



# AUCC CLUB TALK

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### WELCOME TO OUR FINAL EDITION OF CLUB TALK FOR 2010

What a great spell of weather we have had for the first half of the season. Let's hope it lasts through Christmas and into the New Year. After all the summer holidays are not complete without a good quota of beach and

backyard cricket being played at a highly competitive level!! There are some important dates for you to diary below, covering start times for the new Year, Aces matches and other relevant events

over the next couple of months. We would like to wish all our players and members a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you back for some great cricket in 2011.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**SATURDAY 18TH DECEMBER** - last playing day for Years 6 to 8, all Senior, Girls and Women's grades

**SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER** - finals day for Sunday Twenty20 1st half of season competition

**SATURDAY 8TH JANUARY** - season resumes for Mens Premier and Premier Reserve grades

**SATURDAY 15TH JANUARY** - season resumes for Senior A-C and Senior 1-Day grades

**SATURDAY 29TH JANUARY** - Year 8 Premier and year 9&10 2nd half of the season comp starts (NB Sunday 30th is also a playing day)

**SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY** - season resumes for Years 2 to 6, year 7A, and all Girls U 12 grades.

**SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY** - ODI at Eden Park - Black Caps v Pakistan - 2pm start

**SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY** - season resumes for Year 7 Premier, 2nd half comp starts for Senior Twenty20 and Year 8 A & B grades. (Playing day for ALL ACA afternoon grades except Mens Premier and Premier Reserve.)

**FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY** - season resumes for Friday afternoon Milo Year 0/1 sessions

**HOLIDAY CLINICS** Just a reminder that the Club will be running junior coaching (softball) clinics in the 2nd half of January 2011. Watch out for advertising on this. Registrations will be able to be made via ClubHub.

## AUCKLAND ACES

Even after the two washed out games over the weekend, the ACES are still sitting on top of the HRV Cup points table after their great win over Canterbury at our place on Tuesday. And with the Northern Knights losing to Wellington, the ACES now have a 6 point margin. Keep January 2nd free – we could be hosting the final at our place.

(The full ACES schedule is available on the Auckland Cricket website..)

Pakistan to play the Auckland ACES at Colin Maiden Park

Just in case the HRV games don't provide enough action in the lead up to Xmas, the Pakistan touring team will play a warm-up game against the ACES on Thursday 23rd December, 2pm start.

The game will be ticketed - details will be posted on the website as soon as they become available from Auckland Cricket.

### ACES HOME GAME SCHEDULE

#### December

- 18 v Otago Volts, Colin Maiden Park (2.00pm) (HRV)
- 19 v Wellington Firebirds, Colin Maiden Park(2.00pm) (HRV)
- 21 v Canterbury Wizards, Colin Maiden Park (5.00pm) (HRV)
- 23 v Pakistan, Colin Maiden Park (2.00pm)

#### January

- 9 v Northern Knights, Colin Maiden Park (OD)
- 12 v Wellington Firebirds, Colin Maiden Park (OD)
- 19 v Central Stags, Colin Maiden Park (OD)

# VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION



The club is proud to announce that Diann Ansell was awarded the Caltex Volunteer of the month in November. Auckland Cricket has made this award in recognition of the countless hours of service to our Club, Eastern Districts Cricket Association (EDCA) and Auckland Cricket. More recently Diann has spent significant amounts of time in organizing the Saturday morning cricket draws between the University, Parnell and

Grafton. This has been complicated by the changing inventory of pitches and fields we have available and the introduction of Friday night cricket for some grades. Congratulations Diann and thanks for all your help!

# JUNIOR CLUB UPDATE

## MARK ROBSON HAS AN UPDATE FROM OUR VERY BUSY JUNIOR CLUB!

Our Junior Tournament program for the season is underway with 2 fixtures having been played to date:

### **Parnell**

On Nov 28 our A and B rep teams in year 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 competed against Parnell teams. The A teams play for the Stephen Fleming Willow. We lost this to Parnell 3 games to 2. The B teams play for the Aces Willow. We were tied 2 ½ games each, however, Parnell was award the Aces Willow for scoring more total runs.

Reluctantly we had to relinquish both trophies to Parnell this season.

### **Ellerslie**

On 12 Dec our Years 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9/10 B rep teams played Ellerslie A rep teams. On a disappointing note Ellerslie could not field a rep team for Years 3 and 5, so this meant only 5 games took place this season. Traditionally our A rep teams have played this fixture, but this season we decided in conjunction with Ellerslie to field our B rep teams to ensure a more closely fought contest. Ellerslie won the Years 8 and 9/10 games, but our teams in Years 4, 6 and 7 all comfortably prevailed to ensure the Kohi Cup remains in our trophy cabinet this season.

