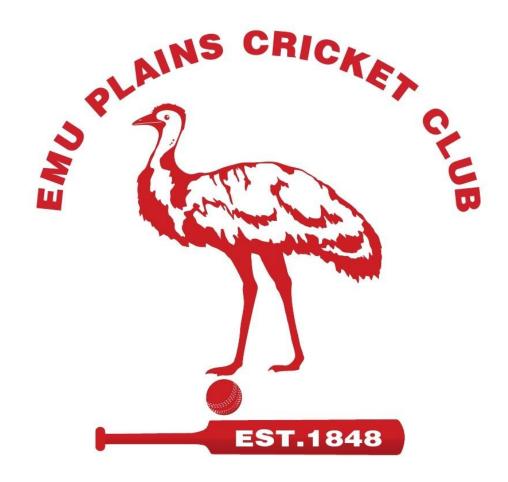
EMU PLAINS CRICKET CLUB INC.



SEASON REPORT 2010 / 2011

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OFFICE BEARERS

PATRONS

Alma Ristau (appointed 1996) Eddie Ristau (1996) Betty Coleman (1996)

Lionel Gyler (1996) Phil & Phyllis Huthnance (2006)

LIFE MEMBERS

Leslie Mitchell (appointed 1990) Paul Ryan (1990) Tim Pedlar (1992)

Garry Ross (1992) Peter Watts (1992) Peter Mitchell (1992)

Tony Hoy (1992) Lionel Gyler (1996) George Stanowski (2000)

Darran Harvey (2004) Martin Romer (2004) Greg Bottrill (2005)
Miles Anderson (2007) Trevor Wilson (2008) Jamie Large (2010)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President: Martin Bowerman Vice-President: Trevor Wilson Treasurer: Jamie Large

Secretary: Jim Micsko Junior Secretary: Elizabeth Dowd

Committee members: Ange Barbaro, Sam Barbaro, Miles Anderson, Sue Masters, Chris Longhurst, Shaun

Wood, Ryan Graham, Jon Ferguson.

SENIOR PREMIERSHIPS

1st Grade: Evans Memorial Shield

1923/24, 1925/26, 1931/32, 1932/33, 1935/36, 1937/38, 1946/47, 1947/48, 1948/49, 1949/50, 1950/51, 1951/52, 1952/53, 1955/56, 1957/58, 1993/94, 1995/96, 1997/98, 1990/00

2nd Grade: Donald Reay Memorial Trophy 1990/91, 1996/97, 1999/00, 2007/08, 2009/10

<u>3rd Grade: W & E Cammack Trophy</u> 1993/94, 1995/96

4th Grade: Trevor Wholohan Trophy 1990/91

5th Grade: Darcy Smith Shield 1979/80, 1992/93, 1999/00, 2007/08

> 6th Grade: Howell Cup 1996/97

7th Grade: T.J. Rance Trophy 1980/81

9th Grade: J.L. Mason Trophy 1996/97

"B" Grade Twenty20 Cup 2008/09, 2009/10

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Emu Plains maintained its position as one of the pre-eminent local district Clubs in 2010/11, fielding seven Senior side, nine Junior sides, and running an In2Cricket program for around 30 children. All up, we presented an opportunity for 220+ children and adults to have a game of cricket.

Despite having five of our Senior sides make the semi-finals, there were no premierships to celebrate this year. It was left to Jim Micsko's 3rd Grade side to carry the banner into a Grand Final, but they went down in a close game, having been the front runners in that Grade all year.

It was a different story in the Juniors, with our u/12's claiming back-to-back premierships. The whole Club offers its congratulations to the members of this team. It is a fantastic achievement to win successive premierships at under-age level. And let's not forget our u/11's and u/14's who were both only just beaten in their Grand Finals, in nail-biting finishes, that really could have gone either way on the day. Well done to those young boys and girls too.

The Club also provided some 14 Junior players for the Penrith Junior representative sides, and had quite a remarkable 8 players win District awards at Senior level.

To all our team captains, Junior coaches, managers and parents, a sincere thank you on behalf of the Club for your selfless and untiring efforts throughout the year. I sincerely hope that season 2011/11 will see you all with us again in some capacity.

Our In2Cricket program was once again a great success, with head coach Chris Longhurst and his band of helpers doing a terrific job for a third year in a row. The Club places great importance on this program, as it provides the next wave of cricketers into the Junior ranks. It was fantastic to witness this bunch having so much fun on sunny Saturday mornings at Darcy Smith Oval. Chris is very committed to this program and is to be commended for its success.

A major achievement off the field this year has been the construction of a brick storage shed adjacent to the nets at Nepean High School. This project involved securing NSW Government grant funds, negotiation with the school, and then relying on a loyal band of committee-men to progress to completion under budget. Jim Micsko's dad, Jim senior, has done a fantastic job with the brick-laying. Young Jim provided the majority of the labouring. Their efforts over some hot days in January were superb.

Sam and Ange Barbaro have provided the resources of their company, Metwest Engineering, to lay the slab, and install the roofing and doors. This generous gesture is very much appreciated. I thank Ange and Sam wholeheartedly. This shed will be a great facility for the Club for many years to come. An official opening will happen in due course.

The Club's committee has again worked tirelessly to keep the Club on track. The Club's strength is a reflection of their work. Vice President Trevor Wilson has advised me he will be standing down from this point. Thank you Trev for your commitment over many years, and in particular your work in putting together the Junior photos this year. Particular thanks also to Secretary Jim Micsko, Treasurer Jamie Large and Junior Secretary Liz Dowd and her trusty off-sider Sue Masters again for their sterling efforts.

As always, I encourage anyone who thinks that they can provide input, new ideas or just want to have a go, to put your hand up for the committee at the next AGM.

Our relationship with the Emu Sports Club continues to be strong. It is a great central venue for us all to meet, swap our stories, and enjoy a quiet drink together. We will continue to foster our relationship with the Emu Sports Club and I encourage all cricket club members to use Emu Sports' facilities as often as you can.

Thank you to all involved for keeping this Club as strong as it is.

Martin Bowerman, President

TREASURER'S REPORT

E		CLUB INCORPORATED	
		ne and Expenditure	
	for year endin	g 30 June 2011	
Income	2010-11	Expenditure	2010-11
Bank Interest	46.83	Donations	400.00
Fundraising:Auctions	330.00	Entertainment expenses	477.70
Fundraising: Bottle Toss	66.00	Equipment:Cricket Balls	6,737.00
Fundraising: Footy Doubles	314.55	Equipment:Cricket gear	809.20
Fundraising:NSW Cricket Raffle	1,392.00	Equipment:In 2 Cricket Participation Packs	150.00
Fundraising:Presentation Night	787.00	Fair Trading: Annual Statement Fee	48.00
Grants	12,500.00	Flowers and decorations	100.00
Player Registration Fees:IN2Cricket	1,450.00	Fundraising Costs	60.00
		- ·	400.00
Player Registration Fees:Jnr	6,375.00	Fundraising Costs:Raffles	
Player Registration Fees:Jnr Sibling	550.00	in2cricket BBQ expenses	91.80
Player Registration Fees:Snr	7,150.00	Postage:Mail outs	203.40
Player Registration Fees:Snr Life Member	165.00	Postage:PO Box Rental	86.00
Player Registration Fees:Snr Pay Per Game	120.00	Presentation Dinner	1,000.00
Player Registration Fees:Snr Student	1,890.00	Purchases: Caps	650.00
Sale of Caps	325.00	Purchases: Commitee Shirts	401.28
Sale of Floppy Hats	80.00	Purchases: Courier charges clothing	286.97
Sale of Kit Bag	45.00	Purchases: Embriodery	2,062.80
Sale of Shirts	105.00	Purchases: Floppy Hats	90.00
Sale of Training Shorts	320.00	Purchases: Pants	64.20
Sponsorship	1,500.00	Purchases: Playing Shirts	4,240.00
		Purchases: Training Shorts	279.88
		Registration fees: Player Refunds	280.00
		Registration fees:Junior Teams (PJCA)	3,000.00
		Registration fees:Senior Teams (NDCA)	2,990.00
		Rent:Nets and Grounds Hire - Nepean High School	500.00
		Storage Shed Building Project	8,375.39
		Trophies	1,820.04
		Turf Wicket fees	650.00
		Umpires Fees	100.00
		Website Costs	171.54
Total Income	35,511.38	Total Expenditure	36,525.20
	704445	alua Balanan at 20/05/2014	5.007.44
plus Balance at 01/07/2010	7,344.46	plus Balance at 30/06/2011	5,937.44
		Cash On Hand	393.20
Total	42,855.84	Total	42,855.84
	Bank Rec	onciliation	
		Westpac Bank Account - 30/06/2011	7,291.44
		Less Cheques not presented	1,354.00
		Total Bank Balance	5,937.44
		Total Balik Balditte	5,957.44
	Balance Sheet a	s at 30 June 2011	
Liabilities		Assets	
NIL	0.00	Bank Account	5,937.44
Surplus	7,202.44	Cricket Gear, Clothing & Equipment	1,265.00
Total Liabilities	7,202.44	Total Assets	7,202.44

Jamie Large, Treasurer

SENIOR REPORT

The 2010-11 season was an outstanding season for the club building on the good vibe and club spirit from the 2009/10 season. We welcomed new players to the club and for the most part they slotted in quite well to the Emu way of cricket.

