



STC South Camberwell Cricket Club 2022/2023 Annual Report



Secretary's Report

Dear Member,

On behalf of President Nick Fennessy and the Committee it gives me great pleasure to table the 2022/2023 STC South Camberwell Cricket Club Annual Report.

This report is the 56th to be presented to our members and includes reports from our seven senior teams, two Veterans teams, and the highly successful junior program.

Special thanks must go to everybody that contributed to the preparation of this report.

I would also like to thank the committees and the broader STC community for their support and encouragement this season.

Yours sincerely,



James Terrill
Secretary



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Honour Board

| SEASON | PRESIDENT | SECRETARY | SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT | JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT | TREASURER | FIRST XI CAPTAIN | CLUB CHAMPION | BEST CLUBMAN | BASIL FINNIGAN MEDALLIST |
|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| 1967/68 | A Yarwood | A Burt | | | | A Burt | D Harrison | | |
| 1968/69 | G Mazoletti | K Burt | | | | A Burt | D Harrison | | |
| 1969/70 | G Mazoletti | K Burt | J Cain A Burt | | M Sargeant | A Yarwood | M Cain | | |
| 1970/71 | G Mazoletti | K Burt | | | | A Yarwood | M Cain | | |
| 1971/72 | A Burt | K Burt | | | | A Yarwood | J Martin | | |
| 1972/73 | A Burt | K Burt | | | | A Yarwood | M Cain | | |
| 1973/74 | A Burt | K Burt | | | | K Burt | J Martin | | |
| 1974/75 | A Burt | K Burt | | | | K Burt | B Finnigan | | |
| 1975/76 | A Yarwood | M Wignell | | | | K Burt | G Wignell | K Burt | |
| 1976/77 | A Yarwood | M Wignell | | | | K Burt | M Robertson | M Yarwood | |
| 1977/78 | P Sandilands | P Spithill | R Fitzwilliam M Yarwood | | G Wignell | P Sandilands | G Wignell | B Brell | |
| 1978/79 | P Sandilands | P Spithill | R Fitzwilliam M Yarwood | | G Wignell | P Sandilands | G Wignell | E Fitzwilliam | |
| 1979/80 | P Sandilands | E Fitzwilliam | P Pawsey M Yarwood | | K Burt | P Sandilands | G Wignell | J Spithill | |
| 1980/81 | P Sandilands | E Fitzwilliam | P Pawsey M Wignell | | P Spithill | P Sandilands | G Wignell | J Spithill | |
| 1981/82 | P Sandilands | E Fitzwilliam | P Pawsey M Wignell | | G Wignell | G Wignell | G Wignell | P Pawsey | |
| 1982/83 | P Sandilands | P Pawsey | E Fitzwilliam | | P Pawsey | P Sandilands | G Wignell | P Stewart | |
| 1983/84 | R Fitzwilliam | P Pawsey | E Fitzwilliam | | I Constable | B Cain | B Cain | B Docherty | |

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|---------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--|
| 1984/85 | R Fitzwilliam | P Pawsey | J Hall | | I Constable | K Burt | C Hoare | Mrs D Burt | |
| 1985/86 | K Burt | Mrs M Smith | J Krohn | | G Findlay | K Burt | C Hoare | M Drew | G Walker |
| 1986/87 | K Burt | P McHenry | B Docherty | | G Findlay | C Hoare | C Hoare | D Zennaro | P Wignell |
| 1987/88 | K Burt | P McHenry | B Docherty | | G Findlay | B Docherty | G Wignell | P McHenry | G Wignell |
| 1988/89 | K Burt | E Fitzwilliam | B Docherty | | M Kennedy | B Docherty | B Docherty | P Docherty | B Docherty E Fitzwilliam G Wignell |
| 1989/90 | I Constable | E Fitzwilliam | B Docherty | | K Burt | B Docherty | M Learmonth | J Murray | M Learmonth |
| 1990/91 | I Constable | E Fitzwilliam | R Molloy | | K Burt | B Docherty | M Learmonth | R Molloy | G Walker |
| 1991/92 | B Docherty | R Molloy | R Hoich | | K Burt | B Docherty | B Docherty | P McHenry | G Walker |
| 1992/93 | B Docherty | K Burt | R Hoich | | K Burt | P Docherty | P Williams | R Hoich | P Williams |
| 1993/94 | B Docherty | K Burt | R Hoich | | P Pawsey | P Docherty | P Williams | M Molloy | J Hall C Hoare |
| 1994/95 | B Docherty | S Ross | G Chard | | R Parker | B Docherty | B Docherty | Mrs K Burt | C Wood |
| 1995/96 | G Chard | S Ross | P Sandilands | Dr T Bach | R Moore | P Warcarba | B Docherty | A Purcell | B Docherty |
| 1996/97 | G Chard | S Ross | P Sandilands | P Lynch | R Moore | P Warcarba | P Warcarba | A Daly | P Warcarba |
| 1997/98 | S Ross | S Waller | J Krohn | Dr T Bach | T Michaelidis | P Warcarba | P Warcarba | A Tracey | R McDowall D Burt |
| 1998/99 | S Waller | S Weerasinghe | R Corbett | Dr T Bach | T Michaelidis | S Joyce | B Docherty R McDowall | J Di Stefano | M Thackwray |
| 1999/00 | R Corbett | P Zennaro | S Joyce | J Krohn | T Michaelidis | B Docherty | B Docherty | P Lynch | M Pivetta |
| 2000/01 | R Corbett | P Zennaro | S McCulloch | J Krohn | T Michaelidis | S Joyce | D Sotiriadis | P Morrison | L D'Astoli |

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|---------|-------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| 2001/02 | G Chard | P Zennaro | Dr T Bach | J Krohn | T Michaelidis | P Fiscaro | B Docherty | R Corbett | S Hoy M Pivetta |
| 2002/03 | G Chard | P Zennaro | Dr T Bach | J Krohn | T Michaelidis | P Fiscaro | S O'Connell | P Fiscaro | S Hoy J Krohn |
| 2003/04 | Dr T Bach | P Zennaro | R Corbett | J Krohn | E Behan | P Fiscaro | S O'Connell | G Chard | L D'Astoli |
| 2004/05 | Dr T Bach | N Fennessy | S Hoy | S Hamilton | E Behan C Classon | S O'Connell | S O'Connell | A Michaelides | M Mitchell |
| 2005/06 | S Hoy | Mrs K Zennaro | P Lynch | S Hamilton | E Behan | S O'Connell | S O'Connell | P Zennaro | D Smith |
| 2006/07 | S Hoy | Mrs K Zennaro | P Lynch | S Hamilton | E Behan | S O'Connell | S O'Connell | R & K Corbett | N Hodgson |
| 2007/08 | S Hoy | Mrs K Zennaro | P Lynch | S Hamilton | E Behan | S O'Connell | L D'Astoli | S O'Connell | L D'Astoli |
| 2008/09 | P Zennaro | Mrs K Zennaro | P Lynch | S Hamilton | E Behan | S O'Connell | T Bach | M Francis | A Ross |
| 2009/10 | P Zennaro | Mrs K Zennaro | S Rowe | S Hamilton | D Burt | S O'Connell | S O'Connell | Mrs K Zennaro | P Morrison |
| 2010/11 | D Sharpe | Mrs K Zennaro | L D'Astoli | S Hamilton | D Burt | S O'Connell | S O'Connell | J Krohn | S O'Connell |
| 2011/12 | D Burt | Mrs K Zennaro | T Sandilands | B Docherty | B Banks-Smith | L D'Astoli | S O'Connell | Dr T Bach | P Lynch J Murray S O'Connell |
| 2012/13 | D Burt | T Sharpe | M Francis | B Docherty | B Coyle | L D'Astoli | S Fairbrother | B Docherty | S Fairbrother |
| 2013/14 | M O'Connell | D Sharpe | T Bach | B Docherty | B Coyle | S Fairbrother | S Fairbrother | T Bach | P Morrison |
| 2014/15 | M O'Connell | D Sharpe | M Francis | B Docherty | B Coyle | T Bach | T Bach | M Francis | A King |

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|---------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 2015/16 | B Coyle | Mrs A Craine | M O'Connell | B Docherty | J Terrill | T Bach | S O'Connell | S O'Connell | G Douglas |
| 2016/17 | B Coyle | Mrs A Craine | A D'Addazio | B Docherty | J Terrill | L D'Astoli | L D'Astoli | Mrs A Craine | A D'Addazio |
| 2017/18 | P Lynch | J Terrill | T Bach | B Docherty | L Flegeltaub | S Fairbrother | M Thomas | D Sharpe | L Colman M Williams |
| 2018/19 | T Bach | Mrs A Craine | B Craine | B Docherty | J Terrill | S Fairbrother | C Dooley | M Mansour | C Dooley |
| 2019/20 | T Bach | M Doran | D Hando | P Martin | J Terrill | R Flint | T Bach | N Fennessy | T Bach |
| 2020/21 | T Bach | M Doran | T Sandilands | P Martin | J Terrill | R Flint | R Flint | P Tesoriero | A King S Schifferle |
| 2021/22 | N Fennessy | J Terrill | P Tesoriero | P Martin | J Moorhead | A Hamilton | T Bach | J Donaldson | T Bach |
| 2022/23 | N Fennessy | J Terrill | P Tesoriero | N Adams | J Moorhead | A Hamilton | A Hamilton | H Macmillan | K Hill |

