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WELCOME TO OUR FIRST EDITION OF CLUB TALK FOR 2011

There has been plenty of action at the Club over the last month, read on for details of the Premier team continuing their winning streak, great success at the Blair Pocock Trophy, a 3-0 victory for the girls in the Haughey Cup, Old Timers Day, Junior Club Fun Night and results from the AUCC Quadrangular and Bert Sutcliffe Cup

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH - Tamaki Cup v. Grafton (Year 2 - Under 18) - Vic Park and Cox's Bay

SUNDAY 3RD APRIL - University of Auckland Interfaculty Twenty20 Finals - Colin Maiden Park Wickets B and E

SATURDAY 9TH APRIL - Senior Prizegiving

SUNDAY 10TH APRIL - Junior Prizegiving

AUCC MERCHANDISE

We now have available for purchase, a Club Blazer and tie. They can be purchased from ,
The School Uniform Centre,
553 Remuera Road, Ph: 09 524 6270

Cost: \$280 Blazer

Cost: \$35 Tie



PREM UPDATE

The Premier and Reserve sides have two 2-day matches left to cement their place in promotion matches to move into the "Top 8" competition for 2011/12. Obtaining this status was the goal the respective teams set themselves at the start of the season. This week the reserves play East Coast Bays at Colin Maiden, while the Premiers are away to Grafton. There was no play in the first day of these 2 day matches due to weather.



WOMEN'S CRICKET UPDATE

SOME GREAT RESULTS FROM OUR WOMEN'S AND GIRL'S TEAMS!

The Premier Reserve Women's team are the first University team to secure an ACA title this season. On 19th February the team beat Cornwall in the T20 final by a massive 102 runs.

University completely dominated the final. Batting first they posted 185-5 with MVP Stephanie Carr scoring an incredible 102 (off 57 balls)! Carr and Alex Hurley (18) put on 52 in the opening stand off just 31 balls. No 3 Alice Black then piled on a quick 42 (off 27 balls) to take the game beyond Cornwall who in the qualifying rounds only lost to University by 9 runs in a close encounter.

The University bowling attack was just too strong for a shattered Cornwall batting line-up and they finished at 83-7. Chief wicket takers for University were Gemma Lord (2-12) and Karis Benjamin (2-17).

Stephanie Carr ended the T20 competition as the top runs scorer with 252 runs (SR 154) and Karis Benjamin topped the bowling ladder with 9 wickets @ 7.8.

The team line for the T20 competition was: Lucy Creighton (c), Steph Carr, Tash Reddy, Alex Hurley, Laura Edwards, Juliet Bilkey, Sophie Pascoe, Kate Walker, Karis Benjamin, Gemma Lord, Rebecca Ellison, Alice Black & Brit Fisher.

HAUGHEY CUP STAYS AT UNIVERSITY

Old Timers Day saw the University Girls U12s & Women's Premier Reserves (U21's) successfully defend the Haughey Cup against Cornwall 3-0.

The Haughey Cup was first played for eight years ago in 2004 and last season University were successful in this annual fixture against Cornwall for the very first time. On Sunday all three games went down to the wire with University prevailing in all three games.

The trophy was donated in 2004 by Barbara Haughey who has a close affiliation to both Clubs. At the time Barbara was the Club Manager at the University Club and in Auckland cricket circles she is widely credited with establishing cricket at the Cornwall Club for young girls. Today Cornwall boasts six girls or women's teams, more than any other Club in New Zealand. University has three teams.

Barbara was present on Sunday to present the trophy to the U21 Captain Stephanie Carr. Barbara said "that she did not really care who won the trophy each year as she has a foot in both camps but it was really pleasing to see the competitive spirit in all three games. Girls cricket is clearly alive and well in both camps".

It was only 12 years ago that University had the best Woman's club team in NZ - our "Old Girls" would be very pleased with Sunday's result!

This year the Club was represented by three teams in the Haughey Cup versus Cornwall, Under 12 Girls softball, Under 12 Girls hardball and Womens Premier Reserve.

University won each of the three Twenty20 matches played and subsequently retained the cup. A great effort. Well done girls!



OLD TIMERS DAY

University hosted its inaugural "Old Timers Day" on Sunday 27th February.

The day began with the girls teams defending successfully the Haughey Cup, (details above)

Feature Twenty20 games included the Annual Fingletoads versus AUCC Under 18 side who competed for the Harold Bennett Trophy. The Under 18's reclaimed the trophy from the Fingletoads. This was followed by the Presidents X1 versus a Vice Chancellors X1 with the Presidents X1 taking away the Centennial Match Balls on the day, see match details below.

THE 1977 NZ CLUB CHAMPION TEAM HONOURED ON OLD TIMERS DAY

Eight members from the 1977 University Premier team were present on Old Timers day - Sunday 27th February. The Club uses the occasion to celebrate the achievements of a team from the past and this year our National Club Championship winning side of 1977 were recognised for their outstanding achievement.