The highlight of the season was the club winning the NDCA Club Championship for the very first time. This award shows the true strength of the club as all 7 of our senior sides competed strongly in their respective grades with 5 of the 7 going on to make the semi finals. Unfortunately we only had one of those 5 qualify for the grand final; being the 3rd Grade side. Despite leading the competition for most of the season, they fell at the final hurdle and were beaten by a better side on the day.

A big thanks to all the captains who continued to do all the grunt work that no one likes doing in organising teams, entering results and chasing up outstanding fees. A special mention goes out to Michael Bowden who took the job on of captaining the 5th Grade side and led that team to the semi finals in what was at times a difficult year. Thanks for persevering Michael!

Thanks to all of the committee members for volunteering their time during the season. It is the volunteers that are the lifeblood of any amateur sporting club or association. Anyone that believes they can contribute something to the club should put their hand up to join the committee. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The club is embarking on its second trip to Hawaii in July. We will play another two matches against our great friends at the Honolulu Cricket Club. Six of last year's tourists are backing up again for what should prove to be a memorable trip. Keep an eye on the website and Facebook page for tour updates and photos.

It was another fantastic season for the club. I hope everyone returns for the new season in 2011/12.

Jim Micsko, Secretary

JUNIOR REPORT

It's been a great season for the Emu Plains Junior Cricket Club.

We had 100 juniors taking to the field this season in the traditional red and white of the EPCC. Traditional colours with a new design for our club, giving a contemporary sporting look. Fundraising efforts in the previous season made it possible for us to outfit each player with a new shirt and all the boys and girls wore their new shirts with pride.

This season we welcomed 30 new juniors to our club. In all, we had nine junior teams registered this season; one team in the Under 8 age group, two teams in the Under 9 age group, two teams in the Under 10 age group and one team in each of the Under 11, 12, 14 and 16 age groups.

Again, three of our teams made it into the Finals. The U12 team played in the Division One competition this season. They won their Semi-Final and went on to claim victory in their Final. Congratulations to the coach Peter Kermond and the U12 team. This is their second consecutive win in their age group. Who knows what next season will hold for this talented team?!

The U11 team in their first year of competitive cricket won their Semi-Final, making their way through to the Final. The Final came down to a nail-biting finish and although they were beaten on the day, they were fantastic sports. Congratulations to the coach Marty Romer and the U11 team. The U14 team also made their way into the Semi-Finals and also won their match, making their way to the Final. Unfortunately they too were defeated on the day, but not without a valiant effort that went down to the wire. Congratulations to the coach Steve Masters and the U14 team.

A number of our talented players were selected to represent Penrith in the NSW District Cricket Competition.

Our players and official representatives for 2010-11 were:

Harold Moore Shield – Simon Masters
U14 Presidents Cup – John Klincke
U13 IDCA – Mikayla Hinkley
Arch Cawsey Shield – Nicholas Arnold, Aidan King, Hugh Kermond, Brendon Speechley
U12 Presidents Cup – Max Turner
J H Creak Shield – Lachlan Charlton, Thomas Charlton
U11 IDCA – Jarrod Morley

W G Foster Shield - Matthew Sullivan

Our three very talented female players were selected to represent NSW at state level:

U14 Emerging Breakers – Mikayla Hinkley

U15 Emerging Breakers - Samantha Arnold

U16 Emerging Breakers – Jacqueline-Marie Klincke

Again, this season we have had a high number of representative players chosen from EPCC to play at district and state level. Congratulations to you all on your achievements.

Our girls in particular achieved fantastic results in their representative cricket this last season. They (and their parents!) certainly clocked up the kilometres travelling all over the state to play cricket. Their selection in teams often meant that they were playing open age teams and were among the youngest members.

Mikayla Hinkley also captained the very successful U13 Girls Mollie Dive shield team. She was named Mollie Dive 'Cricketer of the Year' and was also the winner of the Mollie Dive Shield Batting Award.

A special mention and congratulations also to Peter Kermond and the U12 team who embraced the Pink Stumps Day on Saturday, February 19 2011, to raise money for the McGrath Foundation. Following on from the success of now traditional "Pink" day on the Day 3 of the Sydney tests at the SCG, the McGrath Foundation opened up opportunities for clubs to become involved. Peter and his team grasped the opportunity with both hands! They raffled a pink "baggy" cap (donated by parents), painted the Kingsway pink with posters, food and drink and managed to coerce the opposition into getting into the pink as well. In total, they raised over \$2300. We hope to have the same opportunity to raise funds for such a worthy cause on a broader scale, involving more teams next season.

Congratulations to every player who wears the red and white. EPCC is always well presented during matches, both on and off the field. Other club officials and district umpires speak highly of our teams and the manner in which they represent themselves and their club.

A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents and carers of our children. Your support and encouragement is immeasurable.

Finally a huge thank you to all the coaches, managers and the EPCC committee. All volunteers who give their time and energy to do their best for our children and our club. They do a fantastic job and, once again, I thank each and every one of them for the past season and their support.

I hope our club continues to grow as a community celebrating their love of cricket.

Go the bird!!

Elizabeth Dowd, Juniors Secretary

MILO IN2CRICKET REPORT

This year's In2CRICKET program was run for 9 weeks from October to December and was really well attended. 30 kids enrolled in the program this year and from all reports it was a great success.

Many thanks to my team of helpers who assisted me each week. I couldn't have asked for a better team of assistant coaches and you made my job easier each week. Also, a big thanks to the parents who got their kids up and out of bed on Saturday mornings to get to cricket. Your support of the program and your kids is fantastic to see. Most importantly, thank you to all the kids. I really enjoyed working with you all this year and hope you remain a part of this great cricket club.

I hope to see everyone back next year when we'll be back at Dukes Oval. We'll start up again in October but registrations will start in late July so you can join up any time from then.

All the best!

Chris Longhurst, In2CRICKET Coordinator

PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

KEITH COLEMAN MEMORIAL SHIELD (SENIOR ALL ROUNDER)

Awarded to the Senior Player who has accumulated the most points during the season. Points are allocated for the 1st innings of each game, semi-finals and finals excluded. Allocation of points is outlined in the constitution.

Grant Maguire

697 points

Tony Hoy Shield (Senior Cricketer of the Year)

Awarded to the senior player who has accumulated the most points, obtained from each round. Players doubling up with a second team in the same round shall also be included. Players from each senior team shall vote at the end of each round on best performed player. Points shall be awarded as 3 for the player who contributed the most to the match followed by 2 and 1 for the next best performed players. At the completion of round 14 player's points are to be tallied.

Chris Longhurst/Grant Maguire 20 points

DAVE RISTAU MEMORIAL TROPHY (SENIOR WICKET KEEPER)

Awarded to the senior cricketer with the most dismissals as a Wicket Keeper during the Season.

Patrick Anderson 25 dismissals

CRAIG HUTHNANCE MEMORIAL TROPHY (1ST GRADE CRICKETER OF THE YEAR)

Awarded to the most outstanding player in the first grade team for the season, final games included. Allocation of points is outlined in the constitution.

Martin Romer 441 points

A & E RISTAU AWARD (U/21 BATTING AGGREGATE)

Awarded to the player (Junior Competition only or Senior Competition only) who is under the age of 21 years at 30 September of that season, who has scored the most runs for the Club. Competition matches only – semi & final games not included.

Grant Maguire 432 runs

THE HALLY AWARD (U/21 BOWLING AGGREGATE)

Awarded to the player (Junior Competition only or Senior Competition only) who is under the age of 21 years at 30 September of that season, who has taken the most wickets for the Club. Competition matches only – semi & final games not included.