Office Bearers

| Position | Representative |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| President | Nick Fennessy |
| Secretary | James Terrill |
| Senior Vice President | Paul Tesoriero |
| Junior Vice President | Nick Adams |
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| General Committee | Alex Braham |
| General Committee | Kale Wren |
| General Committee | Nick Cropley |
| General Committee | Peter Morrison |
| General Committee | Simon Schifferle |
| General Committee | Jackson Reeve |
| ECA Delegation | |
| ECA Delegate | Nick Fennessy |
| ECA Delegate | James Terrill |
| Senior Captains | |
| 1 XI | Angus Hamilton |
| 2 XI | Hamish Macmillan |
| 3 XI | Nick Fennessy |
| 4 XI | Sid Jones |
| 5 XI | Harley Freeman Kingsley Hill |
| 6 XI | David Martin Ken Boal |
| 7 XI | Jack Krohn |
| Veterans 1XI | Pat Hall |
| Veterans 2XI | Alex Braham |
| Selection | |
| Chairman of Selectors | Pau Tesoriero |
| Selector | Harry Douglas |
| Selector | Andrew Krohn |

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Premierships

| Season | Grade |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| 1968/69 | 1st XI ESCA "A" Grade Matting |
| 1970/71 | 1st XI ESCA "A" Grade Matting |
| 1977/78 | 2nd XI ESCA "C" Grade Matting |
| 1978/79 | 3rd XI ESCA "E" Grade Matting |
| 1980/81 | 3rd XI ESCA "E" Grade Matting |
| 1987/88 | 1st XI ESCA "A" Grade Matting |
| 1995/96 | 3rd XI ESCA "C" Grade Matting |
| 1998/99 | 4th XI ESCA "D" Grade Non-Turf |

Premierships (cont'd)

| Season | Grade |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| 2001/02 | 1st XI ECA Burt Shield |
| 2001/02 | 2nd XI ECA "A" Grade God |
| 2002/03 | 2nd XI ECA Burt Shield |
| 2002/03 | 4th XI ECA "B2" Grade Blue |
| 2002/03 | Club XI ECA One Day Division 2 |
| 2003/04 | 1st XI ECA Macgibbon Shield |
| 2003/04 | 2nd XI ECA Burt Shield |
| 2008/09 | 1st XI ECA Macgibbon Shield |
| 2011/12 | 1st XI ECA Macgibbon Shield |
| 2012/13 | 1st XI ECA Macgibbon Shield |
| 2012/13 | 3rd XI ECA Wilson Shield |
| 2013/14 | 1st XI ECA Macgibbon Shield |
| 2013/14 | 2nd XI ECA Burt Shield |
| 2014/15 | 1st XI ECA Macgibbon Shield |
| 2018/19 | Veterans XI ECA Fielden Shield |
| 2018/19 | 2nd XI ECA Shaw Shield |
| 2018/19 | 3rd XI ECA Carr Shield |
| 2019/20 | Veterans XI ECA PCFA Shield |
| 2020/21 | 3rd XI ECA Merrell Shield |
| 2020/21 | Veterans XI ECA PCFA Shield |

STC Legends

| Year | Person |
|------|------------------|
| 2002 | Basil Finnigan |
| 2002 | Peter Sandilands |
| 2002 | Greg Wignell |
| 2002 | Alan Yarwood |
| 2007 | Chris Hoare |
| 2007 | Michael Wignell |
| 2012 | Bernard Docherty |
| 2023 | Pat Wignell |
| 2023 | Michael Cain |
| 2023 | John Aspinall |
| 2023 | Steve O'Connell |
| 2023 | Luke D'Astoli |
| 2023 | Sam Fairbrother |
| 2023 | Adam D'Addazio |

Life Members

| Year | Person |
|------|---------------------|
| 1975 | Alan Burt |
| 1975 | Alan Yarwood |
| 1977 | Kevin Burt |
| 1977 | Peter Sandilands |
| 1978 | Robert Fitzwilliam |
| 1980 | Michael Wignell |
| 1984 | Eugene Fitzwilliam |
| 1990 | Bernard Docherty |
| 1991 | John Krohn |
| 1991 | Bryan Cain |
| 1991 | Joe Cain |
| 1993 | Paul McHenry |
| 1993 | Peter Pawsey |
| 1995 | Justin Murray |
| 1995 | Tim Allen |
| 1999 | Patrick Docherty |
| 1999 | Basil Finnigan |
| 2005 | Anthony Michaelides |
| 2007 | Tim Bach |
| 2008 | Garry Chard |
| 2010 | Paul Zennaro |
| 2011 | Richard Corbett |
| 2012 | Kylie Zennaro |
| 2013 | Stephen Ross |
| 2014 | Andrew Murray |
| 2016 | Peter Lynch |
| 2018 | Steve O'Connell |
| 2021 | Steve Hoy |
| 2023 | Tom Bach |
| 2023 | Tom Sandilands |
| 2023 | Stuart Hamilton |
| 2023 | Peter Morrison |

Special Awards

Basil Finnigan Medalist- Kingsley Hill

Best Clubman- Hamish Macmillan

Most Improved Player- Richard Bland

Best First Year Player- Joel Holmes

Stuart Hamilton Award- Ollie Schleiger



President's Report

It is with great pleasure that I present this, the 56th annual report of the STC South Camberwell Cricket Club.

Well what a brilliant and exciting season we had. If we thought last season was great, then this was even better. And one like we haven't seen in 20 years.

Last season we welcomed the 6th team back to club after 10 years, this season we not only went one better, we went two better. For the first time ever we added a 7th team and even more exciting was adding a girls team that played for points.

As I mentioned at the Presentation Night, success is different for each and every one of us. One might think that because we didn't win any flags, that it wasn't a successful season...I beg to differ. Let's look at the success that the club should be extremely proud of this season:

- The 1stXI played in the Grand Final. A great effort by any measure but in doing so they will return to the highest synthetic grade in 2023/24 – Macgibbon Shield. This was the priority of the team for the past 2 seasons.
- The 6th XI, after just missing finals last season, went one better and played in semi finals this season.
- The 2 Vets Teams played in Grand Finals in their respective divisions. The first time that has occurred at STC.
- The inaugural 7th XI team commenced and played most of their matches on turf wickets and almost made finals in their first season.
- The inaugural Girls team commenced and played for match points and topped the table in their first season.

There are still more accomplishments that we need to be just as proud of:

- STC still has not have to forfeit a senior game in its history.
- We have heaters for those chillier nights.
- We did not raise our subs post COVID (in fact we reduced them) and still broke even financially.
- We had several players (both senior and junior) selected to represent the ECA.

The success and credit for getting the Girls team up must go to Stevie O'Connell for his participation and perseverance during the past few years and the links that we have with girls – afterall he has 3 of them, so he didn't really have a choice. But for this, Steve was deservedly awarded the Junior Club person for this season.

The success and credit for getting the 7thXI team (or as they has self-titled themselves – Sunday 1stXI) up must go to Nick Adams for his dogged perseverance to get the team up and running and backing his judgement. Having a Sunday option to play will see more players be retained at the club if they can't play Saturdays any more. And we must thank Jack Krohn, Sid Jines and Nick Fennessy for leading the team throughout the season. But for a few close games, they could have been finals bound. As they say – they will be better for the run.

The on-field success is always due to the committed work of the Selection Committee in the ever-difficult task of balancing the many considerations in the selection process. Even with the extra teams each week, once again STC were able to field full teams each and every game. It wasn't easy and the senior teams must give a big thanks to the myriad of Juniors who stepped up, stepped in and helped out. We have seen some real diamonds being unearthed with these kids.

The club's thanks must go to the generous support of our sponsors. Our sponsors are listed elsewhere in the Annual Report. Please support them as they have supported us.

It was lovely to celebrate our Presentation Night in is such style. As we were unable to have the 55th anniversary Celebration, this season we thought it would be best to combine it with the normal annual presentation night – a super joint event if you like. And there was nothing normal about it. We announced the Team of the Decade. We welcomed not 1, not 2 but 4 new Life Members to the club – Peter Morrison, Stuart Hamilton, Tom Sandilands and Tom Bach. Each one of these gents a fitting and unanimously agreed addition to the status pf Life Membership.

We also must congrats those former players that were elevated to STC Legend Status – Steve O'Connell. Luke D'Astoli, Sam Fairbrother and Adam D'Addazio, John Aspinall and Michael Cain.

