

Middle Harbour District Cricket Club

OFFICE BEARERS 1915-16.

Patron:

BRIGADIER-GENERAL G. D'L. RYRIE, M.H.R.

President:

Dr. D. THOMAS.

Vice-Presidents:

Rr. RICHARD ARTHUR, M.L.A., Messrs. C. H. CALVERT, E. LINCOLN, G. C. HOLE, W. J. FOSTER, E. J. BRISCOE, E. H. MACK, W. H. FLETCHER, J. T. WEDDERBURN, F. GUY, F. TRENCHARD SMITH, S. L. RIDGE, E. BADMINGTON, L. M. TRIGGS, J. GEOFFREY SMITH, ALEX. LEARMONTH, W. HUNTER-SMITH, J. K. WALTON, HARRIS WOODS, THE MAYORS AND ALDERMEN OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MANLY AND MOSMAN.

Honorary Life Members:

C. H. HAYES, Esq., R. PITT, Esq., C. A. LAURENCE, Esq., W. S. MITCHELL, Esq.

Life Members:

Dr. D. THOMAS, Dr. L. WATSON HARVEY, Dr. G. R. P. HALL, Messrs. F. W. WEBB, C.M.G., GEO. MILLER, I.S.O., G. H. GORDON, C. J. CARROLL, F. P. MORRIS, P. H. O'BRIEN, A. SMIDMORE, T. J. UNDERWOOD, E. E. HASSELL, D. I. WATT, S. R. WALFORD, W. H. HANNAM, J. P. WRIGHT, G. A. MOORE, R. J. WILD, C. DE KANTZOW, C. F. W. LLOYD.

Hon. Secretary:

R. A. OXLADE.

Hon. Assistant Secretary:

E. P. WOOLCOTT.

Hon. Treasurer:

C. B-COCHRANE.

General Committee:

F. B. ANDERSON, E. P. WOOLCOTT, F. TRACY, C. CAMPBELL, G. PRIOR, G. DUNLOP, J. FREEMAN, C. E. RILEY, W. DRIVER.

Selection Committee:

A Team—R. A. OXLADE, F. B. ANDERSON, E. P. WOOLCOTT.
B Team—G. DUNLOP, C. B-COCHRANE, F. TRACY.
C Team—J. FREEMAN, A. LITTLE, W. BUNTING.

Ground Committee:

R. A. OXLADE, E. P. WOOLCOTT, C. B-COCHRANE.

Hon. Auditors:

A. LEARMONTH, R. A. MUSGRAVE.

Delegates to N.S.W. Cricket Association:

R. A. OXLADE, C. B-COCHRANE.

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

To be submitted for adoption at the 12th Annual Meeting to be held at Manly
on Thursday, 20th July, 1916, at 8 p.m.

To the members of the Middle Harbour District Cricket Club:—
GENTLEMEN,—

The Committee has much pleasure in presenting for your consideration the Twelfth Annual Report.

No Competition Cricket was played during last season, but the New South Wales Cricket Association, in order to keep the game going, arranged a programme of grade matches to be played in the different districts where possible, although no premiership was involved. Your Club was only able to place two teams in the field, owing to the response made to the Empire's call for men for active service. Many of your last season's players were those who had practically retired from the game, but reappeared to assist the Club in order to carry out the objects of the New South Wales Cricket Association.

As the season's cricket was non-competitive the Cricket Association decided to try the scheme of eight balls to the over, and in the opinion of your Committee the innovation proved most successful, and it is to be hoped that in the future the law of cricket relating to the number of balls in an over will be altered to read from six to eight.

THE FIRST ELEVEN played thirteen matches, winning one, drawing one, and losing eleven. In several instances the margins of defeat were most narrow, and good games were played throughout, although the side was much weakened by the unfortunate illness of Mr. D. A. Gee and Mr. W. Avery, who were showing excellent form. Your Committee is pleased to state that both these players are now thoroughly recovered.

