

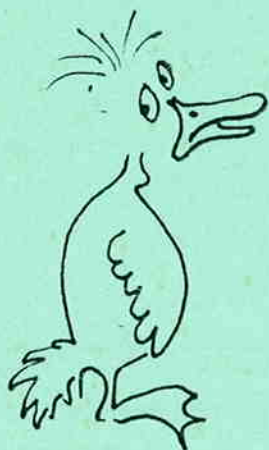
Diggers -

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1989-90



PRESIDENTS REPORT

First of all I must thank all of the committee members who have helped make 1989-90 a very successful year. Phil Mullens has done a superb job as Treasurer. Selwyn Manz, in his first year as secretary has completed his duties well.

As well as the committee, I would also like to thank the team captains and players. Having 4 teams in the semi-finals really highlights the work everybody has put in. Special thanks goes to Joan Tolhurst. Joan, who as most people would be aware is a major part of the clubs success over the past years, with her total dedication and organisation skills.

I would also like to reflect on a couple of other highlights throughout the year. Who could forget the work Tony Dean did, with the totally successful Charity Shield concept and Trivia Night. Thanks also goes to Tony for all of his time and effort. The win by Diggers over Urunga in the Bellingen night competition recently was also an excellent performance.

Finally, I would like to express my disappointment in not being able to introduce a Junior Competition for this season. With the talent we have in our junior ranks I feel that we could have been very competitive, however, lets hope that we can get our kids on the playing field next season.

Good luck to everyone in the off season.

Compliments,

KERRY BURKE

TREASURERS REPORT

This season it appears the club will finish with a respectable surplus. This will allow the club to purchase new equipment prior to the commencement of next season and also assist with the anticipated formation of an under 16 5th grade competition.

Please note that as the season is not yet complete, this statement does not include expenditure such as trophies. A full financial statement will be prepared at the end of the financial year and submitted at next seasons annual general meeting.

<u>Opening balance at commencement of season</u>		<u>171.29</u>
Player fees	3005.00	
Ex-Services Club donations	3280.00	
Social functions/raffles	421.77	
Bank Interest	3.16	
Other Revenue	205.00	
Total Income		6914.93
Funds available		<u>7086.22</u>
Purchase of equipment	2214.72	
Association fees	1500.00	
Turf fees	880.00	
Social Expenditure	336.95	
Bank fees	11.25	
5th grade player refunds	325.00	
Sundry Expenditure	301.94	
Total Expenditure		5569.86
<u>Closing balance as at 28/2/90</u>		<u>1516.36</u>

Bank Statement Reconciliation

Balance as per statement 1/2/90	2063.09	
Less unpresented cheques 085531	24.00	
085540	27.00	
085541	269.80	
085542	15.93	
085543	<u>695.00</u>	
	1031.36	
Add Deposits	<u>485.00</u>	
TOTAL		<u>1516.36</u>

Finally I would like to thank all those who assisted with the collection of players fees this year; the captains of each team and Joan Tolhurst.

Summer



FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD FOOTROT! EITHER GET HIM A PROPER SAFETY HELMET OR LET HIM FIELD IN

THE COVERS LIKE HE USUALLY DOES!

Murray Ball.

1ST GRADE REPORT

Regardless of the results of the ensuing finals, when reviewing the season it must be said that there have been some very indifferent performances. I recall hearing someone say we had found every way possible to loose.

However, on a brighter note, even with a team full of scrub fowls, we didn't make it into 3rd place on the ladder by loosing. there were some very fine performances throughout the season both as a team and individually.

Once again Brian Schweitzer led the way with the bat. Brian was the perfect man to come in at number 5 or 6 and was the corner stone of most of our big totals.

Robbie and Troy the rubber boys both had some big scores and perhaps this will be the year their brilliance will show out in the finals.

Shane Eichmann had an indifferent season but there is no doubting his alround abilities and class in the field.

More than once this season our tight ground fielding along with some very good bowling at the stumps has made top oppositon batting line-ups look very ordinary.

Ronny Rotten Box has lead the bowling with some good solid performances. His 4/48 off 21 overs against West Coffs last game shows he has hit good form at the business end of the season. Ron has been well supported by Paul Fredericks and Selwyn Manz who have both bowled consistantly all year.

The newest member of the team, Steven Haney, has come into the team as a badly needed spin bowler. Although he has only played 3 games in 1st grade, for someone of his age he shows a great deal of maturity in his bowling and gives nothing away to opposing teams.