While it is impossible to name everybody that contributed during the year, I would like to sincerely thank you all for your efforts, in particular the tireless effort of the Executive Committee – Paul Tesoriero, James Terrill, Joe Moorhead and Nick Adams. I would like to remind everyone that the culture of STC is the product of those that went before us, and dependent on all current members contributing off field as well as on.

I'd like to thank the whole committee for their constant and continued commitment to putting 7 senior teams, 2 Vets teams, 1 girls' junior team and 8 junior boys teams out on the field each week. A phenomenal effort and certainly the envy of most other cricket clubs in our region. The club is once again (always is) in a very strong position to bound ahead next season and have even greater success (whatever your own success may be) in the years to come. When you're down at STC, there's no better place to be. Go Saints!

Nick Fennessy
President



First XI Report- Burt Shield

This season felt like a revelation for the First XI. A semi-final tie knocking us out last season was a rough way to end, but the squad was determined to go even further this year. Bolstered by some off-season recruits, I certainly felt like we were going to be able to have a real crack at the flag.

Frustratingly, weeks on weeks of rain made it a difficult start to the season! This was only further compounded by perhaps our worst performance of the season in our first game. When we did finally manage to get back out on the park in between wash outs, we managed to hit the ground running in the way that we had hoped to. A 93 run defeat of Northcote was just what we needed. A first First XI half-century for Tom Docherty, and a debut 40 for British recruit Frazer Fennell, were crucial to this performance.

This kicked off a string of great performances for the team. 4 wins in a row, including 2 close victories over a team that was competing in Macgibbon last season saw us stamp ourselves on the competition. Highlights in this period included Tom Bach's 87 (49) against Toorak-Prahran in Round 7, which illustrated his incredible hitting prowess. Round 8 was our first 2 day game in a number of years, and that also ended up being a remarkable game. We saw the beginning of what would become the best 1-2 punch in the competition, with Cal Dooley returning to form and his fellow Western Australian Joel Holmes starting to really find his feet. Bowling them out for 170 felt like a great result. Frustratingly, at 5/34 and then 7/68, things looked dire. However this time Tom Bach (101*) showed his immense ability to control a game, and partnered with an incredible rear-guard defensive effort by Frazer Fennell (19 off 69) ensured that we managed to scrape home thanks to their 103* partnership for the 8th wicket.

A very different side took to the field coming up against old rivals Glen Waverley the week after. 5 players under the age of 20, including a debut for 16yo Saveen Seneviratne, made for exciting times. Joel Holmes continued his rise, taking 5/31 including the 2 wickets of those that would become the competitions leading run scorers. Though we fell 20 runs short of our goal, Henry Lasscock showed us his huge potential by top scoring with a very well made 80 (123), despite waking up that morning and testing positive to COVID.

At the Christmas break with 4 wins and 2 losses, we felt pretty good. We continued our frustrating form however as we lost 3 in a row, including 2 the very first weekend back as we were forced into a Saturday/Sunday death. Cal and Joel continued to take wickets, Turbo continued to score runs but we just weren't quite clicking.

This looked like it was continuing in round 11 with our 2 day game against Notting Hill-Brandon Park, as we stumbled from 0/42 to being 7/63. Luckily, Hamish Macmillan (9 off 54) got the opportunity to throw his name forward and showed how his continued efforts in training were paying off as he spent considerable time at the crease against a fearsome bowling attack. We hoped that, despite being all out for 131, it might be just enough. We knew though that with our bowling attack, we had a chance. Cal kept us right in the game, taking early, and seemingly constant wickets. Matt Doran chipped in with a crucial run out to remove their highest scoring batsmen. Overnight, we had them 9/120 and it was a tense week. Cal managed to complete his 5-fa, and find us a 2 run win, in the fifth over of the morning.

The 3 final rounds were sure to be interesting, as things got to the pointy end of the season. It was tight on the table, so nothing less than 3 wins would ensure our place in finals. Somehow, we managed to upset the apple cart a little bit as we picked up 2 outright wins in a row. West Ivanhoe, who we had lost to in the first game of the season, was a massive game for us. Cal taking 2 wickets in the first over was very handy, as was Rusty (in game 200) taking 2/7 off 11 overs (with 7 maidens). We passed them on the final ball before Tea on Day 2, at which point everyone expected to pack up and go home. I had other ideas though, and much to everyone's shock, we played on. Luke Worthy (4/4 off 7) and Harry Douglas (3/12 off 7) saw us bowl them out within 30 overs, and for under 50 leaving us chasing 49 off 11 overs. Turbo and Mark Shallue ensured we got there with no troubles, ensuring a famous win.

Clifton Hill the week after was a fair bit simpler. Cal took 4/22 to help us bowl them out for 108 before Matt Doran, Mark Shallue, and Tom Docherty got us to a healthy score. Within 2 overs of their 2nd innings, we had them 2/2 and things felt almost inevitable. Everyone chipped in and gave us an Innings and 17 run win, that gave us a chance all of a sudden at 2nd spot and a home final.

Sadly that wasn't to be, as Northcote forfeited the final round and we went into the semi-final well rested, but anxious to ensure we didn't get anywhere near a tie!

Finally able to field our strongest XI for perhaps the first time all season, we went in feeling pretty confident. Winning the toss and bowling surprised a few onlookers, and at about 3/90ish at lunch, it looked to be a potentially costly error. However, just as we had earlier in the season against the Catholics, we came out after lunch and absolutely blew them away. Having them all out for 123 we went into the sheds feeling good. 24 overs later, and a brilliant first First XI half century for Lachie Macniel got us over the line and made sure that we wouldn't need to come back for day 2.

Our return to the Big Dance made for an anxiously excited week. Up against Glen Waverley again, who hadn't lost a game all season, we were as ready as we could be. Straight away, Cal took 2 in the first over, Turbo taking a ripper catch off the very first ball low at 2nd slip, and then blasting through their number 3 with some of the fastest bowling seen in the ECA... Cal with the wind behind him was something to see. Glen Waverley fought back, to limp to 132 all out within 50 overs. Our bowlers were easily the stars of the day. Cal and Joel (3 apiece) and Dion Di Battista (4/15 off 7) gave the side the best possible chance at a premiership. Sadly, other than Matt Doran and Harry Douglas, there was limited fight to be found with the bat and we fell short.

I'd like to thank Cal Dooley and Matt Doran for their support as my VCs this season, but most importantly Frazer Fennell for taking the gloves from me and ensuring that I only had to keep for 80 overs a couple of times.

A huge thank you to all those that played in the First XI this season, all those that came and watched, and those that supported behind the scenes. The energy around the team all season was very special, and something that we're all keen to carry on next season. We've got some unfinished business after all.

Angus Hamilton
1XI captain



Second XI Report- Menzies & Mackay Shield

Due to some retirement to do listings at the end of last season, we knew it was going to be a tough year, but a development year for the seconds.

Throughout the season, we had 27 of our 57 players under the age of 20, which shows the ability and the strength of our junior program to step up and compete in our highest grades.

A big highlight of the season was to have 11 previous MacGibbon shield winners come back for a game after Christmas to continue their involvement in the club through a playing aspect.

Some individual highlights for the season were Peter Morrison's 150th game!!! Russ Flint's 6/10, Dom Hando's 60, and Mark Shallue's 138 and 78.

A massive thank you to all who played in the seconds this season and captained the team when I was unavailable.

Despite a tough year, we still manage to finish fifth on the ladder, showing our fight and determination to compete, no matter who the opposition.

I look forward to seeing the development of the juniors and seniors who played in the team this season. Thank you.

Hamish Macmillan
2XI captain



Third XI Report- B Synthetic Holzer Shield

As always when a team starts the season, we are full of beans and supremely confident that the team will do well. And this season was no different. This season we had the team once again have co-captains, this time it was Mike Van Der Meer and Nick Fennessy. And I can tell you that in the off season we had planned everything down to a tee. And then the team was promoted into higher division – B Grade. That threw out all the prework we had done.

The wet start to the season meant that when we played our first game against Edinburgh =. The turf season was still being called off and as such we fronted up to Edinburgh payers who would normally play in their 1st XI turf team. No guesses how that game ended!

And so set the tone for the rest of the season. We were somewhat competitive, but the jump was too much for the team and mix of players we had over the year. For most of the year we were languishing in the bottom half of the ladder, but we did start to get a little better after the Christmas break. Unfortunately, not enough to bridge the gap to get us into finals.

The depth of the player pool was drained over the offseason with many players in last year's 2nd's team not playing in 22/23. This meant that a lot of people who would normally play in the 3's needed to be moved up to the 2's and the flow through affect was felt by the 3's. For most games during the season, we were required to play juniors and in particular juniors from our clubs under 14's. They were fantastic in their endeavours and enthusiasm but when playing in B Grade, it's just a little too much of a leap in skill for them to excel. But seeing the talent at the level should be extremely encouraging for the future of the club – in particular Lucas Van Gurp, Tyler Murray and Walter Adams.