Grant Maguire 26 wickets

SENIOR CATCHING AWARD

Awarded to the senior player that has taken the most catches as a fielder (non-wicketkeeper) in competition rounds only. Finals games are not included.

Nathan Christensen 14 catches

CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR

Awarded to the person deemed to have contributed the most to upholding the spirit of the Club during the past season. The winner, chosen by the Executive Committee, may be a player (junior or senior), a committee member, a coach/manager, a parent, a supporter or any combination of these. It is not compulsory that the award be given if an appropriate candidate is not nominated that season.

Peter Gibson

SHIELD OF SHAME (MOST SENIOR DUCKS)

Awarded to the senior cricketer who has achieved the most ducks during the season.

Peter Gibson 5 ducks

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

OFFICIALS (EIGHT YEARS SERVICE)

At the completion of eight years service as a coach, manager or executive committee member (or a combination of these) the Executive Committee may approve by majority vote the award of a Long Service Award to such person. Service need not be continuous.

None Awarded

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD - UNDER 16 YEARS

Players who play continuously with the Club from Under 9 to Under 16 shall receive an award at the annual presentation in recognition of their contribution to the Club. Team Coaches and Managers who meet the criteria shall also be eligible to receive the award.

None Awarded

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARD - SENIORS

Senior players who have played with the Club for a period of ten years shall receive an award. Years of service need not be consecutive.

None Awarded

100 GAME CAPS

Awarded to players who play 100 games for the club, without breaking that service to play for another club within the Nepean/Penrith District.

Martin Bowerman John Lennon

SENIORS

DISTRICT AWARDS - NEPEAN DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION

NDCA Club Championship

RANK	CLUB	Points
1	Emu Plains	63.50
2	Springwood	57.96
3	Glenmore Park	56.65
4	Cranebrook	55.27
5	Colyton St Clair	53.24
6	Glenbrook Blaxland	50.06
7	Penrith RSL	30.27

NDCA Minor Premiers

2nd Grade 3rd Grade

NDCA 1st Grade Bowling Average

Martin Romer

NDCA 2nd Grade Player of the Year

Matt Marshall

SEASON STATISTICS - ALL GRADES

Win / Loss Record

GRADE	Мат	W1	W2	DRAW	L1	L2	%WIN
1 st	14	4	0	4	6	0	29%
2 nd	15	7	2	1	4	1	60%
3 rd	16	11	1	2	1	1	75%
4 th	14	3	0	3	6	2	21%
5 th	13	6	1	2	3	1	54%
7 th	15	6	2	1	5	1	53%
8 th	12	6	0	0	6	0	50%
Total	99	43	6	13	31	6	49%

NDCA 2nd Grade Bowling Aggregate & Average

Matt Marshall

NDCA 2nd Grade Wicket-Keeper of the Year Peter Gibson

NDCA 3rd Grade Player of the Year

Mark Roser

NDCA 3rd Grade Bowling Aggregate & Average

Mark Roser

NDCA 4th Grade Player of the Year

Chris Longhurst

NDCA 4th Grade Wicket-Keeper of the Year

Patrick Anderson

NDCA 7th Grade Batting Average

Grant Maguire

NDCA 7th Grade Wicket-Keeper of the Year

David Williams

Batting Statistics

GRADE	Runs	WKTS	Runs/Wkts	OVERS	RUNRATE	100s	50 s	Ducks
1 st	1440	94	15.32	419	3.43	1	3	17
2 nd	2073	132	15.70	562	3.69	0	5	20
3 rd	2369	130	18.22	694	3.41	0	9	10
4 th	1696	154	11.01	523	3.24	0	4	27
5 th	1724	100	17.24	470	3.67	1	7	27
7 th	2119	118	17.96	612	3.46	2	8	19
8 th	1789	117	15.29	527	3.39	0	4	26
Total	13210	845	15.63	3807	3.47	4	40	146

Bowling Statistics

GRADE	WKTS	Runs	Runs/WkT	OVERS	RUNRATE	5W
1 st	92	1393	15.14	408	3.41	3
2 nd	155	2040	13.16	667	3.06	5
3 rd	144	1735	12.05	607	2.86	3
4 th	131	1766	13.48	530	3.33	4
5 th	110	1406	12.78	471	2.98	4
7 th	149	1856	12.46	596	3.11	2
8 th	121	2210	18.26	552	4.00	3
Total	902	12406	13.75	3831	3.24	24

BATTING & BOWLING - AGGREGATE AND AVERAGE AWARDS - ALL GRADES

Batting & bowling aggregate and average awards are calculated on non-finals games only.

Batting

1 st Grade	Agg & Avge – Martin Romer	188 @ 20.89
2 nd Grade	Agg- Anthony Tonks	343 @ 24.50
	Avge – Josh Wood	280 @ 28.00
3 rd Grade	Agg & Avge –Ange Barbaro	251 @ 35.86
4 th Grade	Agg & Avge – Chris Longhurst	262 @ 17.47
5 th Grade	Agg & Avge – Ken Hale	257 @ 32.13
7 th Grade	Agg & Avge – Grant Maguire	360 @ 72.00
8 th Grade	Agg – Shaun Wood	255 @ 21.25
	Avge – Trevor Raymond	183 @ 22.88

Bowling

1 st Grade	Agg & Avge – Martin Romer	26@ 7.77
2 nd Grade	Agg & Avge – Matt Marshall	33 @ 6.33
3 rd Grade	Agg & Avge – Mark Roser	33 @ 8.18
4 th Grade	Agg & Avge – Chris Longhurst	33 @ 9.03
5 th Grade	Agg & Avge – Dylan Griffey	26 @ 6.58
7 th Grade	Agg & Avge – Grant Maguire	21 @ 7.29
8 th Grade	Agg & Avge – Andrew Kennedy	21 @ 14.95

CENTURIES - ALL GRADES

Grant Maguire - 107 NO, 7th Grade, Round 10 vs Henry Lawson @ Kingsway No 3 Stewart Wiles - 105 NO, 5th Grade, Round 9 vs Springwood @ St Johns Oval Tom Romer – 105, 1st Grade, Round 1 vs Penrith RSL @ Darcy Smith Oval Bill Watson - 100 NO, 7th Grade, Round 2 vs Penrith RSL @ Glenmore Park No 2

BOWLING - 6W IN INNINGS - ALL GRADES

Dylan Griffey – 8/37 vs. Colyton St Clair, 5th Grade, Round 3, Shepherd Park No.1 Chris Longhurst – 7/23 vs. Glenmore Park, 4th Grade, Round 8, Glenmore Park No.2 Matt Reberger – 6/16 vs. Glenmore Park, 8th Grade, Round 11, Kingsway No.1 Alex Mullen – 6/18 vs. Colyton St Clair, 5th Grade, Round 10, Jamison Park No.6 Matt Marshall – 6/18 vs. Glenbrook Blaxland, 2nd Grade, Round 3, Darcy Smith Oval Michael Mullen – 6/22 vs. Glenbrook Blaxland, 8th Grade, Round 5, Kingsway No.1 Stephen Sargent – 6/37 vs. Kingswood Park Soldiers, 2nd Grade, Round 2, Jamison Park No.6 Ben Sheens – 6/50 vs. Werrington Eagles, 3rd Grade, Round 2, Dukes Oval

BOWLING - HAT-TRICKS - ALL GRADES

Dylan Griffey (2) vs. Colyton St Clair, 5th Grade, Round 3, Shepherd Park No.1

BATTING PARTNERSHIPS - ALL GRADES

WKT	PARTNERSHIP	BATTERS	GRADE	RND	OPPONENT
1 st	106	Matt Pemberton* - Matthew Kobryn	8 th	4	Penrith RSL
2 nd	107	Ken Hale* - Frank Sidrak	5 th	7	Penrith RSL
3 rd	116	Geoff Sullivan - Luke Murphy*	1 st	1	Penrith RSL
4 th	98	Luke Murphy - Tom Romer*	1 st	1	Penrith RSL
5 th	124*	Grant Maguire* - Jake Denoord*	7 th	10	Henry Lawson
6 th	68	Ange Barbaro* - Greg Bottrill	3 rd	10	St Clair United Sports Club
7 th	63*	Stewart Wiles* - Dylan Griffey*	5 th	14	Penrith RSL
8 th	83	Martin Romer - Luke Stanowski*	1 st	14	Consumers
9 th	132	Stewart Wiles* - Dylan Griffey	5 th	9	Springwood
10 th	81	Dylan Griffey* - Michael Gillies	5 th	1	Cranebrook

1ST GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

Our season finished with us losing the last game of the round which knocked us out of the semi-finals. We entered the game sitting in fourth spot and a win would have pushed us into third but unfortunately we were beaten by one wicket, with the loss pushing us back into 6th and finishing our year.

