



# Diggers Ex-Services Cricket Club



**1993/4 Annual Report.**

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

The 1993/4 season for Diggers Ex-Services Cricket Club has been very successful with all four teams again making it into the final series and Second and Third Grade making it into the Grand Final. Congratulations go to Second Grade for winning their second successive premiership.

The Club has undergone some changes this year with two new Captains leading teams. Robbie Wear led First Grade this year, Stephen Meakins Second Grade and both have done an excellent job.

Steve Gow and Tim Hedditch have yet again fostered the youth of our Club in the lower grades. The talent in these grades and the experience of the senior players leaves the future of our Club looking very bright.

I also should thank Cliff Webeck and Tim Hedditch for their tireless work on Committee this year. Their efforts have made my job easier and the results can be seen in the way the Club has performed both on and off the field.

I would like to congratulate all of the winners for the season and the efforts of all those others who have made our Club what it is.

Thankyou all.

Terry Cameron.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1993/4 CRICKET SEASON ( 12/9/93 - 25/3/94)

Balance Brought Forward		\$	<u>275.95</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>			
	Player fees	\$	3,720.00
	Ex-Servicemens Club Sponsorship		1,626.64
	Bank Interest		4.05
	Pier Hotel Raffles		546.70
	Other Fundraising (U19 Inter-District catering)		54.50
	Miscellaneous		<u>48.00</u>
			\$5,999.89
<u>TOTAL CREDITS:</u>			\$6,275.84
<u>EXPENDITURE:</u>			
	Equipment Purchases	\$	1,155.35
	CHDCA Fees		3,300.00
	Umpires Association Fees		105.00
	Refunds		35.00
	State Govt. Charges		14.20
	Christmas Party		303.19
	Miscellaneous		<u>118.25</u>
<u>TOTAL DEBITS:</u>			\$5,030.99
<u>CLOSING BALANCE:</u>			\$1,244.85
<u>BANK RECONCILIATION:</u>	Balance Brought Forward	\$	2,044.85
	Less Outstanding Cheques		<u>800.00</u>
	Balance		\$1,244.85
	Accounts to be paid		\$1,247.00 approx.

The Clubs final balance shows what a tight budget the Committee has to work with and how successfully they managed it. Late player fees continue to be a problem with \$240.00 still outstanding.

By the 30/6/94 the Ex-Services Club will forward us \$813.32 in intra-club sponsorship. The incoming Committee will be looking at spending some of this money on caps for Premiership winners.

Thankyou to all those who put in time and effort to help out at the Pier Hotel Raffles - \$547.00 was raised. And thanks especially to Ray Alaban of the Pier for allowing us to use his 'rented' crowd.

Finally, I would like to thank Cliff Webeck for his time, tireless effort and dedication in helping run the Club this season. I look forward to working with him again next season.