The team didn't have anyone in particular who consistently excelled with either bat or ball but there were instances where there was moments of brilliance. Dom Hando's 173 vs Edinburgh was simply magical! Fenno's 119 vs Boroondara in the last game of the season being the only other century maker for the season AND at the same time Alex King and Fenno created a new 3rdXI opening partnership batting record of 182, eclipsing the old record of 178.

Other notable batting during different innings include Simon Schifferle (71), Morro (51*), Van Der Meer (79), Croyley (70) and Hill (90).

Bowling-wise we saw the emergence of the 'Afghan Express'. Khalid, Imran, and Sayeed who have the speed to upset any team. And with time, their consistency and accuracy will get better, so opposition better be ready!

In the end we finished 6th on the ladder by percentage and only a game and half a half out of the 4. So not a disgraceful result but we could and should have done better. Onward and upward!!

Nick Fennessy
3XI captain



Fourth XI Report- LOC 4 Tobias Shield

As a captain for the second time in the 2022/23 season I again had the privilege of taking charge of the 4s. We were to compete in LOC4 with the 6s taking residence in LOC6 and the 5s competing in LOC8. Our allocated home ground was Warner Reserve for the season.

It was quite a jump for the 4s from LOC8 to LOC4, however, given that we had kept most of our squad together from 2021/22 and had made finals in that previous season, we went into the 2022/23 season with confidence.

Our season kicked off against local rivals, Glen Iris CC, at Howard Dawson Reserve. In a great display of park cricket, after winning the toss, the STC 4s captain unwittingly walked out to the crease with just the one pad on. After 3 overs, it came to his attention that he was only wearing the one pad, and there was a short interlude while the second pad was retrieved (much to the bemusement of the two cohorts). We posted 6/147 (Tristan Hunt with a stellar 61 and Marc Mansour with a formidable 40) and managed to bowl Glen Iris out for just 69 (Gaz Douglas with 3/7, Cam Timms with 3/8 and Patrick Martin with 2/12).

Frustratingly, the season then went on pause for three weeks, as rain wreaked havoc across Melbourne's cricket grounds. We missed out on playing Ashburton Willows and Mount Waverley Catholics (both of whom would turn out to be easy beats) and also AYC Harlequins (whom would turn out to be a top 4 side), so it was a lose-lose-win for us.

Our next match was against Mount Waverley Uniting at Jingella Reserve. Unfortunately we were not switched on for the game with a couple of players (including both our opening bowlers rocking up late, which was especially unfortunate given that we were sent into the field). Mount Waverley Uniting posted 2/266 and their captain made 100, which was particularly disappointing as we needed three hands to count how many times we ended up dropping him. Patrick O'Brien was the only bowler who could keep his head high taking both of our wickets. Joey Moorhead and myself opened the batting and we got off to a flyer. Joey made 38 off about 20 balls. I ended up making my maiden century and Ollie Schleiger provided formidable support at the other end. However, we were unable to chase down the total set for us, finishing 4/222.

We then faced Bulleen CC twice in consecutive weeks. We were to play the first match at Willsmere Reserve (as Bulleen's home ground was still rain-affected). In a strange turn of events, Burwood Uniting and Richmond City (LOC6 teams) also rocked up to play at Willsmere on that Saturday. After a long-winded and pointless chat amongst captains, the STC captain decided that LOC4 took precedence and the unwanted bystanders were sent on their merry way. Our game was shortened to a 35-over game due to the aforementioned delay. We batted first and it did not go as planned. We made 97 with myself top-scoring with 29. It looked like it was going to be a tough (albeit short) day from there. However, we were incredible with the ball and in the field, notwithstanding some very questionable umpiring from Bulleen's players. We bowled Bulleen out for 84 in what turned out to be a fantastic victory for the team. Abbas Haider took 3/16, Cam Timms 3/18, Patrick Martin 2/12 and David Kuster 2/19. A great all-round team effort.

We played another cracker against Bulleen the following week. This time we played somewhere in Balwyn (I forget the name of the venue and MyCricket has not updated it). This was after chief inspector Gaz Douglas had checked out Warner Reserve earlier in the week and determined that it was still unfit for cricket as result of the recent rains. We bowled first and Bulleen somehow posted 8/157 (noting that it felt like they made a lot less than that and we had doubts about the opposing team's scoring, though we reluctantly held our tongue in relation to this). Ollie Schleiger took 2/21, Cam Timms 2/29 and Gaz Douglas 2/33. It turned out to be a very tight and exciting chase, with Sam Matheson (a fill-in and a great bloke) hitting two sixes off a spinner (if you could call him that) to win the game with only a handful of balls remaining. David Kuster and Ollie Schleiger also starred with the bat, making 54 and 30 respectively.

We then faced Mount Waverley Uniting for the second time, this time at a rejuvenated Warner Reserve. Unfortunately for us their 2nds had the week off and they absolutely stacked their LOC4 team. We posted 9/150 with the bat (David Kuster made 42, Tristan Hunt made 32 off about 11 balls and Ollie Schleiger made 28). It turned out that we simply did not have enough runs on the board. Walter Adams took 2/15 and Gaz Douglas 2/19, but, despite these efforts, Mount Waverley Uniting had no trouble chasing down our total. A big highlight though was Tristan Hunt taking a fantastic catch in the outfield to dismiss one of their opener (who was playing well below his grade) for 94 when they only needed 4 or 5 runs to win. Another highlight was Tim Schleiger (the lone STC onlooker at the game) standing up for his mates after he heard some crude and unwarranted banter (if you could call it that) from the large opposition supporter base during our fielding innings. Good on you Tim!

In the next round, we faced off against cellar dwellers, the Mount Waverley Catholics. We bowled first because at 12.30pm they only had 3 players there and we felt sorry for them. They decided it was appropriate to only score in one book once play eventually got underway (which happened to be in their book without consultation). It was park cricket at its best. We bowled them out on the Wheelers Hill Secondary Cow Grazing Field for 93 (Cam Timms 2/8, Paddy O'Brien 2/10 and Jack Donaldson 2/22). It should've been an easy chase and it was, but we still did manage to lose 5 wickets in our rush to get off the paddock and into the beers. We finished 5/98 (David Kuster with 36 not out).

We played Ashburton Willows at Ferndale Park in the last game before Christmas. We lost the toss and were sent into the field. It did not start well with Ashburton racing to none for about 120 off 20 overs. We rolled the dice after the break, putting on Joey Moorhead for some leg breaks (if you could call them that), and what a decision that would turn out to be! Joey dismissed their star opening bat for 58 with a clip to the keeper down the legside and it was all up from there. Gaz Douglas took 2/28 and Kane Quinn (or is it Quinn Kane?) took 2 catches and managed 2 run outs, as we held Ashburton to 6/199. Pauly Tesoriero and Joey Moorhead opened the batting and they got us off to a flyer! Paul smashed 2 consecutive fours and ended up on a career-high of 12. Joey was having the game of his life and also smashed his high-score, finishing on 68. From there, we lost a few quick wickets, but Osh Siyaguna (36) and Alex Braham (55 not out) steadied the ship and we achieved a fantastic victory.

After Christmas, we were matched up against the top team in the competition (Mulgrave) two weeks in a row. The captain of Mulgrave was Nick Parker and he was playing well below his grade, having already made 3 or 4 centuries before Christmas. We knew we up against it when we travelled out to Mulgrave on Sunday (bloody Sunday) on what was going to be a boiling hot day. We were sent into the field and it was disastrous from there. Nick Parker made his way to yet another century after being dropped a couple of times (including a dolly to the keeper which self-reportedly got stuck in the sun for a little while) and Mulgrave posted a humungous 7/317 (Jackson Reeve with top figures of 2/65, eek!). We had Nick Jamieson (a very, very good

Dunstan Shield cricketer filling in for us) and he cruised his way to 118 not out, but even that was not enough, as we could only manage a total of 210 before being bowled out. David Kuster also made a formidable 34.

After the Mulgrave thrashing, the STC 4s skipper decided to take a 2-week holiday to Thailand to recover. That left Joey Moorhead in charge (who during the week was boasting to anyone who would talk to him – which admittedly was not many – that he had never lost a game as skipper). To Joey's credit, he led from the front. We won the toss and batted first, and posted a good (but not great) total of 173 all out at Warner Reserve. Tristan Hunt and Joey made 48 and 41 off not much respectively. We made it a game with the ball and it went right down to the wire, but we unable to get the job in the end, as Mulgrave chased our total down with 2 wickets to spare and only a handful of balls remaining. James Salathiel starred with 3/20 and Jackson Reeve took 2/46.