On the subject of interclub, a big thank you to Jens Bol who has worked tirelessly as the Club's Interclub Representative and put together the numerous matches the Club plays across all its junior grades throughout the season. Well done, Jens!

## **EDCA Selections**

Congratulations to all our junior club players that who have been selected to represent Eastern Districts Cricket Association (EDCA) this season at the annual Auckland District cricket age group tournaments. We wish them all the best for their district tournaments (some already in progress) and we are so very pleased for them and proud of them.

Those selected are:

### **Primary School Boys (Years 7 and 8)**

A team – James Ellis, Finn McGregor, Maxim Wilson, Callum Mark, Nic Matijasevich, Charlie Hurring, Harry Seagar and Jared Schnell.

B team - Tim Burke, Ben Hughes, Hugo Fletcher, Manake Ratnayake, Finn Allen, Ben Pretty, Felix Wilson and Freddie Turner.

### **Colts (Years 9 and 10)**

A team – Josh Fisher, Pierce Fletcher, Jeremy Myers and Jack Muirhead

Development team – Nick Hall, Blake Shattock and Duncan Grimson

### **U 18**

A team – Richard Sillars, Vedant Zaveri. (Also Matt Ansell, who withdrew for health reasons)

B team – Kyle Dickson, Nico Hutton, Harry Jordan, Sam Klippell, Sanjay Krishna, Tom Miller, Ryan Phizackerley. (Matt Ellis – non-travelling reserve)

### **Girls U15**

Emily Gray  
Jesse Prasad

EDCA Development Tournaments to Wanganui and Hawkes Bay

Good luck to all those AUCC players that have sought to join players from Grafton and Parnell and form EDCA age group teams that will attend the cricket festivals held at Wanganui and Hawkes Bay in January 2011. These are fantastic opportunities for players from year 6 and up to develop their cricket in the holidays and recommence the season in February 2011 firing on all cricketing cylinders! Good luck to all the players, managers and coaches and parents going on these trips. Everyone who attends thoroughly enjoys these festivals.

### **Year 7**

We also have a Year 7 selection of boys playing a touring Sydney team from Ryde Hunters Hill Pirates Cricket Club on 19th January 2011. Good luck to those players for their games against the Aussies!

# 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.

# COACHING UPDATE



With a break coming up over the Christmas and New Year holidays I hope all players at the club have enjoyed what has been a period of sustained good weather, which in turn has allowed for a full match programme and lots of opportunities for team practices.

If the first hand experience I have had over the past couple of months is anything to go by, good progress has been made by junior players, and almost all can proudly say they are better players than they were at the start of the season. Well done to the team coaches!

Hopefully some beach cricket will help keep the eye in!

The Club has many junior and youth grade cricketers representing the District (EDCA) in tournaments over the coming weeks, and we wish them well.

As we look forward to 2011, I would ask all team coaches and assistants to reflect

on what has worked well for them so far this season, and what hasn't. It might be a particular practice drill, a time of the week you have found works really well for practice, or the way you organise and run your Friday or Saturday matches. Please let me know if there is something we can share with others to improve their experience for the remainder of the season.

Finally, a big thank you to all team coaches and helpers, and to Simon and his team of Junior Coaches. The Friday Year 0 and 1 sessions have shown once again that the Club is in good shape in training up our future junior cricketers.

Please don't hesitate to call on the Club's qualified coaches to help out where needed.

Have a great holiday, and we look forward to seeing you all back for the second half of the season.



# PREM UPDATE



The Premier side has completed the round robin of the 1-Day Jeff Crowe Cup, we finished 5th of the 7 teams in our pool so missed qualification for the semi-finals. We had two good wins against Papatoetoe and eventual semi-finalists Takapuna that showed we can beat anyone when we play to our potential. Tim Dineen came of age in the competition with two classy innings

of 90 vs. Waitakere, and a match-winning 102no vs. Papatoetoe. Our focus is now on the 2-Day Tom Hellaby Trophy where so far we have had a 1st innings loss to Ellerslie, and an outright win over Birkenhead. We have our final match before Christmas on Saturday 18th at Colin Maiden E vs. Grafton – hope to see you there to support us!

# 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](http://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)

All prices and further information can be found on their website

[www.auckland.ac.nz/recreation](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/recreation)

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