Our final position on the ladder didn't reflect a successful season. Unfortunately our batting let us down in a few games and with the line up we had on paper we expected to do a lot better.

Our only real highlight was the first game of the season with Tom Romer scoring his first senior century.

Our bowlers had a bit more success and really kept us competitive in all of the games. Our standout was Luke Murphy who had his first season with us. Luke's bowling was a class above most sides. If only we could catch his season figures would have been even more impressive.

Our first side grade side had an influx of new players this year. The most enjoyable part of the season for me was the way these players quickly became part of our club and mixed with the existing players. I firmly believe if we can keep these guys around for the next couple of seasons, first grade success will follow.

I would like to thank all players who played in the first grade side this season including the guys from 2nd grade and Martin Bowerman who often filled in on short notice. While our results weren't fantastic I really enjoyed playing cricket with these guys. I hope you all turn up again next season.

Congratulations to all the sides that made the semi finals. It's great to see our sides being so competitive in their respective grades. A special mention to Jim's 3rd Grade side that made the grand final. Well done guys.

Thanks to the hard working committee. Your efforts and time you put into the club is certainly appreciated by us.

Martin Romer Captain 1st Grade 10/11

2ND GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

Having played 6 grand finals in the past 4 years, it was a pretty disappointing season for 2nd grade this year. We showed we were the best team in the comp in the regular season by taking out the minor premiership. We had a pretty poor game in the semi and were beaten by a better team on the day. But let's not focus on the negative but the positive stuff for the season.

Like getting rolled for 44....and still winning the match.

Like Fatdog scoring a half century...while he was working.

Like Josh Woodduck Wood hitting a maximum over the houses at Springwood on his way to a half century. Never saw that ball again!!!

Like Chris losing his sh#t at just about every game this year.

Like Kyle turning up just as we were due to go out on the field for the 2nd day of the semi. Remind us how you did that day Kyle?

Congratulations to Fatman for getting the NDCA 2nd Grade Player of the Year award. Fats had a great year with the ball as well as getting a few runs along the way. Thoroughly deserved Fatman!!

Congratulation also to Gibbo for getting the NDCA 2nd Grade Wicket-Keeper of the Year award. I am pretty sure if he caught all the catches that came his way he would have doubled the 18 that he did catch!!! Jokes Gib, you kept well...just try not drop catches off my bowling next year!!

Josh was a big loss for our team this year. He was in fine form with the bat. He left around half way through the season. He still had the most runs for our team with only 2 matches to go. He was batting well and his bowling was very handy as well. Apparently he believes serving the country is better than serving the bird. Not sure where his head is!!!?

Thanks goes to our new recruit Dave Tickle. Tickle is a very handy bowler who took 21 wickets this year. Gets pretty down on himself when he gets hits for runs, even if it is a single!!!

Big thanks goes to Supersub Jeffery Jones. Jeff was probably our most important player this year. Without him we would have been short in a lot of games this year. He also ran water out to us in the field between overs.

So overall we may not have made the grand final this year, but to show we were the best team in the regular season is a fine achievement.

Thanks once again to all the boys for making the season an enjoyable one. The 2nd grade team this year was Peter Gibson (Captain), Anthony Tonks, Chris Tonks, James Wood, Josh Wood, Dylan Reeder, Kyle Siczak, Mat Marshall, Mat Davey, Jake Sultana, Shane Mcpherson, David Tickle, Jeffery Jones Steven Sargent, Jason Guilfoyle and fill in players Luke Stanowski, Pat Cromie, Jon Philiponi, Ben Mcgovern, Luke Fitzpatrick.

Till Next year.

Anthony Tonks Captain 2nd Grade 10/11

3RD GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

I guess I'll look back on this season as one of missed opportunities. We definitely improved as a side from the season before and we performed very well as a team. We learnt how to win close games and actually went through the regular season only losing one game. The highlight was probably the semi final win over a very experienced Glenmore Park side in a match we ended up winning quite easily. Unfortunately we didn't bat very well in the grand final and were beaten by a better side over the two days.

Bowling was our strength with Fitzy and Mark Roser leading the attack very well with great support from a young guy, new to the club this season, Ryan Gander.

Batting was a bit of a problem and it was left to the older guys in the team, the usual suspects, to lead from the front. We missed that one guy that is going to score 400 runs and win you a lot of matches off his own bat. It's time for some of the younger guys to stick their hands up and be the leading batsman for the team.

Fielding was also a problem. We probably only held a bit over 50% of our chances with the skipper being the biggest offender. Thankfully it didn't cost us too much.

Anyway, we had a very good season and I'm sure we'll all be back to give it another crack next year. Thanks to all my team mates and all the guys that helped us out by filling in for us when we were short.

See you at the nets.

Jim Micsko Captain 3rd Grade 10/11

4TH GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

A very enjoyable year was had by all 4th Graders. Although we didn't win many games, I couldn't have asked for a better year with a better bunch of people.

It's fair to say batting let us down this year. As a team we scored over 100 only a handful of times.

John Ryan was our most consistent batsman, scoring starts in most games he played. Stories of his exploits off the field also kept us entertained over a few quiet drinks after the game. He also snared the most catches for the season.

Great performances through the year by Jon "Fergo" Ferguson, scoring sixes at will and blinding square leg umpires all over the district with his massive ass.

Dave Connelly chipping in with handy runs and slip fielding the belugas his age.

Mark "golden staf" Stafford also found some form towards the end of the year with bat and ball but more importantly kept the team honest by collecting fines, as issued by fine master Sebbens. Cromie still owes around 1.6 million dollars.

Stuart "cheeky" Ericson, never quite got started with the bat this year, but he bowled some handy spells in the back end of the season and his enthusiasm in the field kept us all going on a many long and hot afternoon.

Chris "Aussie" Longhurst was at his bludgeoning best in a few entertaining innings and in the bowling department Aussie showed he is keen to hedge his bets where trophies are concerned, when the runs dried up with the bat the wickets flowed. 35 wickets for the year including a stunning 7/23 against the old enemy Glenmore Park.

Patty "spanner" Cromie pulled his weight, with a blistering 5 for 8 against Cranebrook, in a spell that included 5 wides.

Nathan "fine master" Sebbens was McGrath like this year and he will be missed, if he decides not to turn up full time again next year.

Patty Anderson played a great role in our team and his talent behind the stumps was evident. His presence behind the wicket and at the crease played a big role in making this year great.

Cameo performances through the year by Jess "JT" Toomey, Brock "Bail wood" Alewood, former 4th grade legend Mikey "Tonsils" Bowden, and Dangerous Dave Withers kept us all entertained and enthralled.

Nathan Christensen, our youngest player is the ultimate team man. An outstanding fielder, team mate and skittle bomb drinker. A clear winner of our best and fairest.

Look, its park cricket at the end of the day, no one wants to give up a day off if it's not going to be fun. We enjoyed ourselves. A few BBQ's after the games, Christmas drinks and general camaraderie were the order of the day. We love playing cricket, and although it's a cliché, it really isn't important whether you win or lose. Well played all.

Andrew Luzzi Captain 4th Grade 10/11

5TH GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

It was an interesting season from start to finish. For me personally it was a great and challenging experience as it was my first season in charge of a team. There were a lot of good and bad points throughout the season but the good points outweighed the bad,

For instance:

Dylan Griffey grabbing 2 hat-tricks and a 5th grade EPCC record haul of 8-37.

Alex Mullen winning a game off his bowling with 6-15.

Stu Wiles scoring 105 no batting at number 8.

The countless number of 50's.

Pat Rositano"s brilliant fielding.

The team finishing 3rd and making the semis.

It was a great season. Unfortunately we didn't win the grand final but I enjoyed it and hopefully get that opportunity to do this again next season.

Michael Bowden Captain 5th Grade 10/11

7TH GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

I firstly would like to congratulate the EPCC and its captains on their success this season a great effort from all our teams and players. Well done.

This year was a very successful one for our 7th grade team; we had a very new side with many new faces and a lot of youth. Our season started off very slowly with one win from our first five games. Our bowling and batting combinations were starting to show some promise and we were starting to gel as a unit, the team was starting to play as one.

And this was very evident over the next eight games played where we were successful in winning seven of these which ended up leaving us finishing 2nd on the ladder at the end of the regular season. Super effort. On to the semis.