We looked to rebound in the next game against Balwyn Saints CC at Warner Reserve (whom, although outside the top 4 at this time, were on a winning spree). We opted to bat after winning the toss but unfortunately struggled from the get-go. We lost a flurry of wickets early and were never able to recover, posting just 142 all out. Patrick Martin top scored with 25. Loz Coleman went on a rampage early with the ball (taking 4/12 from his 8 overs), but these heroics were not enough to save the day, with Balwyn Saints chasing down our total with relative ease (7 wickets down). The ever-reliable Cam Timms took another 2 wickets for 26 runs.

After losing three consecutive games against Mulgrave(x2) and Balwyn Saints, we really needed to have a strong end to the season to make finals, and we did start to turn our season around in the next two weeks.

We annihilated a disappointing Glen Iris at Warner Reserve in the next round, bowling them out for 115 (Tristan Hunt 3/17 and Patrick Martin 2/15) and chasing down their total swiftly just 2 wickets down (Kingsley Hill with 55 not out and myself with 33).

We then faced arch rivals AYC Harlequins at Warner Reserve in what turned out to be an intense affair. I managed to badly roll my ankle while setting a field in the first innings, and had to be chaired off by my teammates. AYC had gotten off to a great start and were none-down for an awful lot at the 20-over mark, but then came on James Salathiel, who took 3 quick wickets to give us a sniff. At one point, all 9 fielders and the bowler went up for what appeared to be a clear caught behind, only for Nick Cropley (WK) to announce to the team that his pants had ripped as the ball had sailed just past the outside of the bat! AYC ended up posting a strong total of 6/232. We lost a number of wickets early and it was looking like a grim day. However, Tristan Hunt went nuts with the bat and scored an incredible century (with 90% of his runs being made via the aerial route over long on). Patrick Martin is also now considered an all-rounder after belting 45 not out (including a 6 to win the game with only a couple of overs remaining). It was one of the greatest victories that I have been involved in, despite for the most part being a spectator with my leg elevated and ice strapped around my ankle.

With two rounds remaining, we needed to win both games to make finals. With myself out injured, Joey again took the reins against Balwyn Saints at Balwyn Park. Kingsley Hill and Nick Cropley starred with bat scoring 81 and 41 respectively. Croppers smashed 5 huge sixes in his quick-fire innings. We managed to post 182 in total and we thought that might be about par. However, it was not our day, with Balwyn Saints cruising to victory in what was a lacklustre bowling performance. Marc Mansour was the pick of our bowlers, taking 2/32.

We faced another eventual finalist in North Balwyn at Macleay Park in the final round. It was a match to forget after we were rolled for 61 in the first innings. Loz bowled well in reply (2/23) but it wasn't enough for us to get back into the game. With the opposition requiring 1 run with about 22 overs remaining, I stepped up to the plate to throw down some seriously unorthodox pastries. The first ball was incorrectly called a wide and the game was over (alas!).

Mulgrave would end up facing Balwyn Saints CC in the LOC4 Grand Final, with Mulgrave deservedly coming out premiers.

Although we did not make finals this season, we will look back on it as a very enjoyable season. We had a lot of fun. Moreover, we're excited to build on what we did achieve this season in the 2023/24 season. There is a feeling that we're working towards something great and there is certainly no better place for us to do it than at STC.

To summarise our outstanding performers this season:

- On the batting front, special mentions to Tristan Hunt (8 games, 249 runs @ 41.50, 1x100), Sid Jones (12 games, 239 runs @ 26.56, 1x100), David Kuster (6 games, 188 runs @ 37.60), Joey Moorhead (11 games, 173 runs @ 17.30), Kingsley Hill (5 games, 169 runs @ 42.25), Patrick Martin (12 games, 111 runs @ 37) and Alex Braham (4 games, 103 runs @ 34.33).
- On the bowling front, special mentions to Cam Timms (8 games, 14 wickets @ 13.93), Gaz Douglas (7 games, 9 wickets @ 17.44), James Salathiel (7 games, 8 wickets @ 21.50), Patrick Martin (12 games, 8 wickets @ 51.13), Loz Coleman (3 games, 7 wickets @ 20.57), David Kuster (6 games, 5 wickets @ 24.60), Tristan Hunt (8 games, 5 wickets @ 38.40) and Jackson Reeve (7 games, 5 wickets @ 46.80).

I'm already looking forward to next season with a view to taking further step forward with the great bunch of lads which we have at STC.

Go Saints!

Sid Jones
4XI captain



Fifth XI Report- LOC 8 Carr Shield

Our season started out much the same as all the other sides with the wet weather meaning we only got on the park once before round 6. That occasion was round 2 against West Ivanhoe where we kicked off the season by posting 8-146 (Hill 50*). Unfortunately West Ivanhoe we're able to chase this down despite Abbas 7-2-20 and Will Logan 4-2-7 both bowling very well.

Our next game in round 6 was a loss to St Andrews, Randip 50* and 2 wickets was the highlight. Rounds 7 and 8 also saw us have defeats before we had our first win thanks to a forfeit by Richmond Union in round 9. In rounds 10-12 the tough run continued and we went into the Christmas break hoping for a better 2nd half of the season.

Thankfully in round 16 against West Ivanhoe our season took a turn for the best with a great win and some savvy recruiting of the Judd and Slattery father/son combos. Round 17 was a high scoring affair that saw us post our highest total of the season at 7-241 off 35 overs.

Our good form continued into round 18 when we played the top team in St Andrews. Bowling first we found ourselves chasing 236 despite C. Slattery's 3-24. In what was a great batting display 3 players R.Sinha, C.Judd and C. Slattery all scored 50*. Unfortunately we just fell short in the final over of the game but it was a great effort on this occasion. It also set up what was a great win in Round 20 against Glen Waverley. Batting first on a huge field Jack Krohn (who was stand in captain) wound back the clock with a vintage 50* opening the batting. This was supported by Tim Schleiger in his first game belting a fast 52* in the middle order to ensure we posted a competitive 3/162. With the game on the line Jack through the ball to Gary Douglas who with his very first bowl took a great catch and bowled. This set the tone for the match as Gary went on to destroy their middle order taking 5/11 off 7 overs and seeing STC win by 29 runs.

This brings us to our final match of the year in round 21 against the still undefeated top of the ladder St Andrews. In what was easily our best all round bowling display for the season we managed to bowl them out for 161. This put us in a great position for the run chase and we got off to a solid start with myself, Chanika and then Walter getting the score to 2-57. This bought C.Judd to the crease and he along with myself and then his son Sam were able to get us to a position we're we needed 9 from the last 3 overs. Unfortunately a few quick wickets saw us under a little pressure and in the final over we required 4 runs to win with Gary Douglas and Shomik in. Gary played a great shot through mid wicket which stopped agonisingly short of the boundary that saw them run 3 to tie up the scores with 3 balls to go. Luckily we got a wide signal and then Shomik hit one through slips to seal an amazing victory and see us finish the season with a massive highlight! Thankyou from myself and Harley to everyone who played in the 5ths this season. We hope you enjoyed your cricket in the team and we loved having the opportunity to lead the team this season.

Kingsley Hill and Harley Freeman
5XI co-captains



Sixth XI Report- LOC 6 Bingley Shield

The “Saturday veterans” were primed for a big 22/23 season and didn’t disappoint with a strong start through to Christmas, going undefeated.

The co-captains of Martin & Boal implemented a new strategy to improve our run-rate despite protestations from the squad. The “batters-strikers” model of ensuring a technically correct batsman was always partnered with a solid striker, was an immediate hit. Bigger scores and improved participation highlighted we had more batting depth than previously realised.

This strategy was working well and we re-appeared post-Christmas with some tough matches upcoming, and a track record of few wins after the break. But not in 2023, as the boys despatched the other top team Salvation Army with a very tight bowling & fielding performance and great batting.

Nerves were peaking in early February when co-captains & Jeevesy were absent for two games. The baton was passed to Toohey and Macmillan who amazingly managed two wins, albeit without the usual flair but all the same were solid efforts. The co-captains returned in late Feb to re-assume control and prep for finals, remaining undefeated.

Excitement in early March was fever-pitch and the SF was a nail biter. Up against a strengthened Northcote United who magically qualified several top tier players, we scored a solid 156 from our 35 overs, and with NUCC 9/144, we were looking good for a win. However, the #11 was able to foil our efforts and keep the Club XI from achieving glory in the GF.

Overall it was a fantastic season: undefeated Home & Away, 6 players with more than 200 runs, great depth in bowling and still work to do on fielding. We welcomed Paul Tozer as a very handy addition to the core squad, and enjoyed the contribution & company of all fill-ins from club and community during the season.

We will take it one step further in 23/24!

Ken Boal
6XI captain



Seventh XI Report- Sunday Turf 3

For the first time STC entered a Seventh senior XI, and also the club's first ever Sunday team. Despite not having a home turf ground, the "Sunday Firsts" played in ECA's Sunday Turf 3 grade, which most participating clubs treat as a "father-son" or development grade. October, this season was somewhat anti-climactic (or anti-climatic), with persistent spring rain pushing the start of the season well into November. Once we got going, we found the going tough, but got into our stride with a win in Round 11 (actually just our fifth game) against East Malvern Tooronga. From there we gained belief and momentum, recording wins over Surrey Hills, South Yarra and North Balwyn to hold a brief place in the four, which we surrendered to Surrey Hills in the second last match when they beat us by one wicket.