After finishing a disappointing 5th in the 1976-77 Auckland Premier competition, the team's one consolation that season was to win the right to represent Auckland in the National Club Championship played at Cornwall Park, where the national one day club championship is still played today.

University played Christchurch club Burnside in the Club Championship final. University bowled first after winning the toss on a grass wicket devoid of grass and moisture and dismissed Burnside for just 127 in an outstanding team bowling effort (Larry Sewell 0-22, John Carson 2-31, Warren Stott 3-24, Peter McDermott 2-15, and Neil Purdon 3-36). Ross Dykes also had an outstanding day behind the stumps picking up two stumpings and taking two catches!

In reply University struggled early on and at one stage were 34-5 before Greg Jones (40) and Larry Sewell (53no) put on 80 for the 6th wicket to steer the side home to a comfortable victory in the end to take out the Gillette Cup and the \$500 winners cheque. Larry Sewell's 53 not out was enough for him to take Man of the Match honours.

The match was televised live on national TV bringing fantastic profile for the Club. The 12 men who brought the national silverware back to the club were: Ross Dykes (c), Jim Riley, Peter Mathieson, Phil Haydon, John Wiltshire, John Carson, Greg Jones, Simon Joyce, Larry Sewell, Neil Purdon, Warren Stott & Peter McDermott.



THE FINGLETOADS TEAM

1. Roger Carroll (Captain)
2. Angus Fletcher
3. Warren Stott
4. Mike Holt
5. Simon Joyce
6. Geoff McLeod-Smith
7. Earle Thomas
8. Graham Lynch
9. Graham England
10. Ross Verry
11. Garry Wood
12. Rama Krishna

Our 18's batted first and posted a very creditable 171 off 20 overs with Verdant Zaveri (52 off 21 retired) , Tom Miller (47 off 36) Josh Fisher (30 off 18 not out) Bowling for the Toads Warren Stott 4 ovs 1-17, Simon Joyce 4 ovs 1-18, Mike Holt 2 ovs 2-9, Rama Krishna 2 ovs 1-15 Fingletoads chased hard but fell sort by 33 runs with a total of 138 . Ross Verry (60 off 37) , Geoff McLeod-Smith (29 off 12) Roger Carroll (12 off 13) Bowling for the U18s Tom Miller 3 ovs 1-14, Jacob Van Der Poel 3 ovs 1-10, Josh Fisher 3 ovs 1-21, Sanjay Krishna 2 ovs 1-26, Kegan Webb 3 ovs 1-10 supported by Tom Donnelly with a stumping, and excellent fielding with a run out by Verdant Zaveri The Toads were required to call on the services of three well know club parents Ross Verry, Gary Wood and Rama Krishna. All three showed their skills have not deserted them and I believe have been asked to bolster the Fingletoads for future games.

THE U18 TEAM

1. Verdant Zaveri (captain)
2. Tom Miller
3. Tom Donnelly
4. Sanjay Krishna
5. Harry Verry
6. Josh Fisher
7. Pierce Fletcher
8. Alistair Grimson
9. Chris Buchan
10. Jacob Van Der Poel
11. Kegan Webb



The Centennial Balls Trophy was contested on Old Timers Day between the Presidents 11 (club of origin within Auckland) and the Vice Chancellors (international invitational side). The game was played in good spirits and banter between the sides captained by Tim Dineen and James Boyle. The Presidents batted first and set up 174 with key contributions from Nick Hawke and Dan Marsic. The VC side in reply could only manage 135, with the occasional slow medium of Hawke again to the fore. A great match, and with the depth in the Presidents 11 ranks the VC 11 will need to play well to capture the Centennial Balls in future years.



CLUB CRICKETER OF THE YEAR UPDATE

Throughout the year our Senior Men and Women cricketers accumulate points as they compete for the Club Cricket of the Year award, the winner receiving the club's top award, the Laurie Schnauer Memorial Cup.

With four playing Saturdays left in the season our top 10 are:

1. Brad Cates (Prem's) 1149 points
2. Chris Dineen (Prem's) 1041 points
3. James Boyle (Prem's) 1040 points
4. Stephanie Carr (PR Women) 1020 points
5. Harry Harris (6A) 811 points
6. Tim Dineen (Prem's) 781 points
7. Vaughan Johnson (6A) 643 points
8. Karis Benjamin (PR Women) 641 points
9. Himanshu Kohu (3B) 605 points
10. Jamie Grupen-Hall (B1) 553 points

JUNIOR CLUB REPORT

BLAIR POCOCK TROPHY

University won the Blair Pocock Trophy, a quadrangular tournament hosted by Howick Pakuranga, with wins to the Year 4, Year 5 and Year 7 teams. All finals were against Howick Pakuranga.

JUNIOR CLUB FUN NIGHT

It was great to see such a good turnout of our junior members at the recent Fun Night

I'm sure those that attended relished the chance to bowl and bat to members of the premier side, while the parents were able to relax in the clubrooms over a quiet drink.