Our confidence was high as we approached the semi finals. Unfortunately as they say, the rest is history we were beaten in the semi final but we went down fighting. A great effort by all the boys.

There were many great performances over the season; I would like to mention some of them in this report:

- Bill Watson 100 not out.
- Grant Maguire 393 runs batting and taking 24 wickets from only 9 innings played in 7th grade, with 107 not out being the highlight.
- Daniel Kelly playing his first year in grade taking 21 wickets with best bowling of 5/9.
- Mathew Reberger, wow what an improved player taking 15 wickets and with the bat got us out of a few tricky situations.
- Syed Hussain who played his first season with the club deserves a big mention; he scored 222 runs with bat from innings and proved he is more than handy with the ball.
- Corey Lucas-Smith in only his 2nd season of bowling since his jnr cricket days took 15 wickets for the season, easily his best.

A special mention to all the players who filled in and helped out during the season - Pat Cromie, Ryan Gander, Mick Mullen, Jef Miles, Alan Tran, Mathew Kobryn, Brock Alewood. Thank you guys for your contribution.

As captain for the first time this season I would like personally thank all of the 7th grade side for their effort, loyalty and dedication throughout the year.

I hope that we can all play together next season and go one better as a team.

Thanks guys.

David Williams Captain 7th Grade 10/11

8TH GRADE CAPTAINS REPORT

The 2010-11 was a fairly successful one for the 8th grade team finishing 3rd and making the semi finals. The year had many success stories for individual players who showed great improvement from previous years.

Alan Tran was the spearhead of the bowling attack collecting 18 wickets for the season including his best bowling figures of 5 for 33 which could of be 6 for 33 but his captain could not catch.

Andrew Kennedy was the leading wicket taker for the 8th Grade team taking 22 wickets in the season with his swing bowling.

We were struggling for players half way through the season and Jake Couchman from the juniors got the call up to play for the rest of the season for 8th grade. Jake would always put everything into his cricket and was very enthusiastic and with his first game with us took 4 wickets to help win us the game along with some great catches in other games.

Michael Mullen also took a 6 for early on in the season as well as part of the 10 wickets he got for the season.

We also had Matt Reberger from 7th grade come down and play a game in which he took a 6 for 16 with a great individual bowling effort.

One of our best games of the season was against Glenmore Park. They were 1 for 78 chasing our 125 and we ended up taking 9 for 13 to bowl them out for 91. The other game which was great to remember was our last round game against Glenbrook-Blaxland who had been undefeated up to that game we did not start the game well but were saved by Shane Richards 42 and Brock Alewood 31 not out to make 125 and then to bowl Glenbrook out for just 115 to win the game and hand Glenbrook their first defeat of the season.

I hope everyone from the 8th Grade team enjoyed the season and will come back next season to hopefully go one game better and make the grand final. Also thanks to all the players from other grades and the juniors who filled in for us throughout the year.

Shaun Wood Captain 8th Grade 10/11

JUNIORS

BATTING & BOWLING - AGGREGATE AND AVERAGE AWARDS - ALL AGE GROUPS

Age/Division	Batting Aggregate Award	Batting Average Award				
U8 Smith	Brayden Burr - Batting Ag	gg & Avg 76 runs @ 12.60				
U9 Clarke	Batting Award -	Jeremy Skinner				
U9 Johnson	Lachlan Jacobs - Batting A	Lachlan Jacobs - Batting Agg & Avg 146 runs @ 73.00				
U10 Gilchrist	Matthew Sullivan - Batting Agg & Avg 104 runs @ 17.33					
U10 Ponting	Justin McColl - Batting Agg & Avg 175 @ runs 43.75					
U11	Lachlan Charlton - Batting A	Lachlan Charlton - Batting Agg & Avg 212 runs @ 42.40				
U12	Ethan Hennessy - Batting Agg 243 runs	Hugh Kermond - Batting Avg 54.50				
U13/14	Simon Masters - Batting Agg 280 runs Jacqueline-Marie Klincke - Batting Avg 42.50					
U15/16	Mitchell Perkins - Batting Agg & Avg 253 runs @ 14.88					

Age/Division	Bowling Aggregate Award	Bowling Average Award				
U8 Smith	Jake Hennessy - Bowling Agg 6 wickets	Robert Pain - Bowling Avg 4.80				
U9 Clarke	Bowling Award	Bowling Award - Trent Lethorn				
U9 Johnson	Owen Fleming - 11 wickets	Lachaln Jacobs - 11 wickets @ 9.64				
U10 Gilchrist	Matthew Sullivan - Bowling Agg 11 wickets @ 5.73					
U10 Ponting	Justin McColl - Bowling	Justin McColl - Bowling Agg 11 wickets @ 10.45				
U11	Ethan Clout / Isaac Kennedy - Bowling Agg 11 wickets	Lachlan Charlton - Bowling Avg 6.75				
U12	Brendon Speechley - Bowling Agg & Avg 15 @ 5.00					
U13/14	John Klincke - Bowling Agg & Avg 11 wickets @ 7.45					
U15/16	Mitchell Perkins - Bowling Ag	gg & Avg 13 wickets @ 13.46				

Age/Division	Coach's Award - Title	Recipient
U8 Smith	Most Improved	Brock Stinson
U9 Clarke	Coach's Award	Joshua Patterson
U9 Johnson	Encouragement Award	Troy Seniuk
U10 Gilchrist	Encouragement Award - Brock Healey / All Round Performance - Jackson Bentvelzen	
U10 Ponting	All Rounder Award - Liam Swist / Leadership Award - Angus McDonald	
U11	Coach's Award	Daniel Andrews
U12	Improvement in all aspects of the game	Oliver Masters
U13/14	Fielding Award	Andrew Norman
U15/16	Most Improved Player - Payton Bradcock / Coach's Encouragement Award - Jake Couchman	

UNDER 8 SMITH REPORT

We had an interesting and rewarding year. It has always been a pleasure to watch young boys take up a challenge and achieve positive results and we certainly had that. It must be stated that most of this team were only 6 or just turned 7 and playing fir the first time. We won 3, lost 11 and had one washout, however, as we also played most of the year 2 players short which yields extra runs and we also had no luck hitting the stumps a few times without dislodging the bails. Just that 1 extra wicket and our win/loss ratio would have been great! Having said that, I am extremely pleased with their achievements and efforts and bring on next year!!!

Brayden Burr - An outstanding batting performance. Brayden shows lots of potential and if we can harness his excited energy, he will achieve even greater results – my "Batting" Award.

Jack Chamberlain - Jack had a great first year and his confidence improved greatly. Showed good batting potential and must be one of the unluckiest bowlers (hit stumps 3 or 4 times with no result!) – my "All-Rounder" Award.

Matthew Cole - Matty frightened me with his pace when I first saw it. Fantastic bowling with little reward and some great fielding, one run out and a couple of assists – my "Brett Lee" and "Fielding" Award.

Brock Stinson - Our most improved player. Brock was all arms and legs when he first started and could hardly bowl half way, but now bowls a good length. Brock deserved a wicket but was another who hit the wickets with no result. He developed a good defence in his batting – my "Most Improved" Award.

Jordan Jodrell-Hunt - Not far behind Brock as Most Improved. Jordan threw every ball at the start and was very nervous at the batting crease. He has overcome both and it was great to see him get a wicket – my "Encouragement" Award.

Jake Hennessy - Jake had a great year with his bowling to capture the most wickets. Jake was steady with his batting – my "Bowling" Award.

Robert Pain - Robert came to us late and only played a few games, but what bowling potential! In a short time showed steady batting – my "Encouragement" Award.

Scott Roots - Scott was our youngest player. Scotty constantly achieved great all round results. One super direct hit from 25m for a run-out – my "All-Rounder" Award.

I would just like to close by thanking Mark Chamberlain in particular for his managerial skills and all the other parents/grandparents for helping scoring etc. The boys were good to coach and showed lots of potential and great improvement in all areas.

Coach's Award

Brock Stinson - Brock is receiving this award as the most improved. For someone to go from being tied in so many knots with his bowling to where he is now is an achievement that could only be seen to be understood. His batting also went from basically showing fear to some good defence and attempted shot making. Brock achieved these results by being attentive at training and constantly asking questions and acknowledging where he made a mistake. Congratulations Brock!!!!