Making finals was never a KPI for the Sunday Firsts, although getting so close was a strong reflection of how the team improved over the course of the season. Probably the priority KPI was that the players should want to come back and play again next week. It became increasingly routine to be able to name a full team at selection on Thursday night, and even to have to leave available players out (despite the mind-blowing complexities of ECA eligibility rules for the team), so I think we ticked that box. Several young players turned out on Sundays with great energy after having played underage cricket on Friday nights and senior cricket on Saturday afternoons, and possibly even school cricket on Saturday morning. Their commitment and enthusiasm were infectious and made every game a joy for the "senior" players, regardless of results.

Season highlights included Joel McMahan's 99 not out, taking us to a strong win chasing a challenging total, and finishing the job in partnership with his younger brother Evan. Joel also contributed 59 in our inaugural win over East Malvern Tooronga. Sid Jones anchored our win over Surrey Hills with 58. Most of the individual highlights came from the bowlers, including James Salathiel's 4/11 vs Surrey Hills and JBL's 4/18 vs South Yarra, and several three wicket hauls, especially from Walter Adams and Archie Fogarty. There were numerous brilliant efforts in the field, starting with Hamish Macmillan's outfield catch as a sub in the first game against Toorak-Prahran. Team highlights, apart from the wins, included bowling top side and eventual premiers Glen Iris out for 136 on their own deck, and going within a wicket of defending 96 against Surrey Hills. We recovered brilliantly against Surrey Hills at Como Park in Round 15, dismissing them for 109 after they had been 0/55, then passing them two down. We might have fallen short across the season in skills, but were never wanting in terms of effort or desire to improve.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Paul Tesoriero, whose efforts as Chairman of Selectors to fill the team were tireless, supported by Nick Adams, Chris Adams and Hamish Macmillan who between them ensured strong junior representation in the side from week to week (and performed creditably themselves when they played). I would also like to acknowledge Sid Jones and Nick Fennessy, who led the team when I was unable to play. Personally I am very grateful to the Club and the Committee, for not only accommodating my limitations as a player but giving me the opportunity to captain the side. I must admit, I had not thought I would ever be writing another captain's report! Finally, I wish to thank very sincerely my wife Cathy for letting me play on Sundays after umpiring on Saturdays, and trusting me (more or less) to come home unscathed.

Jack Krohn
7XI captain



Veterans First XI Report- Division 1 PCFA Shield

We had another great year of Vets cricket with a few new teams in the comp including Premier cricket powerhouse Melbourne University entering a Veterans team for the first time.

We had a year with many changes from week to week due to unavailability which allowed us to play 23 players in the team for the year, including 8 debutants.

The season started well with strong wins against Burwood (twice), Dingley and Bulleen before we got rolled in close games against Uni and Bulleen prior to finals.

This led us to finish 3rd on the ladder with an away final against Bulleen who were feeling very confident after beating us the week before. That confidence was misguided as we played one of our better games for the year as we made 161 on a tricky turf wicket before getting Bulleen all out for 89. With the bat Urquhart (39) and Duane (38) were best whilst Dalton and Richardson each took 3 wickets with the ball.

That lead us to play Melbourne University on their home deck for our 7th grand final in a row. After much debate we decided to bat on a damp wicket that doing a bit. We were quite unlucky on the day as some key players getting what can only described as interesting decisions against them when batting and Scotty Duane tore a hammy whilst looking impenetrable, but that's cricket! Despite this, we made a respectable 142 runs. Sadly, we did not take all of our chances when in the field as Uni made the runs in the final over.

So sadly, that meant we had gone back-to-back granny losses. This did not stop our great team spirit as we drowned our sorrows in true Vets fashion.

Still another good season and super fun with an awesome group!

Congrats must go to top run scorer Cam Judd 238 @79.33 followed by Tim Fleming 138 @34.50.

With the ball Ben Huggins was outstanding with 11 wickets @13.91 and Damian Dalton 8 @12.75.

Champion Player was Cam Judd with 346 points beating Tim Fleming on 238.

Thanks again to everyone involved – the Vets will be back!

Pat Hall

Veterans 1XI captain



Veterans Second XI Report- Division 5 J Edgar Shield

After 2 years of shortened seasons, it was nice to be able to get on the park a bit more frequently this year. Despite the rain affected start, we were able to get all 7 games in the season, and as a welcome bonus we also got to play in a semi and grand final too!

All of our games during the season were strong and convincing wins, with the exception of our round 3 loss to Hawthorn, who also managed to defeat us in the grand final.

Whether it was bowling first, or batting, we were able to blunt the opposition and set ourselves in a comfortable position. Our batting innings was more planned and structured in the way we built our totals, and the bowling was clearly heads and shoulders better than any of the opposition we faced, which meant that most teams struggled to score against us.

The bowling was helped along with 2 gun recruits this year in Paul Murphy and Andrew Poole who generally bowled when the ball was still new. Murph was able to grab 7 wickets at 23.5, whilst Poolie joined us from round 3 and got 5 wickets at 19.6. The most notable bowlers were Knotty (CK) who was exceptional and got 12 wickets at 11.5 including the opening game where he got 4/2 off his 6 overs. Lewie was great with 8 wickets at 15.8 and Bondy with 7 wickets at 16.3.

Our batting line up worked well with multiple players able to play in various positions during the year. Top performer was AB with 248 runs at 82, Shack with 138 at 35, Rohan with 103 at 34 and both Lewie and Nick averaging 25 from their opportunities.

With a plethora of great bowling and batting to call upon it was a privilege to be able to captain the team and work on winning games with a variety of key influences on the outcome. We were able to win, in a supportive atmosphere that made it a fun season for all.

We will be in Div. 4 next year and look forward to the opportunity, whilst we are getting older, the experience builds. Thanks again for another great year.

Alex Braham
Veterans 2XI captain



End of Season Junior Report Season 2022/2023

A season we can all be proud of!

Highlights:

- Junior registration numbers continued to grow including from our junior girls
- Continued strong participation by juniors in the Senior Cricket teams
- Use of other grounds (Lynden Park / Highfield Park) to mitigate safety concerns at Nettleton Park
- STC fielded its first ever Girls team ever (IEGC Stage 1), it's first ever Sunday Turf team and its first U16A team since 2009/10.
- Use of Hawthorn indoor facilities for junior preseason training for the first time.
- STC players selected for ECA Representative cricket in each of the U16, U14 and U12 competitions.
- U16As; U14As & U12As – performed creditably in tough 'A' grade competitions. Under 14Bs made the semi-final of the 'Under 14B F J Dobeli' competition.
- The Junior Operations Committee ('JOC') continuing to rejuvenate.

Congratulations to Evan McVey on winning the STC Junior Club Champion award.

Big thanks to the Junior Operations Committee, Coaches & TMs and to all that volunteered in various capacities.

Go Saints!

Nick Adams - Junior Vice-President



Girls Master Blasters

During season 2022/2023, in conjunction with my dad, Damian Pearce, I had the pleasure of coaching the STC junior girls Master Blasters team. For many, if not all of them, it was their first season of proper cricket, but it was very clear right from the beginning that I had a lovely bunch of enthusiastic, energetic and excited players who were very ready to learn.

Prior to the Christmas break, we hit the ground running with some basic skills sessions to give the team a feel for the game and to get to know each other as a team. We went over things like batting stance, bowling with a straight arm, fielding the ball whilst it was moving, the various ways one can get out and of course, what it means to play in a team and in the spirit of the game. The players found their feet very quickly and really got the hang of it within a session or two.

Following the summer period, it was evident that games of beach and backyard cricket had been regular, as upon our return for the round robin style tournament played on Wednesday afternoons, the team had improved out of sight. During rounds 1, 2 and 3 played against Mont Albert, Blackburn South and Boroondara respectively, all members of the team put their bowling, batting and fielding skills into action. Both Dad and myself were in awe of, not only the natural talent in the team, but also their sportsmanship and endeavour to do their best in a more competitive environment, doing so with smiles on their faces. During the remaining rounds 4 and 5, played against Blackburn and Boroondara again, the team really hit their straps. They were supportive and encouraging of each other, celebrated individual successes of their teammates and as a result, had a thoroughly successful season with many wins.

I congratulate each member of the on a fabulous season of Master Blasters. I thoroughly enjoyed my role as coach and I hope to see them continue on with cricket in years to come. Our girls for this season were Imogen O'Connell, Christa McMullin, Mae Pearce, Arabella Bye, Charlotte Davey, Millie Walker, Amelie Dias, Asha Nieroshan and Riansha Ramkrishnani. See you next season.

