisting. This provided an opportunity for the juniors to play on first grade grounds. A big thankyou to Kim Butt from Charlestown Juniors for her assistance in getting this team together. Player unavailability for this competition for various reasons made it extremely difficult to field a competitive side but all players appreciated the opportunity to play for the Magpies. We also should acknowledge the efforts of Geordie Oliver who helped coach the Charlestown juniors U/12-3 side throughout the season – it would be great to see more senior players get involved. We also hosted a Sixers T20 Gala day at Kahibah for primary schools. Thanks heaps to Ollie, Vicki and Daniel Chillingworth for their assistance. Hunter Sports High also used the facilities at Kahibah for training throughout the season.

In 2018/19 we were fortunate to have Michael Hill, Rob Eddy, Jed Dickson and Greg Arms to assist with training and the development of fitness and skills. The facilities at Kahibah with the turf and synthetic nets as well as the bowling machine were utilised, along with Whitebridge Oval, Smith Park and Charlestown Indoor. Thanks also to everyone else who stepped in to run drills at every training session. Training numbers did drop off at times and we need to ensure that as many players as possible get to training each week.

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 trophy again was a fantastic reward for all the hard work that Ollie, in particular, has put in for CDCC. 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, gear steward, 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.

On a sad note for the club, Season 2018/19 saw the passing of two life members of our club in Keith Curry in December and more recently Phil Burke. Keith served as President for four seasons and many more years on the Committee as well as being a Premiership winning captain. Phil was our third ever life member and captained first grade in our early seasons, as well as winning the Kevin Oliver player of the season. Charlestown DCC values their contributions to development of our great club. Rest in peace.

We look forward to the upcoming season, where we celebrate our 56th 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
Assistant Secretary
CDCC

1st Grade Captain's Report

The 2018/19 season proved to be another successful one for a very deserving and hard working club. 1st Grade dominated the T20 competition, our first title since the 2009/10 Tom Locker Trophy - a title which we won with 10 Charlestown juniors. This set the platform for a rewarding and enjoyable year, however, missing the Tom Locker Cup finals due to quotient and washouts in addition to a disappointing end to the 2-day format (heavily influenced by below standard facilities) left the year as a bit of a conundrum as to how successful we really were.

The off-season saw Daniel Arms, Matthew Bench, Daniel Chillingworth, and Jackson Mace play in England. Weekly updates from Ollie of the boys success was a great way to continue the success and club spirit from last season. Armsy continued his form from the breakout performances displayed at the back end of last season, Chilli continued to mature as a both a premier bowler and a clubman, and Benchy grew... in a lot of ways. It was no surprise that the hard work demonstrated both at home and away resulted in selection for these three as well as Joshua Claridge who represented Lake Macquarie and Newcastle at higher honours in the Regional Bash. Congratulations lads!

The form brought home by our returning sons and the addition of Sri-Lankan pro Shashriska Pussegolla helped to balance the losses in the off-season of Saman Saliya (Sammy), Glenn Windsor and Steve Mace. These departures, the late arrival of Sash, and late return dates from the English quartet presented a myriad of youth in the club with an opportunity to demonstrate their skills in trials. Aiden Moore pressed his

claim with a master-class in power hitting, though it was Michael Richardson who (unlike his catching) took this opportunity with both hands as he valued his wicket and scored runs in both trials. Unfortunately, the excitement of new talent was curbed during our trial against Cardiff as the club was dealt a cruel blow with Parth Shah - last season's Kevin Oliver player of year award winner - injuring himself whilst bowling. We would later find out he had torn his ACL and would not return for the season.