The best batting averages were obtained by Messrs. Geo. Dunlop, E. P. Woolcott, and D. A. Gee, in that order, these three players being far from colts, and their consistent performances are deserving of commendation.

In the bowling J. Randall, who played prior to his departure for the front, showed great form, and has easily the best figures. E. Bull, however, bore the brunt of the attack and put up a fine performance. G. Prior was of great assistance in this department. F. Anderson and J. H. McKinley performed ably as wicket-keepers.

The fielding was very good, more especially as the majority of the players were practically veterans.

THE SECOND ELEVEN played twelve matches, winning three, and losing nine. R. Farnell, J. Tolley and R. Freeman (a school boy) were the leading batsmen, whilst R. Farnell and C. B. Cochrane held pride of place in the bowling. F. Tracy was the only player in the Club to score a century. A. Little secured the highest aggregate for the Club, and C. B. Cochrane the greatest number of wickets for the team.

Owing to the fact that the season's cricket was non-competitive as regards the premiership, your Committee decided not to publish averages as such could not be recognised as Competition figures, it being the practice of the Club only to record averages obtained in grade competition fixtures.

SCHOOL CRICKET.—The New South Wales Cricket Association have made a special feature of fostering young schoolboy players, and have arranged for the most promising of each district to practise at the Sydney Cricket Ground and receive the benefit of efficient coaching. This scheme your Committee feels sure will tend to produce good cricketers. Two of the local boys, Freeman and Rutledge, were selected to practise at the Sydney Cricket Ground, as well as to play in inter-district matches arranged by the Public Schools A.A. Association.

Your Club has for many seasons past placed its practice wickets and nets at the disposal of the local schoolboy players free of charge during the season; this privilege was again fully availed of by the local boys.

ROLL OF HONOUR.—Your Committee is proud to record that in addition to the twenty-two members whose names appeared in last year's report, the following members, G. Lowe, C. Neville, Eric Mitchell, S. Bros. W. Bunting, J. Randall, G. Hole, G. Badmington, G. Duffin, H. Williams, Guy Lord, Walter Smith, J. P. Hill, A. H. Holden, S. H. Slater, C. J. Stamm, S. Herbert, D. Fitzgerald, K. Little, W. F. Driver, Percy Lowe, S. Elrington, G. Prior, L. Hilder, W. Baker, Clem. Kirke, Cecil Calvert, Riley Ridge, Norman Roberts, H. Neilly, C. Glasson, C. Jones, N. J. McKenzie, A. Friend, O. Clutton, are now on active service, making in all a total of fifty-seven.

Of this number your Committee regret to announce that, in addition to the late A. D. Mitchell, N. Roberts was killed in action and several others wounded. Most of the latter have now recovered and are again on duty at the front.

OBITUARY.—Your Committee regret to announce that two esteemed life members have passed away in the persons of Messrs. J. Bonner, and W. H. Holt. The late Mr. Bonner, during his long term of office as Mayor of Manly, assisted the Club in many ways.

To the relatives of these gentlemen the Committee, on your behalf, extends its sincerest sympathy, and desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by them.

GENERAL REMARKS.—As the New South Wales Cricket Association decided to eliminate all neutral territory, the Club has gained portion of the Municipality of Mosman as permanent territory for first grade.

A further lease of the Manly Oval for three years has been granted to the Club upon the same terms and conditions as the old lease, for which your Committee desires to express to the Manly Council its appreciation.

One of the oldest Manly players, Mr. H. D. L. Wood, has presented a large framed photograph of the late Victor Trumper to the Club, which will be an acquisition to the collection already in its possession, and your Committee desires to place on record their appreciation of his generous gift.

The Manly Council has appointed T. Criddle, caretaker of the Oval during the absence of J. Randall on active service. Mr. Criddle took over his duties at the beginning of the cricket season, and carried out his work in a most satisfactory manner.