Warwick Roots, Coach

UNDER 9 JOHNSON REPORT

When you turn up each day seeing the boy's eager to learn, train and eager to play the game, this made my first year of coaching an enjoyable one. Encouragingly, you could see that every player improved over the season, with our bowling being the most challenging at the start. Our batting was steady throughout the season, scoring over a century three times 111, and 106 twice. With our bowling we managed to take nine wickets on two occasions and the highest number of runs we conceded in a game was 80, a great effort for a team that struggled with wides and no balls at the start of the season.

Overall, we won 14, lost 3 and 3 games were washed out.

A few words on this talented bunch:

Jacob Bulluss - A good all-rounder getting 98 runs and bagging 7 wickets. Loved to charge in and at times was too good for the opposition, a good bat with a good technique, I see a big future ahead.

Owen Fleming - With his unique bowling style he was our surprise packet, equal highest wicket taker with 11 wickets. He was determined with his batting, we just need to get him to swing harder at the ball.

Jake Grosse - A change in bowling style mid season gave him some encouragement for coming seasons, he took 8 wickets. His batting was steady with 53 runs although, we need to improve his running between the wickets.

Thomas Holburn - Did a great job as keeper taking a few good catches, his quality leggies snared him 10 wickets. In a few years he will have to make a decision between the two. His batting improved by season's end getting 53 runs.

Lachlan Jacobs - He just loves it! A good all-rounder who scored 146 runs being dismissed only twice. His was unlucky with his bowling regularly just missing the stumps he took 11 wickets.

Kye Owen - From where he started to the massive improvement by season's end, his enthusiasm is infectious. He took 7 wickets scored 15 runs.

Troy Seniuk - In his first season showed great commitment to the game, a good listener who wants to improve and will. Scored 64 runs and took 9 wickets.

Jack Trezise - Like's to swing hard at the bowl scoring 53 runs, I can see him scoring some big runs in the coming seasons. His bowling got better in every game, taking 8 wickets.

Nathan Wagner - Even though he stopped playing in round 13, you could see the potential was there for him to improve.

Finally, I would like to thank those parents who lent a hand at training and warming the boys up on the morning of the match, in particular team manager John Grosse. Thanks to those who scored and all who yelled encouragement throughout the game.

Terry Jacobs, Coach

UNDER 9 CLARKE REPORT

Where does one start when you are talking about a bunch of boys who are learning about what can only be called the truly National game played in Australia, the Penrith district has produced a great number of good if not great cricketers, and for those that have forgotten this area has produced players who have gone on to other grade clubs and Captained those clubs to Sydney Grade Grand Final victories, so with this in mind I had the privilege to coach some of the up and coming youth in our area.

I could not have asked for a better bunch of boys who came to all training sessions with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn, for some of these boys it was their second season and for the others it was their first, but at no stage did anyone, make anyone feel unwelcome or out of place.

Of the 10 boys I had, 7 all attend the same school and had a friendship built already, and they welcomed the other 3 boys with open arms and built a friendship with them that certainly went a long way to building a great team bond.

All up I believe we had a great season playing a game and having fun. As the boys will tell you we did not have a man of the match weekly prize, as I felt that it gave out the wrong message to kids of this age, I wanted them to come every weekend enjoy themselves, try their best and find within themselves the improvement we as parents saw ever weekend. I really wanted to instill in these kids what playing team sport was about.

It was fabulous to see a couple of the boys at the start of the season come out of their shells, and they will only improve as time goes on.

It would be remiss of me not to also acknowledge the other people that put in, Rebecca Patterson, who managed the side and kept track of the score book (even though I lost part of it sorry Bec), and taught some of the other parents how that all works, to Dave Skinner who helped me out at time when I had work or personnel issue's and took charge of the team, to the other Dad's who held at all training session's Karl. Simon and Nic and the Mum's who took their turns to ensure the boys had fruit snacks and drinks on a weekly basis.

In closing efforts where put in by all yes I hold the title of Coach and was proud to be that but it is about the team of Clark's, the kids, the mum's and dad's, the Grandparents all these people made every weekend something special to look forward to.

I have been asked to nominate 3 awards and in consultation with Rebecca, this we have come up with batting and bowling was based on the averages that we had on hand.

Batting – Jeremy Skinner Bowling – Trent Lethorn

This last award was the hardest to give as I had discussed with all the parents at the end of the last game of the season and we had seen improvement in all the boys at different levels, but they all brought something to the game, I have thought about this long and hard and what I look for in a player and person, and they do not always have to be the best player but what I have judged it on is their attitude to things that I asked of as an individual and with this mind I have gone with the following:

Coach's Award – Josh Patterson

Roland Mangan, Coach

UNDER 10 GILCHRIST REPORT

Season 2010-11 ensured further fun, great sportsmanship and notable development in all areas of our game for the U/10 Gilly's ...Stepping up from the Under 9 scene brought new challenges and rewards. While the boys took great delight in sending a batsman back to the pavilion first ball they also held their head high when they fell victim to the same fate. All our boys must be applauded for how they conducted themselves on the field and always displayed the true spirit of cricket!

Everyone contributed to our success this season with bat, ball and in the field. We finished the season in a very respectable 4th position, winning 10 games, with 6 loses and a draw. A wrap on each of our players:

Brandon Benson - A wonderful first season with EPCC. Great team player, listener and keen to hone his skills. He took 9 wickets, with a best of 2/9. Some work on his technique will help his hard hitting. He was always super keen in the field and contributed to many run outs.

Jackson Bentvelzen - A super first season with EPCC. A great action had his beautiful outswingers beating many batsman and snared him 5 wickets. He is a batsman with good technique and patience to bat a long innings. Excellent hands in the field resulted in some sublime catches being taken.

Kai Brown - While small in stature, Kai's cricket skills continue grow. His ability to defend some perilous deliveries were highlighted in a valuable and long innings of 8 runs. His left armers netting him 7 wickets with a very notable best performance of 3/6.

Max Buckley - Our very own Shaun Tait ... steams in and lets rip with the ball, grabbing 4 great wickets. His batting is improving together with his calling between wickets. Great enthusiasm and team spirit!

Luke Cook - Another EPCC debutant, who performed very well. His 20 not out being a highlight of his 68 runs. He claimed 7 wickets with a best of 2/0. He took 4 catches. These stats highlight his compact defence, accurate bowling and good hands. A great start to build on next season.

Luke Gale - Luke contributed well with bat and ball, often hitting valuable late innings runs and running well between wickets. He scored 49 runs, took 5 wickets and 6 catches. A strong on-side player, he is encouraged to work on his driving and off-side play for next season.

Ryan Graham - Ryno loves bowling and has the ability to send it down with some heat. He snared 4 wickets with a best of 1/1. He scored 39 runs which included a very valuable highest score of 16. He is encouraged to develop a consistent length when bowling next season.

Brock Healy - His first season of cricket has shown great promise. He bowled very well taking 5 wickets with a best of 2/7. He can hit the ball hard where he scored 29 runs. His fielding is energetic at all times and he has a strong arm. His sportsmanship was first class all year!!

Oscar Mullins - Oscar continued to be a great team player this season. He took 2 wickets and scored runs when needed. His skills with the ball, bat and in the field displayed further improvement. He provided great support in the field to our wicketkeeper on many occasions.

Ethan Parker - Ethan contributed well in all areas during the season. He scored 59 runs, his best being a patiently constructed 25 retired. He snared 6 wickets with his variety of leg spin and medium pace bowling. He also took 5 catches.

Matthew Sullivan - Matthew was a consistent performer with bat and ball. His 25 retired a highlight in his 104 runs for the season. Matthew also took 11 wickets with a best of 2/8. His allround performance included 7 catches and 1 stumping. He was also a representative of the Penrith U/10 Foster Shield team.

I must thank Jake Grosse, Jerry Crumpton and Jeremy Skinner who came up from the Under 9's and each played a game for us when we were short. I know they enjoyed the experience.

To finish, thank you to all the boys for their effort throughout the season, their ability to listen, learn and play the game in the right spirit was inspiring and rewarding as a coach. Thank you again to Matt Graham for all his work on and off the field as Manager of our team. To our team of parent scorers who all took a turn inscribing the scorebook and to all our parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters who all lent a hand at training or on game day ... your support, encouragement, cheering, photography, refreshments and BBQ's all ensured we were a happy team on and off the field.

I look forward to seeing you all again in Season 2011-12.

Geoff Sullivan, Coach

UNDER 10 PONTING REPORT

The competition score card may not show the Emu Plains under 10s Ponting's had the most successful year, but as their coach I am very proud of every single one of the boys. I saw improvement in every boy's, batting, bowling and fielding. As a statistical improvement, our first game started with us giving the other team 75 extras, we improved that to get down to 15 as the season progressed. The thing that I am most proud of, on those occasions where a catch was dropped or a run out was missed; every team member would be there to support their team mate.