Richo would then go on to continue his trial form in the Tom Locker Cup where he demonstrated a level of maturity and determination in his batting beyond his years; he finished the competition in the top 10 run scorers and 3rd on average. We would go undefeated in the 40 over format as our bowlers on all three occasions would show great composure to muffle the opposition's explosive starts to then bite back with bowling that built pressure and ultimately lead to bowling all three team out and winning with comfort. Highlights were Joshua Edward's hat-trick and the consistent bowling performances from Aaron Payne and Isaac Wallace, who in the space of 18 months has gone from being (Radio) Ga Ga, Goo Goo to a True Blue Magpie. Wallace, with many years to come in your career and the increase in maturity you have demonstrated (whilst on the field) this year just remember that 'you have the time, you have the power, you've yet to have your finest hour'. With 2 washouts we missed the final only due to a lower quotient. A good start to the year, but I would expect us in upcoming seasons to be more dominant in games against the three lowest ranked teams in our pool. We should no longer settle for just missing semi-finals, or just losing them, but instead find a way to make the final and a way to win them.

During the longer format our bowling continued to strengthen, and our spin triplets showed how quality spin bowlers can dominate in country cricket. Chilli continued to improve on top of his performances overseas; flourishing with the responsibility as our premier bowler, he ended the season as the competition's equal leading wicket taken with two 10 wicket hauls in the process. His partnership with Sash and Isaac Wallace left batsmen frustrated, confused and unable to secure any rhythm. It truly was a pleasure to watch and set a good blueprint for any young spinners coming through the club. The triplets were supported well by Aaron Payne, who despite injuries diluting some of his potency continues to be one of first grade's most consistent bowlers, and Rory Maddison, who is bowling with the pace and aggression to spearhead the attack for many years to come. Though most likely not to read this, Bayley's left arm orthodox continues to be one of the most underrated commodities as he picked up key wickets and frustrated teams in the T20. Our batting unit did the job required of us, but I hope to see batsmen strive for the same dominance as the bowlers did. We are capable of it.

Leaving cricket to the side for one moment, one of the biggest highlights this year was the hard work put in by many to build our club community. Driven by Heather Arms, Wendy Wallace (and at times my own mother) our afternoon teas were far and above the best in town. I'm sure we got a few decisions that went our way after tea by recently satiated umpires. To once again see nearly every player and many of their partners get back to the shed for our Club Championship night was what being part of this great club is all about. That same night Armsy ensured that the batting stats in the T20s was not the only time he finished on top of the table and we also learned Sash was the songbird of our generation.

At the conclusion of the race to the Semi-Finals we had finished in 3rd position - the same as last year - only behind Hamilton and Toronto due to their higher conversion of outright wins with 3 and 1 respectively in comparison to our zero. Coming into the semi-final we had established a high level of confidence and resilience as a team, which had come as a result of our dominant T20 win and hard fought wins against other top 4 teams, Hamilton and Merewether. Both these teams have been the benchmark of the competition for the past 10+ seasons; games against such teams act as a litmus paper test for how hard you have worked during the year, how much you believe in this hard work and your level of fight as a team. We fought tooth and nail on both occasions and did not take losing as an option; it is this attitude and belief that we must continue to build in order to keep building as a team and remain competitive in future seasons.

We carried this fight and mental confidence into the Semi-Final against eventual winners Toronto as we restricted them to 222, which we felt to be a par score on what was a better than usual, but still below par surface and outfield at No.1 Sportsground. Extremely heavy rain overnight and less than adequate covers at the No.1 Ground in Newcastle left us still to chase the set total of 222 with reduced overs on a lively pitch on which we did not perform anywhere close to our skill and potential. A very disappointing end to an extremely fun and prosperous season!

Upon reflection, as disappointing as the conditions that lead to our defeat were, I look back at the first two games in our 90 over campaign and the only loss we had in our T20 campaign against Hamilton in the group stage. I look to compare these games to where we currently stand as a team.

How do we learn from them?

