

Valley of Peace Annual Report for the Year ended 30th June 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Committee, it is my pleasure to present the 64th Annual Report of the Valley of Peace Cricket Club for the year ending 30th June 2019.

Committee:

I would like to sincerely thank the 2018-2019 Committee for the time they have contributed and the effort they have made to ensure the smooth running of the Club in what has been a very disruptive and ground changing year. The general report will elaborate on this. It is noted every year that our Committee members carry a large load in the running of the Club, so any additional help especially with administration, ground maintenance and hosting is always welcomed. Our Guardians of the Ground continue to do a terrific job in undertaking their specialist duties and, although mostly unrecognised, the Club is very appreciative.

Subscriptions:

The Committee has decided that there will be no change to subscriptions for the 2019-2020 season (\$65 reduced to \$60 is paid by 31st December 2019). N.B. The Treasurer has made some very pertinent points in his summary.

Fixtures:

As recorded in the reports of the President and Treasurer, the Valley of Peace has had very disruptive season only playing nine of the usual scheduled seventeen games. Most importantly, all our traditional fixtures were still played thanks to the Swannanoa Cricket Club and St Andrew's College. One of the fixtures was played against the Vikings, a team from Denmark. They were led by Ole Mortensen, a former longstanding team mate of John Wright's at Derbyshire. They were a very cosmopolitan group of players and supporters who were generous in their thanks and very grateful to be hosted by the Valley.

Our playing record for the season was disappointing with only three wins from nine games. The results were as follows:

2018/19 GAMES	RESULT	PERFORMERS
vs Millbrook XI	Win by 23 runs	Kade Atkinson 52* Hamish Cochran 3/8
vs Police	Loss by 102 runs	Jesse Tritschler 43
vs Team Boon	Loss by 7 wickets	Hugo Davison 35
vs Millbrook (away)	Loss	George Ritchie 40
vs Danish Vikings	Win by 7 wickets	Tom Music 31* Hugo Davison 32*
vs Honest Trundlers	Loss by 10 runs	Phil Smith 35 Jonathan Davidson 37
vs Goat Herders	Loss by 9 wickets	Russell McGregor 47*
vs Deans XI	Win by 2 wickets	Jono Collins 55*
vs Chch Golf Club	Loss by 5 wickets	Jeremy Gibb 74 Chris Nicolson 3/30

Jono Collins (55 n.o.) is this year's recipient of the H. Waters Cup. This was for his performance against the Deans XI. The cup is only presented to Valley members who play in a winning team.

The Committee extends thanks to those who captained games throughout the season and, also, those (especially Jesse Tritschler, Hugo Davison, Geoff Olsen and Russell Drake) who filled vacancies in teams themselves and introduced new players to the club.

General:

The 2018/19 season was the most unusual in the Club's 92nd year history as we didn't play any home games at the Valley of Peace all season. This was due to the major renovations and improvements that have been undertaken the ground and its surrounds.

The improvements started with the sinking of a new well which has ensured an endless supply of water for irrigation and in-house purposes. With the advent of the new irrigation system, the committee felt that it was a perfect opportunity to level and top dress the entire outfield and rectify the damage caused by earthquakes, floods and fire in recent years. This undertaking, like most good ideas, was a bigger project than was first envisaged. Time was against us when it came to finish the project before our scheduled pre-Christmas games. It was decided to 'bite the bullet' and complete the job properly to ensure we got the best results from the alterations. Subsequently, it was decided not to play any cricket on the ground for the season - a decision that, I am sure, will prove to have great benefits in future seasons.

As a bi-product of this decision, the Club had to find alternative venues for our games. We are very grateful and indebted to the Swannanoa Cricket Club, St Andrew's College and the Goatherders for providing grounds and facilities so our fixtures could be played.

For a major project like this to be successful, many hours of hard work, organisation, man management, expertise and good old fashioned 'roll-up your sleeves' labour had to go into it. The Club owes a huge vote of thanks to many people especially our Patron, Derek Banks, Anthony Polson (our new groundsman), Geoff Olsen, Jesse Tritschler and our very supportive neighbour, Bert McGrath, who have spearheaded one the biggest projects that the Club has undertaken.

There are also others who have to be thanked for their contribution, advice and expertise. These include John Gardner, Gill Sutherland, Harley Winchester, Ron Dalley, Rupert Bool, Andrew Davidson, Bob Masefield, Gordon Fulton, Danny Bulman, Mike McCarthy Contractors and McMillan Drilling. The Club will recognise all these people in an appropriate manner during the season.

I would like to thank all members for their understanding for any inconvenience that you may have experienced last summer. I can assure you that your patience will be rewarded with a premium cricket ground that will be the envy of many clubs throughout New Zealand.

With these beneficial improvements to the ground, we are looking forward to the 2019-2020 season. There are sixteen games scheduled including the away game against Millbrook on February 19 that partners and families are encouraged to be part of.

I would like to encourage all members to consider putting forward sons, grandsons, other family members and friends as potential Valley of Peace players or members. Please contact me (sca@stac.school.nz) for further information. I look forward to seeing many of you over the coming months. All active members and invited players are encouraged to play in as many games as they can and non-playing members to support the club either by hosting or as a spectator.

With the return of play at the new and improved Valley of Peace and a full fixture list for the 2019/2020 season, it should be a successful and enjoyable season both on and off the field. I know all members will be looking forward to returning to the status quo of cricket at 'The Valley'.

Please keep in touch with what is happening at the Club via the Valley of Peace website www.valleyofpeace.co.nz

Scott Cartwright
President