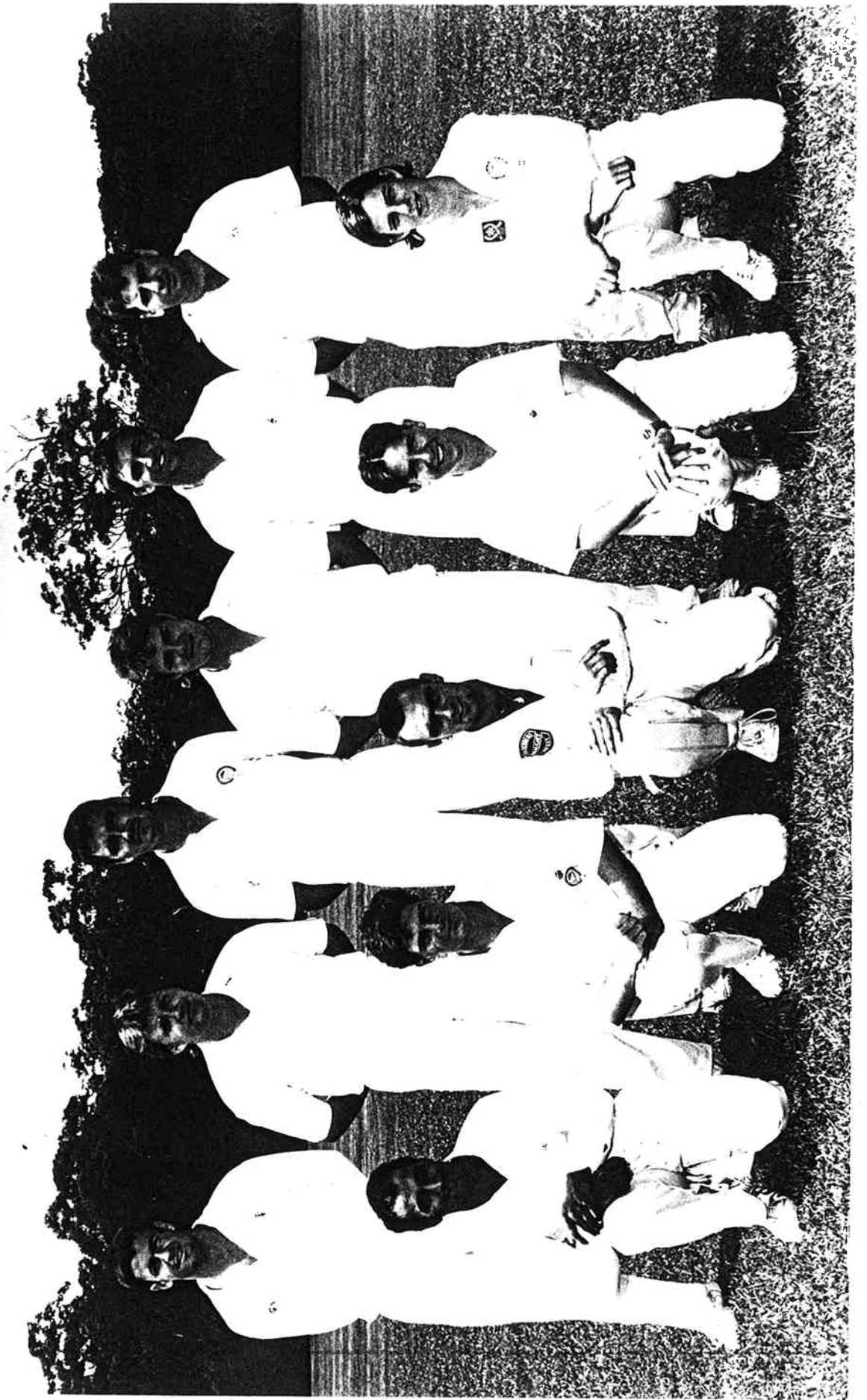
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## First Grade Report

This year we set out to go one better than last, but unfortunately lost to Planto in the Final and had to settle for third place. The young blokes played well all year; Matt Andrews, Trent Saville and Anthony Webeck combining well with the likes of Steve Ryan, who had a great season with the bat and ball, Pete Rynman, Surabjit Bhatti and the jailbird, Tony Fuller. And not to forget Freddo who had a top allround season. Also, special thanks to the old grey-haired man, Rossco, who announced his retirement late in the season. Thanks for all your help during the years I played alongside you. From all the boys, best of luck in the future. You can't play golf, so what are you going to do, Rossco? One last thing. Freddo, you are becoming our top allrounder, mate. But I would like you to take it a bit more seriously next year. Stay off the grog on Friday nights.... you should know by now you can't bat or bowl with a hangover....or sober! You're becoming a Diggers legend "mate."