We came into the first two 90 over games with growing belief as our young team was currently undefeated and we were still to gain the all-round talent of Sash. I believe both these games were not won by our opponents, but instead they were lost by us. On both occasions we batted second and on both occasions our batting unit begun with belief and got us to a position where we could win. On both occasions our batting unit did not look troubled, however, with exception of Sash scoring 68 against Cardiff none of our batsmen passed 50, and none looked to dominate the innings or bat with a pure determination to win; in contrast Toronto produced 1x100 and 1x50 and Cardiff 1x90 and 1x50. Similarly against Hamilton - our only T20 loss - we did not look troubled, but we did not look to dominate as a batting unit. Our team and our batsmen at that time of the year did not stand up and show the same fight, the same confidence and resilience that we possessed at the back end of the T20 and 2-day comps, that we possess now. Yes, we were a bit hard done by with the conditions in the semi-final, but we had our chance to win those two games earlier. Win those two games and finish ahead of Toronto on the table. Win those two games and we get to play the semi-final as the higher ranked team. We get to play that semi-final on our terms.

So, let's make sure we learn from these games. The only three games we lost all season! The only three games we played without true determination and self-confidence. Let's make sure we take into all upcoming seasons the confidence,

resilience and the trust in determination that we have built from such wins as the T20 campaign and those against Merewether and Hamilton. Let's apply them diligently to each game we compete in and not look back in disappointment again next year. Let's look back with pride and success.

Justin Langer once quoted, 'The pain of discipline is nothing like the pain of disappointment.'

We all felt the pain of disappointed after the semi-final last year. What pain are you willing to put up with next season to avoid the pain of disappointment again?

Finally, thanks to our great committee and all those working tirelessly in the background. Kath, the mastermind behind a large chunk of the club and our operations; Hilly, congratulations once again on your NDCA life membership; Greg Arms, an invaluable asset to both the club and our successful T20 campaign; the coaching from Rob Eddy continues to motivate and improve our strong junior base; and a big thanks must also go to Mitch Morgan for his tireless effort during the year as his pitch curation gave us a true home ground advantage.

Jed Dickson

2nd Grade Captains' Report

The 2018/19 season not only as a team but as a club was a season I was very grateful to have been a part of, both on and off the field.

Off the back of a nail biting 2017/18 campaign where we came agonisingly close to premiership success, I was certain we would go one step further. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be as our season was cut short with a semi-final defeat to Merewether. Plenty of player movement throughout the off season in the top 2 grades allowed for a host of the youthful 3rd grade premiership side from last season to step up and cement their spot in 2s....and in that they did!!

After coming off a very successful 2017/18 campaign in 3s, Sam Winpenny, Connor Pobjie and Nick Standing were required to step up and help lead an attack full of old timers Daniel Frew, Todd Disney and Steven Threadgold (who I thought were on their last legs). As usual as all the younger members started to succumb to some injuries throughout the year the old timers kept us ticking through the overs.

Connor who would be one of the fittest at the club unfortunately managed to find odd ways to injure himself, which finally cut his season short by dislocating his shoulder trying to emulate Mark Bosnich. Connor who has plenty of potential and is unplayable at times with the new ball, finished the season with 11 wickets @ 11.18.

If you were to show up to training every Tuesday and Thursday, you would see Nick Standing putting up the nets followed by running in and bowling continuous overs until the nets came down. There were several fantastic memories throughout the year, however there was nothing better than watching Nick send down numerous unplayable spells of swing bowling out in the middle. Nick who is a true clubman through and through proved the old cliché of you train how you play 100% accurate. Nick after overcoming the hick up of dislocating his shoulder trying to jump over a

fence at Waratah Oval whilst the gate was 10m away, finished the season with 11 wickets @ 13.82.

Sam Winpenny started the season as one of the front-line spin bowlers alongside Dan Standing who was coming into his second season in 2s. Both bowlers were very economical throughout the year whilst continuing to take wickets. Both throughout the season worked well together from opposite ends with the occasional part timer in Todd Disney relieving them of their spells. Sam like Connor also had a stint on the sideline due to injury. Sam like a true batsman was working hard on his batting in the nets at training and somehow managed to twist his knee whilst playing a defensive shot.....Lesson learnt Sam!! No defensive shots!! Sam once returning from his knee injury finished the season strong and ended up with 20 wickets @ 18.06 along with 31 runs @ 10.33.