Behind the stumps we have Kerry Burke who has done a great job as backstop. More than once he has tripped over his own feet and held onto catches in front of 1st or 2nd slip. Although a fairly thankless task Kerry has gone about his business with a minimum of fuss. The pressure he places on batsmen by keeping up to the stumps for the medium pace bowlers has contributed to several dismissals.

Team stalwart and captain Ross Haworth, has lead the team from the front. Although not the best year with the bat, his bowling and fielding has been exemplary. His ability to read the play and maintain discipline has been very important in keeping the 1st grade team competitive.

Finally but most importantly, a few thankyou's. Rod Kratz has been available everytime the team has been short. Even now after 56 retirements he is still a good player and has filled the keeping position in Burke's absence with ease. Joan Tolhurst has worked tirelessly throughout the season as unofficial recording secretary, 1st grade scorer, and social organiser. Isobele Kays association with the club is now 30 years and she stands out alone as the clubs number one supporter. Every week you see Isobele on the side lines watching and scoring with a critical eye ready to pounce on anyone who drops a catch or fields badly.

1ST GRADE STATISTICS

BATTING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Catches</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Inn</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Ave</u>
B Schweitzer	2	81*	9	3	323	53.8
R Kratz	2	24	3	1	51	25.5
R Wear	4	52	9	-	225	25.0
P Mullens	2	65	8	-	194	24.2
T Wear	7	61	9	-	194	21.5
K Burke	7	26	4	-	74	18.5
W Mitchell	-	33	5	-	89	17.8
S Eichmann	3	41	7	1	82	13.6
R Haworth	6	29	9	-	110	12.2
S Manz	3	27	8	1	74	10.5
P Fredericks	-	13	4	2	19	9.5
T Herbert	-	11	4	-	24	6.0
R Wisely	4	6	4	2	7	3.5
S Haney	1	3*	3	1	7	3.5

BOWLING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Ave</u>
R Haworth	117	40	19	221	11.6
P Fredericks	71	19	11	157	14.2
R Wisely	95	19	13	212	16.3
S Manz	93	24	11	193	17.5
S Haney	26	6	3	39	13.0
T Herbert	63	13	5	147	29.4
B Schweitzer	13	-	3	41	13.6
S Eichmann	18	4	2	30	15.0

2ND GRADE 1989/90 REPORT

2nd grade has had a mixed season with the nucleus of at least 15 players to choose from. We have not had the opportunity to have them all on the oval at once.

We have won some close games but have not batted as a strong combination with any consistency.

Our bowling has been very consistent with Alan Matten leading the way with 43 wickets at an average of 9.34. He has also taken the batting average with 35.5. Congratulations Alan.

We have to combine as a complete team to have a chance in the finals.

Congratulations to all the trophy winners and hope the other 3 teams go well in the finals.

Regards Ron Butcher.

2ND GRADE STATISTICSBATTING

<u>Name</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Inn</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Ave</u>
C Milne	51	11	2	222	31.7
A Matten	81	9	3	213	35.5
R Butcher	37	8	-	116	14.5
G Herbert	43	10	-	86	8.6
C Peterie	50	7	-	64	9.1
N Matthew	37	4	-	59	14.7
N McClelland	37	4	-	50	16.6
S Dole	14	6	-	48	9.6
E McPherson	37	4	-	46	11.5
S Kassulke	13	5	-	41	8.2
S Gow	10	4	-	31	7.7
R Ferrari	18	2	-	18	9.0
J Loy	11	3	-	14	4.6
L Drummond	13	2	-	14	7.0
M Hancock	6	2	-	11	5.5
B Goodenough	4	2	-	4	2.0
S Meakins	2	2	1	2	2.0
G Soloman	10	3	-	11	3.6
T Riding	1	1	1	1	-

BOWLING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Ave</u>
A Matten	174	34	43	402	9.34
R Butcher	111	22	15	204	13.6
S Gow	26	5	1	82	82.0
S Dole	42	3	4	103	25.7
G Herbert	1	-	0	9	-
N Matthew	7	2	0	24	-
M Hancock	1	-	1	3	3.0
G Soloman	3	-	1	7	7.0
E McPherson	1	-	-	8	-
L Drummond	5	-	-	12	-
T Herbert	58	21	10	81	8.1
R Ferrari	41	8	7	118	16.8
C Peterie	10	-	2	40	20.0
W Mitchell	3	2	-	1	-
T Riding	5	-	-	13	-

3RD GRADE 1989 - 90 REPORT

This season has been a mixed one for 3rd grade. We had to forfeit the first game, due to a lack of players, and then had some good wins mixed with a couple of close losses.

One of our promising young players 'Steve Haney' was promoted to 1st grade mid way through the season, and on all accounts he is holding his own in the top grade.