Robbie Wear





# FIRST GRADE STATISTICS

## BATTING

NAME.	CHTS.	HGST. SCORE	INGS.	N.O	RUNS	AVG
Robbie Wear	8	36	8	0	193	24
Tony Fuller	13(wkt)	78	6	1	162	32
Peter Ryman	3	51	8	1	191	27
Ross Haworth	3	17	5	1	48	12
Matt. Andrews	5	53	7	3	126	31
Anthony Webeck	6	15	6	2	25	6
Troy Wear	4	57	5	0	108	21
Paul Fredericks	2	11	4	1	17	5
Steve Ryan	2	28	6	1	90	18
Brendan Cunningham		5	1	1	5	0
Ken Hoad	1	7	1	1	7	0
Nathan Webeck	1	1	1	1	1	0
Trent Saville	2	18	3	0	31	10
Ron Butcher	0	1	2	1	2	2
Surabjit Bhatti	0	22	4	0	54	13
Mark Haworth	0	28	2	0	40	20
Terry Herbert	2	17	1	0	17	17

## BOWLING.

NAME	OVERS	MDNS	WKTS	RUNS	AVGE
Steve Ryan	112.1	22.1	27	321	11.88
Paul Fredericks	115.1	22.1	23	371	16.13
Ross Haworth	51	4	9	188	20.88
Troy Wear	20.5	1	4	66	16.5
Anthony Webeck	20.4	5	4	75	18.75
Trent Saville	20	0	3	87	29.00
Robbie Wear	23	1	3	97	32.33
Brend. Cunningham	9	0	0	40	00.00
Matt Andrews	4	0	0	14	00.00
Ron Butcher	30	9	2	72	36.00
Terry Herbert	28	7	3	46	15.33



## Second Grade Report

The biggest regret about writing a team report is that it's at the end of the season and it will be another six months before twelve idiots can run amuck and call it cricket.

I only came to the club half way through the season, but such is the spirit in the Club that it feels like I've been here forever.

After a mid-season form slump, we came home strongly to finish in third place. A comprehensive 9 wicket victory over second placed Sawtell set a replay of last years Grand Final with West Coffs. After another engrossing game Diggers emerged as Premiers for the third time in four years. After calling correctly, our illustrious leader, Stephen Meakins, decided to bat first. At one stage we were 5/50, but our lower order rallied to see us all out at 176. Ron "the Rock" Butcher showed great concentration to bat for 4 hours, 40 minutes to be 28n.o at the end, while Doug Baker with 25 and Shwang Jolly with 44 added late runs.

The game was evenly poised with West Coffs 5/102 when Ron Gow and Brendan Cunningham took two absolute screamers to swing the match in our favour. After Mick Nealand's three early wickets, Doug Baker bowled brilliantly to finish with 4/45 and B.C. grabbed the last two wickets (2/18) to give Diggers the victory.

STEPHEN MEAKINS: (Captain Courage). Even though he gave Coramba Timberyards a workout, his assault on Tony Dungay (6,6,4,6 in four balls) will be long remembered.

MICK NEALAND: (Cubicle). Jeremy Few showed the world how to get Mick. Third bounce yorkers are the way to go. When are you going to get a ton?

RON BUTCHER: (The Rock). He set a new record this season by actually being fifteen minutes early to one game.

JAMES JOLLY: (Shwang). Probably went "west" once too often this year. He bamboozled batters all year with his shwang before proving that he can bat (44 in Grand Final) but can't play soccer.

B.C. (Courage) Another two hours sore Brendan's batting come along. Destroyed Sawtell (6/9) in the Final. And just quietly Courage, where did your pants go on Grand Final night?

TONY SHIPMAN: (Periscope). The under-bowled, bail-breaking Periscope who gets golden ducks against a rat.

DAMIEN WILTSHIRE: (Batter-up). Tended to rely heavily on his only two scoring shots, the "4" and the "6", but he certainly came of age on Grand Final night.

RON GOW: (Cuddles). "The Mighty One" gave his hands to Ron, 16 of the most mythical catches ever seen. Sorry Ron, but Meako's square cut for six at Englands Park was better than yours.