Dan Standing stepped up and continued from where he finished off last season. Although Dan at times is tight lipped for words unless he's 6 schooners deep, he did most of his talking with ball in hand. Dan continued to take wickets throughout the year in large clumps and finished the season with two 7 wicket games and one 6 wicket game which is a tremendous effort. Dan managed to finish the season with 28 wickets @ 12.11.

The surprise package for me this year, after his third-grade grand final form with the bat last year was Andrew Saville. Sav who was labelled more of a bowling all-rounder early on in his playing days has stepped up and cemented his spot as a top order batsman who can bowl if required. Sav's technique and shot selection has improved out of site and continued to improve throughout the season as he grew in confidence. Sav through hard work and successful performances on the field was selected to make his first-grade debut which was great to see. Sav finished the season with 261 runs @ 26.10 & 7 wickets @ 21.86.

Although he was a regular in the second-grade system last year and after an off season of breaking his hand trying to prove himself to be the next Josh Perry, second grade were fortunate enough to have Luke Hitchcock line up for a round 2 successful run chase victory against Wests. An outstanding display of batting (89 off 105) Hitchy showed his class and dominance. As first thought Hitchy did not last long in second grade before being called up to ones. Hitchy continued with his early season form, securing not only the second-grade batting averages (220 runs @ 44.00) but also the first-grade batting averages. A superb season from Hitchy throughout both grades.

At the start of the season Second grade were blessed with several batsman and bowlers who would go on and successfully fulfil the playing XI, however the one spot that was required to be filled which was the most important was our wicket keeper. Enter Josh Hardy! At first, Josh who rates himself as the next Shane Warne was not overly interested in wicket keeping. He was more interested in learning the art of leg spin bowling. After realising that his spin bowling days were very numbered, Josh decided to knuckle down and throw the gloves on for the year. Josh improved out of sight throughout the year with his glove work becoming sharper and his batting improving in leaps and bounds. Although Josh floated up and down the order throughout the year, he finally cemented his spot as an opener. Unfortunately, as Josh started to look comfortable and successful as an opener, he decided to get hit in the

box and almost lose a testicle which forced him out of the game until it healed. Josh returned for the semi-final and finished the season with 156 runs @ 19.5 along with 15 catches and 3 stumpings. Josh has a big 2019/20 season ahead of him and I look forward to seeing what he can do.

Throughout the absence of Josh Hardy due to his testicle explosion, the wicket keeping duties were narrowed down to 2 candidates who were already a part of our second-grade outfit. Jake Richardson and Lee “Laura” Davies were both thought of as options to take up the gloves. The thought process of Laura taking the gloves lasted about as long as it takes to walk from the Bowlo chair to the bar. Obviously common sense prevailed and Richo was chosen and agreed upon to follow in his brother’s footsteps from last year. Richo impressed with his part time gig with the gloves. Taking 2 stumpings and a few catches along with his 181 runs @ 20.11 did a great job in strengthening the middle order throughout the back end of the season.

Laura who is almost in the same league as Dizz, Thready and Frewy for veteran status was another experienced head around the change rooms. Laura who hasn’t played a great deal of second grade in the past held his own throughout the middle order early in the season, however had greater success at the top of the order throughout the back end of the season. Laura managed to finish the season with 102 runs @ 17.00.

Frewy, Dizz and Thready (when out of retirement) as usual showed up every week and gave their all. Turning to them when required to score runs, take wickets or take catches, they rarely disappointed. A special mention to Thready who I am more than certain set a new club record (overtaking Steve Mace) for the most retirements in club history throughout the one season. I am sure testimonial games are not too far away.

Thanks again to Mark Convery who turns up week in week out to score and do the team sheet, which makes my job much easier.

Thank you for a great season and I look forward to seeing you all next season.