Molly Pearce – Coach

Stage 1 Girls Team

STC had a fantastic turnout for our inaugural season in the girls Stage 1 competition with 8 girls signed up to compete. After a couple of training sessions, we played our first ever game against Richmond at their home ground, the only other ground we would end up playing at throughout the season, apart from our home ground at Nettleton. We batted first & made 3/147 with Isobel McBride top scoring with 33 from her allocated balls. In our bowling innings, we managed to keep Richmond to 6/78 with Mahya Nieroshan taking 2 wickets and Isobel McBride, Chiara McMullin, Eleanor Aldcroft and Amelie O'Connell all taking 1 wicket each. A great start to the season.

Before Christmas, we then played Boroondara twice, Ashburton Willows Gold twice, and Ashburton Willows Green, Glen Iris and Richmond again. We won all of these games apart from losing 1 game against Ashburton Willows Gold to finish the 1st half of the season firmly on top of the ladder.

After Christmas, we played another 6 games with 4 wins and 2 losses and some very un-summer like weather!

Our last game of the season was played at home alongside our Master Blasters girls team round robin, with 3 mini games all hosted at Nettleton. With the music pumping, bbq sizzling and bar open it was a great way to finish our season. It was fantastic to see the improvement made from our first training session to the final game. The girls should be very proud of their efforts.

A big thank you to Dan Sharpe for being my right-hand man this season. He was a great help with getting the girls padded up before going out to bat, offering them some pearls of wisdom and helping out with umpiring. Also thank you to our scorer and ground "setter upper" every week, Chris Knott. Every week Chris would turn up and score, sometimes having to be extremely patient with the opposition scorer who may have needed some significant guidance.

A big thank you must also be extended to the committee members who helped with the BBQ and canteen every week, especially Hamish MacMillan, Peter Morrison, Nick Fenessey and Nick Cropley. Thanks should also go out to Molly & Damian Pearce and Hamish Macmillan for their roles with the girls Master Blasters this season who will be our next up and coming stars.

Congratulations to all the girls who played this season, we look forward to the return of cricket next season and hopefully an even larger girls program.

Our players: Isobel McBride, Mahya Nieroshan, Chiara McMullin, Eleanor Aldcroft, Amelie O'Connell, Zoe Knott, Emily Sharpe & Grace MacFarlane.

Bowling Award – Grace McFarlane
 Batting Award – Isobel McBride
 Coaches Award - Mahya Nieroshan

See you all next season. Thanks
 Steve O'Connell - Coach

Junior and Master Blasters Cricket Program

Our junior cricketers took part in the Junior and Master Blaster programs at Glen Iris Cricket Club at Eric Raven Reserve. This program saw enthusiastic cricketers test out their skills in a relaxed format on Friday nights at 4:30pm. The age range was from 5-7 years. We look forward to a number of these talented youngsters playing STC Under 10 's in the 23/24 season.

U10's

As another highly successful cricket season has come to a close at STC, we reflect on another enjoyable season with the U10 group. For the majority of the U10 team, this was their second year of cricket and the improvement in all the players was clear to see. From a coaching perspective, Marcus and Darren were thrilled to see the passion that each player displayed, the team spirit and sportsmanship shown and the enjoyment that was evident during each training session or game day.

Despite a slow start with the first few matches rained out, the U10 team went on to record 11 wins for the season and were undefeated which was a fantastic achievement!

The coaches couldn't have been happier with the effort and improvement that every single player delivered in 2023. Not only did we see huge improvements, but a genuine respect for the game and each other. Alfie Simons was a worthy recipient of the 2023 STC Spirit Award, Luke McGrath took home the Coaches award and Noah Leslie and Sam Knihnicki were awarded the batsman and bowler awards respectively.

Overall, the standard of cricket played by the U10 STC team was exceptional. The growth in all of the players, but also our only first year player Jimmy Blood was fantastic to see.

We also send a special thanks to all the parents who were a fantastic support of the coaches but also the boys as they played throughout the season. U10 season was truly a team effort and we look forward to the 23/24 season.

Marcus Leslie – Coach / Jen McGrath – Team Manager

U12B

As we closed another highly successful year of cricket with the under 12s STC team, huge improvements in skills, game tactics and teamwork were evident. Given the high levels of weather interruption during November & December, team participation and general enjoyment remained at a strong level. Most positively, player retention from the previous season was exceptionally strong, with the additional challenge of rotating 16 players across the season.

We experience really strong parent support during both training and on game day, which was most appreciated. Across the board, we delivered a competitive season with a win – loss ratio of approximately 50/50, with the majority of games very much in the balance.

For season 2022/23, we acknowledged some outstanding efforts with the following awards;

Batting Award – Gus Lethlean

Averaged 17 runs per innings and retiring on 3 occasions, while opening the batting with great shot making and running between the wickets. Maintained a strong technique from training to game day.

Bowling Award – Jack Milhuisen

Averaged 1.5 wickets per game with strong improvement in pace and accuracy across the season, never failing to give 100% effort.

Coaches Award – Josh Bourke

Josh displayed a great passion for the game this season, always respectful of his team, opponents and umpires. His skills both batting and bowling improved significantly, while learning to move the ball through the air with great accuracy. His communication with running between the wickets was excellent, always looking to form a great partnership.

Mark Davey – Coach
Nick Barrett – Coach

U12A

The 2022/23 cricket season was a very enjoyable and successful one for the STC U12A team. Whilst the team did not make finals this year, it was evident to me and others the enormous development of the boys' cricket skills. I would like to thank all the boys for turning up each week with huge smiles on their faces and a determination to improve.

There were several highlights during the season including:

- In a very disrupted season that made it difficult to get any continuity, the team won only one of their first five games. However, the boys finished the season strongly winning the last three games.
- Individual bowling highlights include Ed Slattery's 4 wickets for 3 runs off 2 overs in Round 6.
- Individual batting highlights include Sam Judd's 50 retired in Round 7 and 10, as well as Charlie McBride's 50 retired in Round 10.
- Three of our squad made the ECA representative team for U12 – Sam Judd, Ed Slattery and Charlie McBride.

Whilst there were outstanding performances right across the squad, there can only be a select number of award winners. In the U12A's, the batting award was won by Sam Judd (210 runs, average 42), the bowling award was won by Nicholas Curtain (8 wickets, average 9) and the coaches award was won by Sam Osborne-Smith. All the boys showed amazing skill and determination to achieve some amazing individual performances.

As with any weekend sport it wouldn't be possible without parent support. I'm lucky to have an excellent group of parents who all contributed in whatever way they could. A big thank you to all of the boy's parents. A special thanks to Aaron Bolton who was team manager and chief strategist. His organization and analysis made my job so much easier.

We hope to see everyone back for season 2023/24!!

Cam Judd – Coach

U14B

Successful season in development of team.

Welcomed 4 new players in 2022/23 (Sam Dwyer, Benji McInerney, Marcus Gray, & Will Gray). Lost 3 players from 2021/22 (Henry Ralph, Samson Story, & Michael Alberts).

Started with 15 players which is difficult to manage as players get limited game time especially in one day games.

Needed to rotate players into A's as they were short. Started with a list of 7 players to rotate (Dwyer, Alati, Bond, Gallagher, Martin, Reid, & Lethlean). Reid withdrew before being rotated, Gallagher left at Christmas and Urquhart & McInerney played 1st game in A's with Dwyer & Bond.

We had 3 wins against Willison Rnd 4, Kew Rnd 5, & Canterbury Rnd 8. We lost twice in Rnd 3 to Edinburgh & Rnd 8 to Boroondara. Wash outs with no play were Rnd 1 and Rnd 7. In Rnd 2 we were defending 121 off 21 overs and had opposition 6/ 54 off 19.1 overs when rain washed out day 2; disappointing.

Made Semi-Finals and put on a good performance against the eventual premier, Boroondara, as we bowled 40 overs with Boroondara making 7/ 192. We then faced 33.5 overs and were all out for 9/ 140. Highlights were Lethlean (53 retired) and Marcus Gray 23 out along with strong bowling led by Blake Reid 2 for.

Mark Bond - Coach

U14A

As with all other teams, the Under 14As found it hard to get a game or a training session in early in the season, with the first two matches being called off meaning round 3 was the first completed match. Although round 2 was called off, the 1 day of play resulted in a large percentage deficit that would end up being a major liability on the ladder later in the season.

Rounds 3 and 4 were a good start to the season with 2 exciting close wins in one dayers (12 runs and 5 runs respectively). Ollie Schleiger starred in these wins with 31* and then 15* and 2/15.

While we got the wins in the first two matches, we fell just short in the next two rounds (losses by 1 over and 9 runs respectively). Jordy Katiforis brought up the team's first 50 in round 5, finishing on 70*, then followed up this effort with 36*, while under 14B player Caleb Martin took the team's best bowling figures for the season in round 6 with 3/10 off 4.