KEN HOAD: (Snapper). Cruelly denied Mick Nealand his first ton by giving him out L.B.W in the 80's.

DOUG BAKER: A stylish allrounder whose cricket improved 100% once he discarded the socks.

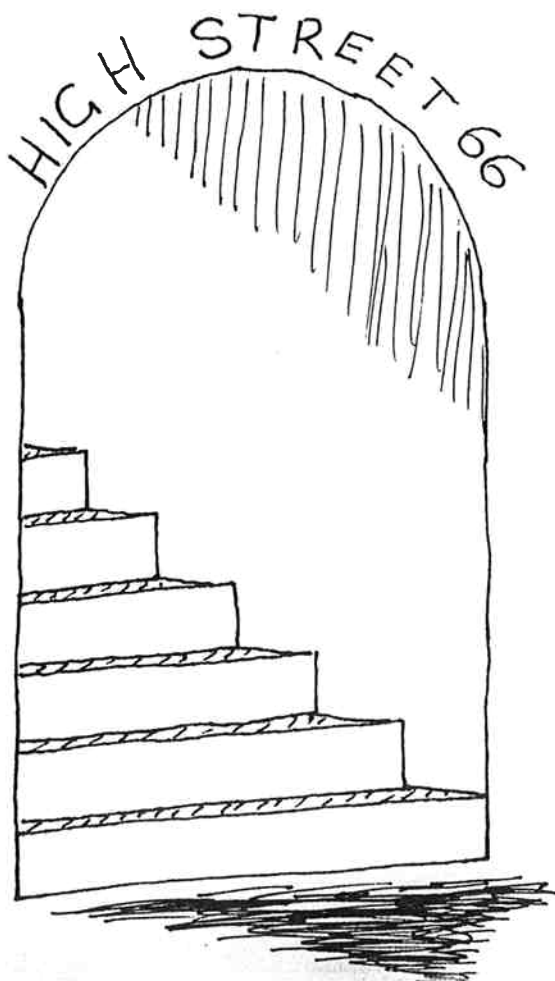
NATHAN WEBECK: (I'm a bowler). A solid all-rounder whose bowling came along in leaps and bounds this season.

HAROLD BRANDT: Continues to confound his opponents with his batting style and team mates with his theories.

