

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2008 - 2009

This year we had 380 players competing in 30 teams, with four half-season teams. For the benefit of those new members to our club, many boys, especially in the older age groups go to private schools in the new school year where they play cricket for their schools on Saturday. Brisbane North has organized a half-season competition where they play club cricket up to Christmas. At our club, we have approximately 100 boys who play half-season.

We have had another successful season on the field. The U13 Sea Hawks won the half-season competition for their division. The U15 Sea hawks also won their competition. The club also had fourteen boys who were selected in Brisbane North representative sides which competed over the Christmas break. In our senior/warehouse ranks, Albany Creek competed in the B2, C1 and Sunday competition Grand Finals. Unfortunately we lost all three finals but the teams did make it and we are all proud of them.

At this time of the year, there are many people to thank as clubs of our size do not just happen. To all the people on the committee and their partners/spouses, I thank you for the countless hours of dedicated service. Dianne Cook, our Statistician, has been very busy this past week preparing all the trophies and the list of recipients for today's presentation. I would like to thank Jordan and Jess who have worked in the canteen each week. Well done ladies. Special mention must also go to Garry Walker who organizes our Warehouse players. More and more of these men are ex juniors who are filtering into the senior ranks. I know that Garry is particularly pleased with this transition into our club. This winter we have ten teams playing in the Warehouse competition. The weather hasn't been kind with several rounds washed out.

Off the field, the Warehouse sub-committee have cleaned up the new Hawk's Nest and hope to get electricity connected up soon. We are still chasing grants to help with that. Well done to Andrew who has successfully applied for a grant from Woolworths to the value of \$5000. We will discuss how that is going to be spent over the next few weeks. Ray Frazer is still negotiating with the Moreton Bay Regional Council on our application for lights. There is still ongoing debate between the Council and the State Govt. in relation to Licences/ Leases. Hopefully this will be resolved.

A very special thanks also to all our coaches and managers who have put in the hard yards on a weekly basis. Many of these people have been at the club for five or six years or more and their contribution has been invaluable. The fact that these coaches keep coming back says a lot for us as a club and is responsible for the stability and confidence that you as parents have in the care that they exercise over your children.

To all the parents who have assisted with scoring and generally organizing the boys on Saturday morning, thank you. As you have seen this season, cricket is a game where we have lots of variables such as heat, rain,, no shade, no toilets which have to be contended with, as well as the frustration of dealing with other coaches, umpires and .parents.

I would like to congratulate all those players who received trophies on Presentation Day. They wouldn't have received those awards unless their team mates took the catches or stayed with them while they were batting. You are all winners. Well done! Thanks to the players for the way you played the games throughout the season.

Steve Casey