"Good Luck Steve for the future."

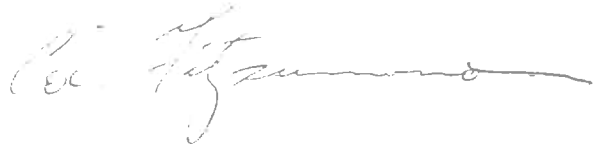
Steve's position was then filled by another young player with heaps of potential, 'Shane Dole'. Shane took a few games to settle in but by the last game of the season against West Coffs he was in full stride, as his figures of 25 with the bat, followed up by taking 6 for 17 off 12 overs with the ball indicates. Shane will be a key player for us in the Semi-finals over the next few weeks.

Most members of the team had their good and bad days. 'Tony Shipmans' favourite number must be 9, as he scored among other totals a 49 and a 99 with the bat in 9 innings this season. Tony was one of our top run getters this year.

When it came to catching most of us seemed to drop our share, but 'Steve Gow' showed us in the game against West Coffs how to rest easy and still take the catch. 'Wayne Miller' was having some big hitting practise against us and had been dropped a couple of times when Steve devised a sure fire plan. Steve positioned himself out at the long-on boundary. Wayne then obliged by hitting a long high ball in his direction, seeing the ball coming his way, Steve then laid flat on his back (he said the sun was in his eyes) and then proceeded to catch the ball one handed (look out Dean Jones!!).

Col Chetty was the only player who should have worn a helmet and face guard this year. He was struck on the chin by a fast rising ball late in the season. Asked the following week how his chin was, Col replied, "It's O.K. now but I was black and blue for a few days after." Well Col we will have to take your word for the blue bit.

Training this season was not well attended by some players, but hopefully we will get this side of our game together for next season. Now that we have made the semi-finals I know that we have the players and the enthusiasm to go through and take out the Grand Final this year.



3RD GRADE STATISTICSBATTING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Catches</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Inn</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Ave</u>
T Shipman	1	99	9	1	290	36.5
R Gow	4	49	5	-	129	25.8
S Haney	2	47	6	1	106	21.2
S Gow	5	50	4	-	106	26.5
G Soloman	1	37	5	0	103	20.6
L Drummond	-	32	8	1	73	9.1
J Worboyes	2	18	5	-	41	8.2
T Cameron	4	21	8	-	81	10.1
S Meakins	6	15*	6	1	36	7.2
R Scanes	1	47	3	1	63	31.5
P Ruff	1	2	3	0	3	1.0
C Rawson	2	14	5	3	20	10.0
M Hancock	1	28	6	1	56	11.2
C Fitzsummons	3	8*	5	1	16	4.0
C Chetty	2	21	5	1	32	8.0
N Tournier	1	3	1	-	3	3.0
J Loy	-	6	3	-	10	3.3
P Miller	2	25	4	-	32	8.0
T Riding	-	13*	4	2	29	14.5
S Dole	1	28	3	-	57	19.9

BOWLING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Ave</u>
S Gow	81	14	13	217	16.7
L Drummond	63	10	7	205	29.3
R Gow	54	8	13	152	11.7
S Haney	17	1	9	34	3.7
T Cameron	44	7	8	131	16.4
C Rawson	46	9	4	125	31.2
P Miller	49	12	5	127	25.5
T Riding	44	8	5	104	20.8
S Dole	21	7	8	45	5.6
J Worboyes	19	4	3	72	24.0
N Tournier	24	5	-	57	-
M Hancock	11	1	5	50	10.0
P Ruff	8	2	1	34	34.0
T Shipman	1	-	-	2	-

4TH GRADE - REPORT

The 1989-90 season has been a particularly successful one for members of the Fourth Grade team.

Apart from the opening match, when we suffered our only defeat of the season, each game has seen the team of "young and old" go from strength to strength.

The opening combination of Don and Adrian has set the pattern of play for the rest of the team, invariably getting us off to a good start.

Both had aggregates of over 200 runs for the season as did two other "veterans" Wayne and Neville.

The bowling attack has been consistent with some excellent efforts being put in by the young players of the team.

Corin Bartley, following a hat-trick in the very first match against Plantation Colts, has been a model of consistency throughout the season. His final figures of 33 wickets for 291 runs off 144 overs has been a really great effort.

Warren Ibbett has added support along with the "wayward" Anthony while the spin department has been handled well by the young trio of Matt Cockburn, Bruce Budd and Matt Andrews, each providing economical support and variation.