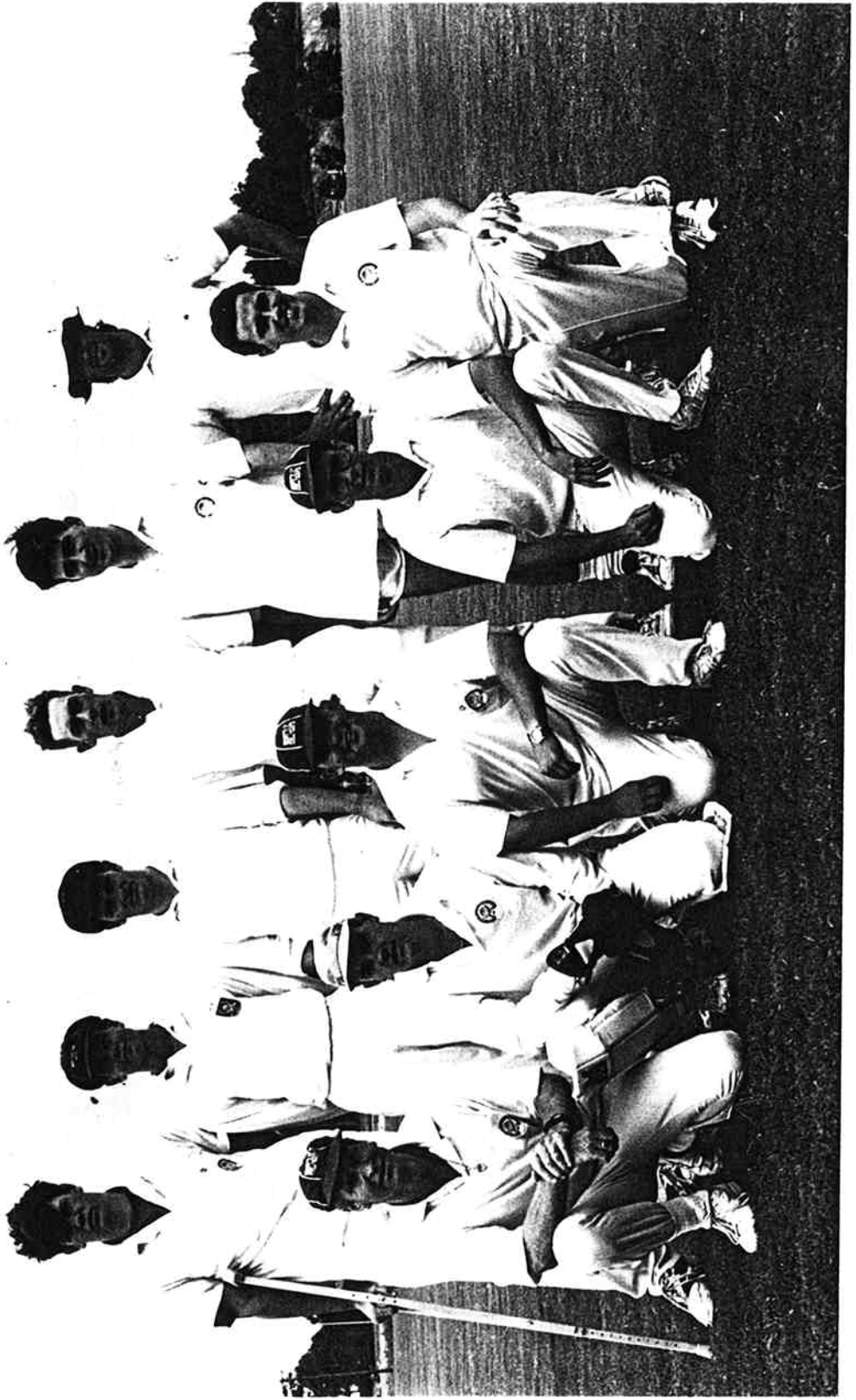
Thankyou to our scoring machine Stephanie. Thanks Stiff.....I mean Steph.

Finally a big thankyou to Stephen, an inspirational leader, who showed a lot of patience with a few rebellious members of the team (sorry mate). I for one look forward to playing under you again. Until next season I'll see you all every Friday night.

JAMES JOLLY.







## SECOND GRADE STATISTICS

### BATTING

NAME	CHTS	HGST SCORE	INGS.	N.O	RUNS	AVG.
Trenton Saville	1	62	3	0	143	47.67
Mick Nealand	5	82	9	1	351	43.88
Ken Hoad	2	75	6	0	148	24.67
Ron Butcher	3	84*	6	1	137	27.4
Doug Baker	3	30	3	0	60	20
Harold Brandt	2	49	9	0	212	23.56
Nathan Webeck	2	63*	4	2	108	54
Nathan Wicks	1	15	1	0	15	15
Stephen Meakins	10	84*	10	5	298	59.6
Brendan Cunningham	2	11	4	2	16	8
Tony Shipman	5	27	7	1	94	15.67
Mick Ryan	1	21	2	1	24	24
Ron Gow	14	30	6	2	75	18.75
Wade Ebeling	1	48	5	0	69	13.8
Damien Wiltshire	2	19	4	0	35	8.75
James Jolly	2	42	6	0	100	16.67
Paul Evans	0	3	1	0	3	3
Anthony Webeck	0	23	1	0	23	23
Mark Howarth	0	34	1	0	34	34
Glenn Cook	1	4	1	1	4	*
Nick Butcher	0	3	1	0	3	3