For the second year in a row, **Justin McColl** topped the batting and bowling aggregate. Retiring 3 times at 25 and scoring 3 other scores in the 20's, Justin's a consistency make him an asset to the team and our club.

Liam Swit was the Pontings most consistent bowler, with more maidens and less extra's then all other team members. Liam's batting also improved as the season progressed; setting his highest scores in both or our last two games.

Joshua Clift will always remember his first year as a cricketer; he scored his first run and participated in a magnificent 51 run partnership. As a prodigious left arm leg spinner, Joshua's bowling highlight was two wickets in one over against Glenmore Park.

The Pontings other left arm bowler is **Angus McDonald**. Angus is a real team player that not only contributed with bat and ball, but was always the first person to support team members with a positive word. Watch Angus play, it was difficult to remember this was his first year playing cricket.

The biggest improver of our first year players was **Benjamin Dillon**. Ben started the season unable to bowl the ball the length of the pitch, by the end of the season he was bowling a consistent line and length, forcing opposition batsmen to play most deliveries.

Nathan Root returned to EPCC for his second year. Nathan's batting highlight for me was in our first game this year, Nathan opening the batting and carried his bat. As the year progressed he worked on scoring more runs and more quickly. I look forward to seeing him continue with that next season.

The other player that carried their bat this year was **Harrison Field**. Harrison carried his bat twice, on one of those occasions scoring a personal best score of 14. Harrison performed a majority of our wicket keeping duties this year, taking some good catches and preventing extras.

Jeremy Fowler also performed admirably as our wicket keeper, also taking catches and preventing extras. As an aggressive left handed batsmen, on his day he was the sweets hooker and pull of a cricket ball of any batsman I saw bat within the under 10 competition.

If there was an award for the straightest bat, **Paaras Dhaliwal** would easily have been given it. Paaras is a very stylish right hand batsman, who is very handy with the ball in hand. Paaras worked very hard on certain aspects of his bowling this year and I did see an improvement.

Although **Tom Lewis** was not there every week, when he was there he did contribute, whether in the field, bowling or with the bat.

The season of 2010/2011 was another good building block for the Pontings, the boys really did show support and encouragement towards each other and a real team spirit could be felt. These 11 young men are defiantly and will be able to field 11 players every week to ensure we are as competitive as possible. I enjoyed coaching something their parents can be very proud of. Next year I am hoping we will have more players them and I look forward, if required to coaching again next year.

Richard Field, Coach

UNDER 11 REPORT

We had a fantastic season, making our first grand final. This was such a great achievement for our boys. Previous seasons we had finished in the bottom half of the table and were often beaten easily by the top sides.

It is very hard to single out players for special mentions as all players contributed to the team's success; however several players did achieved some fantastic personal achievements.

Our Captain **Lachlan Charlton** was the second highest run scorer in the age group with 281 runs @ 56.20. His average was the highest in his age group. Lachlan was also selected as the Captain of the Creak Shield rep cricket side in which his brother Tom was also selected.

Bailey Mcnulty also contributed well with the bat scoring 132 runs @ 13.2.

Isaac Kennedy in his first year at cricket was outstanding with the ball claiming 17 wickets @ 6.7 finishing third highest wicket taker. He was well supported by Ethan Clout who took 12 wickets.

The highlight of our season was our grand final. The boys put in a magnificent effort against a side that has dominated the competition for the past couple of seasons. We batted first and scored 119 runs which we knew was about 10 runs short of our target. When it was our turn to bowl and field all of the boys dug it deep and fought really hard. Glenmore Park got off to a very good start and was soon 3–69 at the halfway mark of the innings. The Emu boys managed to grab a few quick wickets and come right back into the game having Glemore 8-116. It all came down to the last over where Glenmore needed 4 runs. Our season eventually came down to the last ball of the day where Glenmore needed 1 run to win. Unfortunately for us they managed to get it after some missed runout chances about 4 I think!!! Although the guys were upset with the loss, myself and their parents were extremely proud of their efforts.

Thank you to Gerard McIntosh for scoring throughout the season and Eldon, Andrew and Kevin for helping out at training.

A big thanks to the Parents for your help in making my job easy. Most of all thank you boys. It was a pleasure to be involved with you guys and I hope to see you all back next year.

Go The Emu's

Marty Romer, Coach

UNDER 12 REPORT

There were only a couple of changes to the line-up for this season. We welcomed Aidan "Wild Thing" King and Blake "Blakey" Foster into the team, while saying a sad farewell to Jy Clapham and Jeremy Baranowski-Grey from our team last year. It was a difficult season for a number of reasons, the competition being split into 2 divisions part way through the year, saying goodbye to one of our players, "Big Ben" McCarthy, after Christmas, Kate Turner needing to stop as manager because of 1,000 other commitments and everybody else trying to beat last year's premiers. Full credit to the team, each and every one of the children stood up to defend the premiership they had won in 2010.

Nick "Nitro" Arnold - (234 runs, top score 51, 5 wickets, best bowling 2/8) – Nick is a very reserved young man, preferring to let his actions on the field do the talking. As his nickname suggests, he can really do some damage when he lights it up in the middle with the bat or ball. 2 fifties during the season, his defining innings came in the final, scoring 46 not out under immense pressure, to bring the team home. His bowling figures do not reflect his accuracy, the captain on the day always knowing they could throw the ball to Nick to stop the runs. There is not a batsman in the district that hits the ball harder and further then Nitro in the U12/1 competition and he can absolutely monster the opposition with the bat. Nick was captain of the DCA Cawsey Shield side this year.

Samantha "Sorry" Arnold - (90 runs, top score 27, 15 wickets, best bowling 2/5) — Sam is a terrific asset to any team she is a part of. She keeps wicket (11 catches and is the districts U12/1 leading catches for a Wicket Keeper), is a dynamo in the field and her running between the wickets is exceptional. Sam is a great captain and leader, including captaining the final and leading the team to victory always ensuring the team plays in the true spirit the game. Sam contributed in every game, her top score winning a game for us earlier in the season. She also represented Penrith in the Margaret Peden Shield team which finished runner-up in their competition.

Blake "Blakey" Foster - (30 runs, top score 15, 6 wickets, best bowling 2/17) – Blake was new to cricket this year and his improvement was there for all to see. His 2 best innings were toward the end of the season, his top score of 15 being part of a match winning partnership of 49. His leg spin bowling got better and better and his fielding is first class putting batsman under enormous pressure if they take him on in the field. Blake will be a force to be reckoned with in years to come and simply cannot get enough of the game and just loves getting down to the practice nets.

Joel "Big Bird" Grey - (41 runs, top score 23, 14 wickets, best bowling 4/8) – Joel's second year and he just keeps on improving. His bowling was the stand out contribution to the team this season, his figures of 4 wickets for 8 runs coming against the team we would eventually play in the final were fantastic to watch on the day as he dismissed some very good batsman in this game. Joel's top score of 23 would also prove to be a match winning innings earlier in the season. Another player who just loves to practice and will also be a force in years to come if continues putting in the hard yards in the practice nets.

Ethan "E" Hennessy - (318 runs, top score 52, 11 wickets, best bowling 3/13) – Ethan was Mr Consistency this year, with 3 fifties and another 4 twenties. One of the fifties was scored in the semi final was built with some very good partnerships with Aidan and Hugh to chase down a formidable target to secure the berth in this year's Grand Final. E has really got his passion back for the game and which is fantastic for the team and the district and he can be often seen practicing early in the morning or in the dark. Ethan's leg spin bowling all season was difficult for all opposition batsmen to get on top of. Ethan at the completion of the regular season was the leading run scorer in the district for the U12/1 competition with 243 runs at 48.6

Hugh "HK" Kermond - (263 runs, top score 50, 13 wickets, best bowling 3/4) – Hugh, as one of the opposition parents put it, is the rock in the Emu Plains batting line up. He is always amongst the runs, averaging over 50. He had 7 scores during the year above 20, including both the semi (not out) and in the final. HK's partnership with Ethan in the final against a DCA representative bowling attack laid the foundations for the team and both young men stood up to be counted on the day. Hugh's off spin bowling really came on this year and produced his best bowling of 3 wickets for 4 runs. He shared the wicket keeping duties with Samantha throughout the season and finished second behind Samantha with 6 catches. HK was a member of the DCA Cawsey Shield team. At the completion of the regular season, HK proved to be the most difficult batsman to get out securing the districts U12/1 leading batting average at 54.5 for 218 runs.