While the games have all been approached in a serious and positive manner, which is reflected in the number of times the team has achieved in excess of 250 runs, there have been many humorous incidents which have assisted in creating a "great" team spirit. Wayne's exhaustion upon completing a century ("I'll just have to hit 4's"), Neville's need to revitalise himself in the comfort of air-conditioning at Bucca, the "walk-off" by a mid-season recruit, Corin's innovative "knee length" trousers specially designed for hot weather, Don's "sprinting" between wickets and the "oldies" first match bowling efforts are all reminders of what has been a most enjoyable season.

Fielding has been an area of vast improvement with the catching of Bruce and Wade proving outstanding. The running catch of Anthony during the final match against West Coiffs would compare with any seen throughout the season.

Luke's return from overseas was looked forward to and his all round ability with gloves, bat and fielding have contributed to the team's success.

Nataniel's red hair and matching socks will be seen a lot more next year as will the accurate bowling of Anthony Webeck and the prodigious leg-breaks of Matty Andrews - three of the younger brigade of the team.

4TH GRADE STATISTICSBATTING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Catches</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Inn</u>	<u>N.O.</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Ave</u>
D Brazel	4	64	9	-	263	29.2
A Craig	5	59	9	1	210	26.2
D Cockburn	5	42	5	-	71	14.2
W Ebling	4	23	9	1	81	10.1
W Melvaine	2	101*	6	-	241	40.1
W Ibbett	2	25	10	4	83	13.8
N Haworth	1	64	6	-	220	36.6
M Cockburn	2	28	9	2	97	13.8
C Bartley	3	41	5	2	65	21.6
M Haworth	-	2	1	-	2	2.0
B Jackson	1	0*	1	-	0	-
A Dixon	2	33	3	1	72	36.0
B Budd	6	24	4	1	46	15.3
B Peterson	-	6	1	1	6	6.0
A Webeck	-	6	1	1	6	6.0
N Staines	2	17*	2	1	32	32.0
L McClelland	2	21	3	-	26	8.6
M Andrews	2	15*	1	1	15	15.0

BOWLING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Overs</u>	<u>Maidens</u>	<u>Wickets</u>	<u>Runs</u>	<u>Ave</u>
C Bartley	144	38	33	291	8.8
N Haworth	7	-	-	42	-
W Ebling	4	-	-	20	-
W Ibbett	87	13	20	229	11.4
D Cockburn	29	5	8	92	11.5
W Melvaine	11	4	1	20	20.0
M Cockburn	43	5	9	117	13.0
A Dixon	62	13	10	160	16.0
B Budd	10	1	3	22	7.3
N Staines	25	3	3	83	27.6
A Webeck	13	1	1	34	34.0
M Andrews	13	-	2	49	24.5

BELLINGEN NIGHT COMPETITION REPORT

Right from the first game the Diggers Club showed they were going to produce the team to beat.

For the first game, the venue was Connell Park and our opposition Bellingen. It was a fine evening and after an inspection of the wicket revealed it was going to be hard and true, Captain Selwyn Manz won the toss and elected to bat.

The new opening combination of Troy Wear and Kerry Burke strode to the wicket with an air of authority. Our first seven overs saw a feast of runs with burkey hooking, cutting, driving and slashing the bowling to all parts of the ground. He was unluckily dismissed only 4 runs short of what would have been a masterly 20.

This was the launching pad of what was to become a massive 223 off only 30 overs.

In contrast, batting under lights the Bellingen team could not handle the genuine pace of Ron Wisely and Burkey's "off no-spin". Kerry's first wicket ever was certainly one to remember. I don't recall the full events which took place, but I'm sure there was a lap of honour there somewhere amongst the high fives and somersalts. It was all too much when he got his second wicket.

Although little compensation it was sweet revenge defeating Bellingen that night after they had beaten us twice in the charity shield competition.

With the exception of one loss to Talarm, the remainder of the night competition went as planned.

Robbie Wears magnificent 100 not out in about 25 overs against Dorrigo was the highlight of the whole competition.

Having qualified for the final in top position, we were matched up against the strong Urunga team lead by John Leahy.

With Urunga batting first the final became a lack luster affair with Urunga unable to come to grips with the tight bowling of Alan Matten, Ross Haworth, Selwyn Manz, Steven Haney, Ron Wisely and Barry Goodenough.

Urungas 86 runs proved little obstacle for the strong Diggers batting. Their score was passed after 19 overs with the loss of only one wicket. Troy Wear lead the way with a very good 30 odd. Phil Mullens was named player of the final.

The Diggers Club came home \$150 richer that night and as predicted Robbie Wear won the batting award.

Thanks must go to the Bellingen and Urunga cricket clubs for having organised such an enjoyable competition.