We secured a win in round 7 to end the year with more wins than losses, with Jordy continuing his form with another 50, then the first match the next year was a loss against the top of the table with Tyler Murray batting well, scoring 33*.

Round 9 being rained out really damaged any chance of finals as we needed an outright win in one of the last two matches which would prove too big an ask. We did manage a win in round 10 thanks largely to a brilliant 56* from Walter Adams which was his first career 50, but we lost in round 11 despite Lucas Van Gulp's career best 43.

This placed us 1 win and percentage outside of the 4, which was still a great effort considering some of the more matured boys on the opposing teams.

The U14Bs and U12As were a big help, with 12 players from these teams playing a total of 20 matches in matches where 6 different regulars missed matches through injury or illness.

The best aspect of this team in my opinion is that, unlike some opponents we faced, our team has no weak links that we have to hide in the order – everyone is a capable bowler and batter and has great potential. As well as this, all the boys seem to have a great time each week, sharing many laughs and enjoying their cricket thanks to their positive attitudes. This makes next season very exciting!

Jackson Reeve - Coach

U16B

The 16B's season results on paper looked tough but wouldn't have been far off finals contention if a few things had gone our way. We missed out in some close games, had a tough draw and missed out playing lower teams, but overall could not match it with the top tier.

We did however beat one of the top sides, Richmond Union, with a very tight bowling effort, followed up with a smart run chase where our top 6 batters got the job done comfortably. A few other games were quite close, losing two close games where we just couldn't bat to our true ability.

The contribution and development of each player was pleasing despite the lack of wins. We witnessed great improvement and each player contributed real impact in multiple matches. This depth enabled us to try different batting and bowling orders, challenging the boys to step up. We saw some terrific performances as a result.

Batting Award – Archie Fogarty

Archie took a while to show what he's capable of, but two big scores in dashing style showed us he is a batsman as well as a great bowler.

64 not out off 48 balls against Richmond Union and 85 off 65 against Surrey Hills were timely and kept the team in the game. He scores fast, putting the bowling on the back foot. Total runs 160 at an average of 40.

Bowling Award – Ben Swift

We had a lot of depth with our bowling, and this award was very close between our top 2 bowlers. But a couple of killer spells, including 4/19 against Balwyn and 4/13 against Burwood got us right into both games. Ben was consistent throughout, with overall 9 wickets at an average of 12.

All Rounder – Jessie Falloon

This was a very close category, with three players deeply in the mix. However, Jessie combined the tough task of opening the batting with wicket-keeping. He scored plenty of runs and was rock solid at the top of the order, scoring patiently but also able to turn it on when needed. His 58 against Trinity Willison was a highlight. Total runs scored 113 runs at 22.6 and was in form when injury ruled him out for the last few games of the season.

His wicket-keeping was also strong and especially when a catch was on offer, gloving 13 catches behind the wicket.

Honorable mention to Hamish Boal and Lachie Walker who both scored big points too.

Most Improved – Jacob Johnston

Jacob was asked to open on occasion and showed tremendous grit at the top of the order. But he also demonstrated prowess and fast scoring down the order with a nice 30 against Richmond.

He bowled tightly and showed great improvement in all aspects of his game with the bat, ball and in the field.

Thanks to all the boys for the effort this season. Some solid learnings and improvement we can carry forward.

A big shout out to Cameron Walker who worked tirelessly as Team Manager. Without Cam this team would not have made it through. Also to Aneek & Jules Fogarty for helping with coaching and organising the boys.

I hope all the boys return for another crack at U16 in Season 23/24.

Ken Boal – Coach

U16A

Playing 16As was going to be a step up on previous years after the ECA had determined that STC were to enter an “A” team in 22/23, after the boys had played the previous season in the 16Bs. What we did not know however, was this step up was going to get even harder as a result of some pretty rough injuries experienced during the season.

Over the course of the season, the boys had 6 significant injuries plus some sickness, which varied from 1 week departures to complete season wipe outs. This meant the boys were up against it most weeks and on occasions were scrambling for players.

In a season like this, against very high standard competition, some opposition teams will relish the sight of a wounded team to pursue some individual performances, leaving a real risk of some one-sided games. To the team’s absolute credit over the course of the season the boys didn’t once give up and fought hard when most teams would have thrown in the towel. There was no bigger test of this than against the high-flying Kew who contained a number of players who had already scored centuries during the season. It was a 35-degree evening and after 15 overs Kew were 0/140. This had carnage written all over it and we thought we would be in for a 400 plus run chase off the full 45 overs.

To their credit the boys fought back and held Kew to 276, and the following week were giving things a real nudge being 3/180 after 30overs. Whilst we didn’t get the runs that day, the boys showed that they could match it with the best teams in the ECA.

The team had two fantastic wins over the course of the season, and it is not surprising it was the batting in those 2 wins that became the difference. Whilst bowling and fielding was a real strength of the team right through the season, our batting was inconsistent so when we managed to get multiple boys scoring 50s the games tilted in in our favour.

Overall, we finished mid table out of 10 team competition being equal 6th. This result was probably a fair reflection. Our two wins left us feeling what could have been if only we had a little more luck with injuries. All-in-all though, a competitive showing, in a very high standard competition.

The awards for the season were:

Best batter – Lachie Nicholson

From a batting perspective Lachie Nicholson was outstanding, he scored 280 runs at an average of 47 including an 84, 73 and 71. His attitude was first class and even when he sustained a shoulder injury in the second half of the season, he still fielded for us and restricted his throwing to under arm.

Best bowler - Louis Jones

11 wickets at 21. Louis had a knack of taking wickets at the right time to keep us in the game. Louis's 11 wickets in the home and away season was the 3rd best numbers of wickets of any bowler in the ECA league.

Best allrounder - Evan McVey

Evan's bowling was his primary strength taking 9 wickets at an average of 20, but his batting down the order developed significantly over the season with an average of 36. Evan's highlight was a top score of 75 in the last game which was a massive factor in the team recording a victory. Evan was another to sustain an injury during the season but still came down to support the team on crutches.

Evan was also awarded the overall U14/U16 STC Junior player of the year award on the back of his consistent performance throughout.

Thanks to Lucas Huggins doing a great job as skipper, being committed to all trainings and games and bringing a positive spirit to the team through all the ups and downs that the season threw at us.

Thanks to Pete Martin as assistant coach and Emma McMahan as team Manager who did a super job in supporting the team.

We look forward to seeing a number of the boys move from the junior to senior ranks next season, and for those "younger age" players who have the opportunity to play another season of juniors, we hope to see you back next season to join the under 16s group again.

Paul Urquhart - Coach

STC Junior Awards

Under 10 Yellow Award Winners

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| Batting | Noah Leslie |
| Bowling | Sam Knihnicki |
| Coaches Award | Luke McGrath |
| Participation Awards | Noah Perera Jimmy Blood Alfie Simons Eddy Curtain Syon Stewart Seb Speakman |

Under 10 Hat-Trick / Five Wicket Innings

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| Hat-Trick and Five Wicket Innings in same game | Sam Knihnicki |
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Spirit Award winner

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| WU10 spirit award | Alfie Simons |
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Girls Squad – Master Blasters

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| Participation Awards | Imogen O'Connell Christa McMullin Mae Pearce Arabella Bye Charlotte Davey Millie Walker Amelie Dias Asha Nieroshan Riansha Ramkrishnani |
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Girls Stars Award Winners

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| Batting | Isobel McBride |
| Bowling | Grace Macfarlane |
| Coaches Award | Mahya Nieroshan |
| Participation Awards | Amelie O'Connell Zoe Knott Emily Sharpe Eleanor Aldcroft Chiara McMullin |

Under 12A Award Winners

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| Batting | Sam Judd |
| Bowling | Nick Curtain |
| Coaches Award | Sam Osborne-Smith |

Under 12B Award Winners

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| Batting | Gus Lethlean |
| Bowling | Jack Milhuisen |
| Coaches Award | Josh Bourke |

Under 12 Most Improved & Coleman Award Winners

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| U12 Most improved | Tom Davey |
| U12 Coleman | Fletcher Bye |

Under 14A Award Winners

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| Batting | Jordan Katiforis |
| Bowling | Tyler Murray |
| Coaches Award | Paddy Macmillan |

Under 14B Award Winners

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| Batting | Caleb Martin or Ben Hedley |
| Bowling | Sam Urquhart |
| Coaches Award | Anthony Alati |

JA Cain Under 14 Most Improved

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| U14 Most improved | Lachie Curtain |
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Under 16A Award Winners

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| Batting | Lachie Nicholson |
| Bowling | Louis Jones |
| All Rounder | Evan McVey |

Under 16B Award Winners

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| Batting | Archie Fogarty |
| Bowling | Ben Swift |
| All Rounder | Jesse Falloon |

JA Cain Under 16 Most Improved & Club Champion

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| U16 Most improved | Jacob Johnston |
| Junior club champ | Evan McVey |

Junior Club Person

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| 2022 / 23 | Steve O'Connell |
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