Chris Rendina

3rd Grade Captain’s Report

Report by Minor and Major Premiership winning 3rd grade captain,

When I reflect on this year’s performance by this great team, I would like to quote some of the late Jack Gibson terminologies that fits this year’s team, “played strong, done good” & “talent is secondary to whether players are confident”. We definitely were strong and extremely confident not only in ourselves but also of those that stood next to us in the heat of battle.

Apparently, there were many fine performances thru-out the year and I would’ve loved to have mention then all. But due to the many head knocks that I’ve experienced in my earlier years of playing the second greatest game of all (rugby league), I’m unable to remember those feats (no surprise to some). I’m told there were many and if you asked those who performed these amazing acts of brilliance, I’m sure they will share their superhero feats with you.

Thank you to all of you that headed out onto the field to represent Charlestown Cricket Club in the 3rd grade NDCA competition thru-out this summer. You all deserve the accolades not just those who took to the field in the final on that sunny summer's day.

Jack Gibson – “to win a championship, you’ve got to have a nucleus of five or six real tough, hard competitors. To win anything, the team’s got to think tough and that infiltrates into the individuals. You’ve got to have a tough leader”. I had on any given day not just 5 or 6 tough, hard competitors but we had 11.

To round this report up, there are no better words to describe this 3rd Grade NDCA premiership winning team of 2018/2019 - “RED HOT”.

David Ellison

4th Grade Captain’s Report

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the entire club, committee and supports for a successful 2018-2019 season. The history, culture and development of CDCC are strong. A big cheer to 1st grade T20 & RED HOT 3rd grade for their final victories.

Another positive and developing season for Charlestown 4th grade, with mixed results throughout the rounds. Having not played two matches back to back with the same 11 players, makes it tough to form a settled team bond but that’s what we were faced with and we played in the right Charlestown spirt. Winning two matches and losing another 9 wickets down shows how competitive some matches were. Both victories our specialist number 11 (me) was lucky to have Toby and BJ Butt to hit the winning runs.

I would describe the season as inconsistent but very enjoyable. Finishing higher than I expected we had comprehensive wins and some bad losses. Being bowl out for 92 was a definite low. On the other hand, there were good performances with bat, ball and amazing catches you would say ‘what the’!!! Tim Standing had a few of those catches by diving or sheer reflexes but dropped the ones you would have expected him to keep.

Early season form saw Moorie move up to 3rd’s and it was good see Conrad, Toby, Jake and Zane (Zac) improve throughout the season. Big thanks go’s to Davo, for his help throughout the season.

Coming into the last round needing an outright victory against Stockton to reaching the semi – final was going to be tough, with the heavy rain cloud above and threatening. We got off to a good start with regular wickets then with 27 overs remaining and 8 wickets down, the batsmen wanted to go off. I said its lighter than 1 hour earlier then a heated but controlled discussion started. It was stated to me that if we were playing in Sydney grade or England county cricket we would be going off. My reply to that was simple we are not playing in Sydney or England. After another 10 overs and still 2 wickets to get, Stockton declared their innings. Then the heavens opened up and the remaining 17 overs were washed out. Day two, Ben Fryer and

Conrad hit the required runs and we declared with a 32 run lead. In comes our first season recruit Matt Temple bowling big in -swingers and bagged 4-7 wickets including a hat trick. Ben Fryer started us off with 1-3 and I picked up 3 -2 with two wides. Sharp catching from Tim and Jake finished off the match.

In the semi-final, we were out- played by Newcastle City chasing the leather ball all day and City finished 7/276. Starting day two, losing quick wickets to be 3-9 was not the best way to run down 277 for victory. Unfortunately, wickets fell on a regular basis and we were bowled out for 116. The only shining light was Andrew Walker got 52.

It was a season of what could have been, if we trained and focused a bit harder but it was good to see individual improvement.

Thanks Baggsy for preparing the second best wicket in Newcastle and Robb Eddy for our fielding sessions.