UNIVERSITY QUADRANGULAR TOURNAMENT

Due to wet weather the University Quadrangular Tournament (Years 4-7) and the Bert Sutcliffe Cup (Years 2-3) have both been postponed until Sunday 13th March

The final Representative fixture for the season, the Tamaki Cup (Years 2 under 18) will be held on the 20th March



COACHING UPDATE

As the season begins its final phase we receive a number of requests to assist coaches and parents with perceived flaws in Juniors' techniques. Having persevered through the season trying different ways of countering problems of not scoring runs or taking wickets, now is the time that some people turn for outside help.

It is good that people do ask for help, and the Club's team of coaches is there to provide that assistance.

That said, I also know from talking to team coaches and parents that many wish they had up-skilled themselves before now, and many say to me that they wish they had attended one of our, or Auckland Cricket's, coaching courses.

So, now is the time to plan ahead: have a look at the Auckland Cricket or NZ Cricket website, check out what level of course is appropriate to attend, and keep an eye on the course dates that both we and Auckland Cricket set out between now and the start of the next season.

If you unsure about what level you are at, or need, give us a shout and we can talk you through it.

The courses are not the be all and end all, but by understanding the game more you and your team, or son or daughter, will definitely enjoy the game a lot more.

I wish you well for the remainder of the season.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the coaching staff if help is required with individual coaching.

AUCKLAND CRICKET DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (ACDF) GOLF DAY

The Auckland Cricket Development Foundation (ACDF) Golf Day is once again coming around, and this year we really want to work at getting more club teams entered. Details of the event are Sunday April 10 at Manukau, 8.00am shotgun, Ambrose in groups of 6, \$70 per player with all proceeds going to Junior Cricket. There will be a good range of prizes and food afterwards.

The ACDF has been making good progress over the last few years and this is a really easy and pleasant way for the clubs to support what is a great cause – long term support of junior cricket development.

If you are interested in entering either as a team or individuals, please contact Ross Blankenaar at rblankenaar@auckland-cricket.co.nz or ph 815 4816 mob 021 936 249

INDOOR NETS AVAILABLE AT PARNELL

The Terry Jarvis Indoor Centre is now available for booking from 6am to 9pm daily.

Rates are \$30 per lane per hour for non PCC members. A discounted \$25 rate applies to paid up PCC members.

To book the indoor nets go to www.terryjarviscentre.co.nz and select your day and time from within the bookings options on the left of the home page.

PCC members will receive the discounted rate by putting pcc in lower case in the discount option box.

You will then be asked for your credit card details to pay using the secure payment system.

Your email address is essential as a return email will provide

confirmation of your booking and the security access code. You will receive the confirmation email within 5 minutes of booking. You will then need to key the access code into the access pad at the centre's front door to gain entry. This same access code will also operate the lights on the panel in the reception area at the left of the stairs.

Bookings are for one hour on the hour and the lights will turn off at the completion of the hour.

Please ensure the door is closed properly on your departure.

The centre has 24 hour camera monitoring but we rely on all users to take care of this most valuable facility.



FUNDRAISER



We are selling the wristband above as a fundraiser this season. There is a large and small size and having a band will entitle the wearer to discounted drinks at specific functions during the year. Seniors can purchase their bands from Richard in the

Managers Office and Juniors can order their bands via the form given to each team manager. The cost is \$5.00 with all proceeds going towards the artificial wickets C and D. Any queries please contact Wendy 578-0688.

TOP CATCH

Support our principal sponsor Top Catch by getting along to your nearest outlet (see map) to purchase all your Christmas Fishing needs.

Top Catch GI is central to many of Auckland's main boat ramps and marinas.

There is a Shell Station right across the road to tank the boat up while you get your bait and tackle and an auto electrician next door for the urgent battery recharge!

There is boat trailer parking out front and plenty of off street parks on the premises.



FLIGHT CENTRE OFFER

Flight Centre Meadowbank would like to offer all Club families 25% off any Options travel insurance with nil excess for claims and travellers under 20 years of age with an adult are covered for free. This offer is only valid at Flight Centre Meadowbank so

if you are planning a trip, go and see the friendly team At Flight Centre Meadowbank. You will find them just inside the main entrance to the Meadowbank Mall.

GYM MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

UniSports Training Centre on Merton Road,
(the same building as AUCC)

Unisports are offering AUCC financial members the following discounts for gym memberships.

12 months: \$495, usually \$745

6 months: \$350, usually \$495

To be eligible for these deals members need to bring their subscription receipt when signing up. The offer is also open to parents of our junior members, again bring your child's receipt as proof of membership.

Contact www.unisports.co.nz or ph 521-1210

Auckland University Recreation Centre – Gym Membership
(Symonds Street)

For a student membership you will receive a **5% discount**

For non student memberships, you will receive a **10% discount**
(Note that the offer does not apply to monthly AP payments)

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www.auckland.ac.nz/recreation

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