Aidan "Wild Thing" King - (161 runs, top score 50, 10 wickets, best bowling 2/5) — Aidan can bring a smile to the face of anyone, adult or child and is an absolute pleasure to have in the team. On the field whether it is his big hitting or his fast left arm bowling, he can strike fear into the hearts of the opposition and change the nature of a game within a couple of overs. Aidan had some very good innings during the season but his best came with his opening partnership with Ethan as an opening batsman in the semi final victory scoring a very good 25. Aidan is also a good fielder along with positive influence in the side really adding to the overall dynamics of the team in manner that had everybody wanting to be out there with him. Aidan is also a member of the DCA Cawsey Shield side.

Oliver "Wally" Masters - (17 runs, top score 10, 6 wickets, best bowling 2/5) — Oliver came of age as a cricketer this year. His top score of 10 came in the most trying of circumstances, stopping a flow of wickets while trying to get his partner to 50. A couple of deliveries into his helmet didn't even look like slowing him down. He has become a very reliable, accurate bowler, picking up wickets just when they are needed, including one in the final. Every player in the team enjoys the moments they spend in the middle with this very likable young man who really typifies what the game is about and is a pleasure to have in the team as you now he will give it everything he has to try and help the team with the biggest smile on his face.

Ben "Big Ben" McCarthy - (46 runs, top score 29*, 7 wickets, best bowling 3/9) – Ben moved out of the country over the Christmas period and the team lost not only a good player, but a good young man. On the cricket front, Ben was an attacking batsman, his top score of 29 coming in about 15 overs. Ben had the knack of picking up wickets just when they were needed and was an excellent close to the wicket catcher.

Jarrod "J-Rod" Morley - (154 runs, top score 37*, 13 wickets, best bowling 4/8) – Jarrod stepped up to the plate this year. Noted as a good defensive batsman, Jarrod played some smart innings, taking the singles to let the big hitters get on strike. His 17 not out in the final, supporting Nick in a partnership of 75 showed just how far he has come. Jarrod also during the course of the year secured a victory for the team when the DCA players were missing due to representative duties with a very memorable batting display, fantastic shots scorching to the boundary. Jarrod was captain of the under 11 IDCA team.

Brendon "Boof" Speechley - (42 runs, top score 21*, 16 wickets, best bowling 3/2) – Brendon is the ultimate opening bowler. He invariably "picks up an opener" with his mix of pace and outswing. There was no game in the season that the opposition batsmen felt comfortable facing him. His economy rate of 1.7 also speaks to his accuracy, never letting the batsmen off the hook. Brendon's batting has also come along this year, bowlers finding him hard to dismiss, with all the hard practice he is putting in he will reap the benefit in years to come. Brendon also played his first season of DCA cricket this year, being part of the DCA Cawsey Shield team. At the completion of the regular season Brendon was the team's leading wicket taker for the season with 15 wickets at 1.64 which was second in the district U12/1 competition.

Max "Pepsi" Turner - (88 runs, top score 41, 7 wickets, best bowling 1/3) – Max has improved in all facets of the game. His batting can adapt to the needs of the team, taking the singles as an opener in his top score of 41 with some great partnerships with Nick and HK. He also contributed to a very memorable win with his innings when all the DCA players were away on representative duties even hitting the odd boundary along the way which is a great improvement in his development. His off spin bowling troubles all batsmen, picking up a wicket in both the semi and the final. His ground fielding and his catching are excellent. Max was part of the under 12 President's Cup team.

Mitchell "Mighty Mitch" Waugh - (8 runs, top score 3, 4 wickets, best bowling 2/16) – Unfortunately, the statistics don't do Mitch justice. He missed half the season with a broken finger, but came back after Christmas better than ever. His best bowling, 2 wickets for 16, was in the final and his top score was in a partnership of 14 to bring the team to the brink of victory during the season. Mitch also took a great running catch in the semi final to dismiss one of their most attacking batsmen which helped restrict them to a total that we could chase down as a team. Mitch is a player who could really develop in years to come to be a great bowler at all levels of cricket. No team can achieve the results this team has without the terrific parent support network we have. Our young players have shown superb sportsmanship under tremendous pressure this year and they are a credit to their parents, club and themselves as they always strive to play the great game of cricket with passion and commitment in the right spirit of the game.

Peter Kermond, Coach

UNDER 14 REPORT

Season 2010/11 saw seven new players in the U14 side. We welcomed into the team Jacqueline Klincke who came across from Colyton St Clair; Brandon Gray and his brother Patrick Kamlad who were welcomed back to Emu Plains after a year at Henry Lawson; Reece Iaria and Tyler Nielson who both played in the Emu's U16 side last year; along with Thomas Phelps and Corey Sanderson who were both playing their inaugural season of cricket. We welcomed back Hayden Hale, Andrew Norman, Mikayla Hinkley, Peter Hardy, John Klincke and Simon Masters.

We started off like a house on fire winning our first three games of the season. Then the wheels fell off and we lost the next four games straight. At one stage it looked like we may have missed out on a spot in the semi finals. However after the Christmas break the team regathered and put in some outstanding performances to win the next three games straight and catapult us into second place on the table and into the semis. We had a good win in our semi final - bowling the opposition team out for 45 and then scoring 3/225 off our 60 overs. Great form to take into the final!

It was a great way to culminate the end of the season by making the final. We won the toss and sent Penrith RSL into bat. At the end of the first day there was not much between the two teams - only a couple of runs and a wicket separated the two. Unfortunately on day two we were unable to secure enough runs to defend and were beaten by a better team on the day.

There were many outstanding individual and team performances during the year – spectacular catches, fantastic bowling and good digs with the bat. Everyone improved immensely during the season which was evident by our run home to the semis.

I was very impressed by the team and how well they all got on with each other – considering we had seven new players in the side. This showed in the way the team had plenty of encouragement for our two new players Corey and Thomas who had never played a game of cricket before. The teams on field and off field sportsmanship left nothing to be desired. They were an enthusiastic bunch of young cricketers who did the Emu Plains club proud.

I must give special thanks to the parents, grandparents and siblings who helped out during the year by scoring, helping with training and warming the players up before the game. Your help is very much appreciated.

I hope to see you all back in Emu Plains colours next year. Go the Bird!

Steve Masters, Coach

UNDER 16 REPORT

Our team had started the season off with only nine players, with one of the boys dropping out after the first round to play in his respective age group, which put us back to eight players come round two. The boys worked overtime in the coming rounds and we eventually got a squad of 11 players together by the Christmas break, which was an outstanding effort on its own.

During these two rounds I felt the boys knew this season was going to be a big battle mainly because our side was made up from a core group of under 14 year olds, two under 15 year olds & only two players who were in their right age group.

I couldn't imagine being able to front up week in week out with an uphill battle such as these boys took on. I myself played eight years of junior cricket for Emu Plains Cricket Club and would have struggled at the thought of playing up two age groups in an older more mature competitive competition such as most of these boys took on.

Then I looked at it in another way, looking at it in a way that three of these boys were playing under 16's last season as well as this season, but without most of their mates who were too old and had to move on into Senior Cricket. These three boys had great success last year making it all the way to the Grand Final. These three boys would have felt a lot of pressure knowing that they were now the experienced players of the side who had to take on a lot more responsibility each week.

These challenges I have just mentioned were hardly ever talked about with these boys, but now that the season has come to a close, I couldn't be happier to mention how proud I am of these young men who were willing to respect all, on and off the field, learn and listen, take on a lot of individual responsibilities week in and week out.. and a big one, to never give up. They showed huge character, always keeping their heads up, regardless of the result, which unfortunately they went winless all season.

I am so proud of these boys. In fact I'm so proud of all involved with our side, from our Manager Margot Drake always willing to put our team first in any way possible, thanks Margot! Peter 'Gibbo' Gibson our Trainer, a great mate of mine, has played all his junior and senior cricket with Emu Plains. Gibbo did an outstanding job in keeping the boys motivated and kept encouraging with some great tips and guidance on how to play the play and enjoy the game, to the best of his knowledge.

To all the parents, well done. All the time you spent driving to and from games and training, helping out with scoring & or collecting the cones, it's all really appreciated.

To the boys - you are all excellent players with huge potential and need to come back next season with Emu. It was a great privilege to coach you and I would be more than happy to go around next season with you, when you all hopefully come back.

Enjoy the offseason, well played.

Patrick Anderson, Coach