### BOWLING

NAME	OVERS	MDNS	WKTS	RUNS	AVGE
Ron Butcher	61	8	9	176	19.56
Doug Baker	44	9	7	148	21.14
Brendan Cunningham	83	25	9	163	18.11
Harold Brandt	49	12	6	146	24.33
Mick Nealand	81.1	8	23	314	13.65
Trenton Saville	24.1	1	9	117	13
Nathan Webeck	23.5	4	3	79	26.33
Ron Gow	10	2	1	52	52
Damien Wiltshire	15	0	6	69	11.5
James Jolly	105.6	26	24	133	5.54
Anthony Webeck	22	7	4	56	14
Tony Shipman	2	0	1	16	16
Ken Hoad	1	0	0	6	0
Glenn Cook	13	4	1	20	20
Stephen Meakins	1	0	0	2	0

# *Third Grade Report* by Nathan Wicks

A great season on and off the field for the 3rd grade team this year. Once again the team finished minor premiers at the end of the regular season and defeated Woolgoolga outright to progress straight into the grand final. In the grand final we seemed to be coasting to victory but allowed ourselves to be psyched and frustrated out of the match. I'm sure we have a team who can learn from the experience and reverse the result next year.

Once again a great exhibition of leadership from our captain Steve Gow this year, nurturing the likes of Herbi and Cooky with his experience and expertise, and proving to us all that he is one hell of a good captain. It has been rumoured that Steve has just become an honorary life member of the John Arnold fan club - way to go Steve.

And of course we must mention Terry Cameron. Terry should be on a Hat-Trick next time he bowls. However we have since found out that the two Woopi guys that he dismissed, actually had a trunk phone call each to answer and intentionally gave their wickets away. Bad luck Terry.

Geoff Serong certainly came along and provided us with some entertainment at the end of the season, scoring over 350 runs in 3 innings, including a whirlwind 188 runs in around 80 balls. In 3 innings Geoff managed to scoop the pool in the batting honours department.

A short thanks must go out to Paul Evans, after all, how would we have all been each Saturday night without the famous "pud-bus".

After experimenting with several wicket keepers throughout the year, we finally found our man in Paul Grant, who slotted into the side quite comfortably.

Johnny Worboys made his long awaited comeback to the diggers club this season, and after his absence is due to be corrupted once again, probably by Mr Rusty Nails.

Wade Ebeling, fresh from graduating from the "Bill Lawry School for Opening Batsmen" came out this year determined to match the dux of the class - Mick Nealand; however found himself getting out on forty something a couple of times this season. And Wade is definitely due for 'corruption' sometime in the near future.

Scott Herbert showed us during the second half of the season what a great future he has in cricket with both ball and bat, and must be really looking forward to next season.

Glenn Cook had a great season with the ball this year and was the pick of the bowlers in the finals series. Should be a top season in second grade for Glenn next year.

Many thanks to Nick Butcher who was one of our regulars in third grade this year, and must be a little disappointed with not being able to play in the finals series.

Mick Ryan and Andy Campbell, the moustache twins, both scored consistently with the bat this year which helped us win many games.

Shane Martin came along late in the season after an absence from cricket, and immediately stepped back into form with both bat and ball - good effort Shane.

And could someone *please* buy Tony Shipman a new pair of swimmers, rumour has it, he has had his swimmers since year four at primary school.

Jason Collett is keen to get back into it next year after missing the second half of the season through injury, we look forward to his return.

This year we basically had fun. I play cricket to have fun, and I believe next season we will all have just as much fun. Thank you to all the second graders also for making it much easier for us to have fun - where would we have been without you guys !!!!

All I can finally say is that it was distressing for me, having not missed a game all season, to injure my knee coming into the semi-finals, and have to sit and watch. I honestly am counting the days to the start of next season. Lets stick together guys and keep this club cohesion right through to next season.

Am I to take it, you  
don't wish to pursue  
the appeal?



JOHN  
ARNOLD'S  
DOG