Craig Mitchell

Under 21s Captain's Report

The 2018/19 season was the second instalment of the T20 format used in the competition. The previous year saw many of the boys outgrow the age barrier, and we headed into this season with a fresh looking side, one that I thought had every opportunity to lift the shield.

The first game had us at Kahibah Oval against HamWicks. With the home crowd we had confidence we could get the job done, and after keeping them to 78 after the 20 overs, confidence only grew as we chased the total with ease. Debutant Sam Winpenny leading the pack picking up 3 wickets in an unbelievable spell of bowling.

Next we headed off to Belmont on a very ragged Pat Cahill pitch, winning the toss and batting first. I couldn't have asked for a better performance with everyone contributing to a well-deserved total of 153. A stellar performance in the field and with the ball saw them crumble for 48, giving us a convincing win.

Round 3 saw us back at Kahibah Oval against a strong Toronto side. A strong opening partnership from the Toronto boys kept us quiet early, and at the end of the 20 overs, their score of 143 meant there was a hard chase on our hands. We started well but lost the game in the middle order, finishing on 131. A good effort, but not good enough. This result landed us in 2nd place of our pool.

It was a repeat semi-final, Merewether vs Charlestown at Townson Oval. Looking for a similar result to the previous season, we won the toss and batted first. After the worst start thought possible, Josh Claridge and Andy Saville held their own, putting on a worthy 59 run partnership. With our middle order falling at the last hurdle again, we only managed 115 off the 20 overs. After Merewether got off to a good start with the bat, we were behind early on, but a persistent Rory Maddison kept us in the game, producing one of the best spells of bowling I've seen. The other Bench hitting a

maximum on the last ball to win them the game was a disappointing end to a fair campaign.

A big thanks to Michael Hill and Greg Arms for their coaching and mentoring jobs with the side, to Chris Oliver for his work behind the scenes, and a massive thanks to Kath Pink for being there week in week out to help the team with multiple tasks, making everyone's life a whole lot easier.

It was a pleasure captaining the boys this season. Even though it wasn't the result we wanted, there are plenty of positives to take into future seasons, especially with the talent on board.

Thank you,
Daniel Chillingworth

Charlestown District Cricket Club			
Revenue and Expense Statement for Season 2017/18			
	<u>Season</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Season</u>
<u>Revenue</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>2016/17</u>
Sponsorship	38,970	29,292	29,630
Season Launch	33,595	25,269	22,470
Registration Fees	15,468	14,850	17,569
Presentation	1,410	2,250	670
Clothing	1,026	150	0
Interest	276	137	118
Xmas Party	1,219	40	875
Insurance Claim - Covers	0	0	3,828
Total Revenue	91,964	71,988	75,160
Expenses			
Season Launch	19,484	16,667	9,285
Overseas player costs (incl Visa payments)	6,803	12,813	10,853
Curating (Kahibah/Charlestown Oval)	16,195	12,418	6,919
NDCA	9,893	11,426	8,153
Clothing	2,489	8,804	6,005
Cricket Balls & Equipment	7,006	7,627	8,082
Presentation		3,649	2,864
Insurance	3,255	3,155	3,814
Miscellaneous	4,160	2,860	2,486
Ground Hire	103	2,564	3,893
Repairs & Maintenance (Kahibah/Charlestown)	78	2,262	5,896
5th Grade NCSCA Registration		1,350	1,350
Xmas Party		953	987
Coaching Fees	1,100	800	3,500
Electricity			806
No. 1 Sports Ground Net Hire			3,468
Canteen-Expense	411		
Total Expenses	70,975	87,348	78,361
Net Profit/ (Loss)	20,989	(15,360)	(3,201)
Cash at Bank			
Opening Balance	11,423	26,784	
Net Profit/ (Loss)	20,989	(15,360)	
Closing Bank Balance	32,412	11,423	
Represented By:			
#1 Main Bank Account	18,512	11,423	
#2 Grant Funds Bank Account	13,900	0	
Total	32,412	11,423	
*** Grant Funds Account Current Balance	115,984.18		