AFTERNOON TEA.—Afternoon tea was dispensed, as usual, under the care of Mesdames E. P. Woolcott, Anderson, Cochrane, Prior and Dunlop, and was much appreciated. The thanks of the Committee are extended to these ladies for their kindness and attention.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE held six meetings. The attendance were as follows:—R. A. Oxlade 6, E. P. Woolcott 6, C. B. Cochrane 5, W. Driver 3, F. B. Anderson 3, G. Dunlop 3, C. Campbell 3, F. L. Tracy 2, G. Prior 2, F. E. Riley (appointed Sept., 1915) 2, J. Freeman 1, E. Bull (appointed Nov.) 1, G. Lowe (resigned Sept.) 0, E. Mitchell (resigned Oct.) 0.

DELEGATES.—Messrs. R. A. Oxlade and C. B. Cochrane, your Delegates to the New South Wales Cricket Association, were regular in their attendances. Mr. Oxlade was again elected to the Executive of the Association, while Mr. Cochrane was elected to the Grade Committee.

FINANCE.—Taking into consideration the condition of affairs in the cricket world, your Committee considers that the Treasurer's statement is most satisfactory. There is a credit balance of £8 6s. 6d., which is entirely due to the able manner in which the Hon. Treasurer has looked after the Club's material and funds.

The Thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. D. Hogan, Town Clerk of Manly, for the unvarying courtesy extended to the Club Officials at all times, to the Vice-Presidents, Scorers, and Officials of the Club for their support, to Mr. E. Lincoln, of the Manly daily, for his notices of the Club's doings during the season.

Signed for and on behalf of the Committee,

F. LE ROY-TRACY, Chairman.

R. A. OXLADE, Hon. Secretary.

N.B.—Only paid-up members will be qualified to vote at the meeting.

MIDDLE HARBOUR DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB.

STATEMENTS of RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE for SEASON 1915-

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.				
Balance from 1914-15		4	0 3	Ground Expenses—			
Subscriptions and Donations		32	5 0	Rent			
Hon. Members		0	10 0	Scoring Board			
Afternoon Tea		1	17 6	Insurance			
Material		0	16 0	Sundries		1	0 5
Locker Fees		0	5 0	Material		15	11 0
				Printing and Stationery		0	14 0
				War Chest Fund		2	2 0
				Ground Fee and Umpires		1	19 3
				Afternoon Tea		3	19 1
				Postage and Telegrams		1	10 2
				Bank Charges, etc.		0	12 6
				Miscellaneous Expenses		0	16 6
				Expenditure		31	7 3
				Credit Balance		8	6 6
		£39	13 9			£39	13 9

We have audited the above Statement with the Treasurer's Books and the relative receipts and vouchers, and certify same to be in accordance therewith.

C. B-COCHRANE, Hon. Treasurer.
6th July.

ALEX. LEARMONTH,
R. A. MUSGRAVE,

Hon. Auditors.

NOMINATIONS.

The following Nominations have been received for the undermentioned Offices during Season 1916-1917.

Hon. Secretary:
R. A. OXLADE.

Hon. Assistant Secretary:
E. P. WOOLCOTT.

Hon. Treasurer:
C. B-COCHRANE.

General Committee:
E. BULL, F. B. ANDERSON, F. TRACY, T. RUSSELL, G. DUNLOP, C. CAMPBELL, J. FREEMAN,
R. STRANGE, J. H. MACKINLAY.

Hon. Auditors:
R. A. MUSGRAVE and A. LEARMONTH.

Delegates G. Association:
R. A. OXLADE and C. B-COCHRANE.

Selection Committees:
1st XI.—F. B. ANDERSON, R. A. OXLADE, and E. P. WOOLCOTT.
2nd XI.—F. TRACY, G. DUNLOP, and C. B-COCHRANE.
3rd XI.—J. FREEMAN, A. LITTLE, and G. RYAN.

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