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The Whau Creek Whisper

Official newsletter of Suburbs New Lynn Cricket Club

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Welcome to the third edition of **The Whau Creek Whisper** – the official newsletter for the Suburbs New Lynn Cricket Club. A lot has happened since our last newsletter and it is pretty much all good news! The Premiers are once again Auckland One Day Champions, junior and senior playing numbers are up, trainings have been well attended, lots of teams are having some success and we are gearing up for a big end to the season.

Read on for some of the highlights.

Champions Again!!!

The Premiers won a cliff hanger to beat Parnell and win the Jeff Crowe Cup on Sunday 1 March. It was a fantastic game with both sides on top at various stages, but in the end match winning performances from Finn Allen and Dane Watson saw Suburbs through.

The celebrations were marked as always with a rousing version of the Suburbs song in the changing rooms. Amazingly this is the 9th Premier title we have won this decade (4 x T20 titles; 3 x One Day titles and 2 x Two Day titles) which easily makes Suburbs the club of the decade (next best is Takapuna on 5).

Huge congratulations to the whole team for showing such character under pressure in both the semi and final this year - go the Burbs!



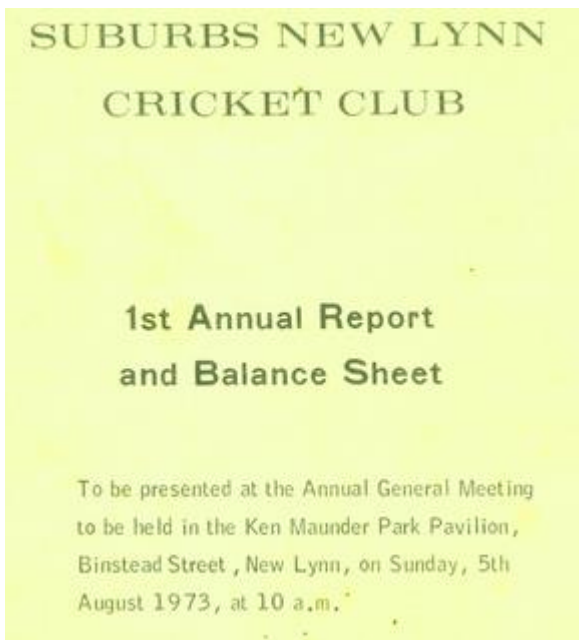


Team Profile - Under 16 Girls

It has been a great season for girls cricket at Suburbs with us now fielding four junior teams and for the first time in many years a Senior Reserve team. It has been particularly pleasing to see the development of the Under 16 Girls team.

From scraping a team together in the 2018/19 season the team is now looking very sharp! They have had a great start this year, victorious by 8 wickets with 8 overs to spare in their first game of 2020! Captain Hetanshi Chauhan was the top scorer leading the run chase against Cornwall (Team Shahri). Hitting some beautiful straight drives to the boundary. Awesome contribution with the bat from Rhea Palmer as well and great bowling by Roshni Oberoi, Yashvi Trivedi and Poppy Whitfield. Well done girls!

Suburbs New Lynn Cricket Club on verge of a memorable half century



Did you know that in two years time Suburbs New Lynn will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The committee is already beginning to plan some special celebrations and club historian Andrew Eade has begun researching a coffee table book to capture many of those special memories.

One of the most unique things about Suburbs is that we have the Annual Reports for all 47 years and consequently have been able to do career statistics for all our players. It has been a huge job, and the annual report statistics are not always 100% accurate, but basically if you have played for Suburbs you will have a file with your career statistics and a new milestone may just be around the corner.

Here are a few tasters for you

- This season Michael Barry became only the 3rd Suburbs batsman in history to pass 8000 runs

- Bill Devereaux started the season only needing seven more wickets to move up to 5th on the all time wicket taking list but so far he has only taken one wicket. Come on Bill.

- James Nolen is one of only five all rounders to have taken over 300 wickets and scored 3000 runs (the others are Mark Posa, Lyall Lainchbury, Paul Renwick and current Club Deputy President Chris Fawkner).

Team Profile - One Day 1A TCs

The TCs were founded in 2009 by two cousins and were originally part of a rival club but made the move four seasons ago to Suburbs New Lynn. The reason for the move was simple - a better club where the team is well looked after, has a great culture and can take advantage of some top class training facilities.

With a core group of players who have been part of the team for many years, including 5 cousins (who have only taken the field all together once!) the TCs managed to take out the One Day 1B championship in 2017 under the captaincy of Murray Merai. They then moved up to 1A but a poor season saw the team finish in 3rd place.

The 2019/20 season has been a challenging one. Playing in the One Day 1A grade for the second time, the TCs struggled to make an impact early in the season. But some match winning performances by Varshik Nathu, Amit Mehta and Samir Lala helped the team bounce back and avoid relegation. After winning 8 of their last 10 games, some highlights include bowling out opposition teams for 45 and 68 and Captain Samir hitting the first TC hundred of the season. The TCs are now a few wins away from potentially taking out their second championship in what is the final season for some “retiring” players.



Quiz Night and 100 Club



What a night! Saturday 7 March saw probably the best quiz night ever. 12 teams had a ball testing their general knowledge under the hilarious guidance of master MC Chris Wood. The club made over \$5000, the Waihake team came out on top and Woodsy and Richard Murray had the whole lounge singing along in the breaks between rounds. Special call out to Kate Hillier for an incredible job organising the night.

That means the only fundraiser left is the 100 Club which will be drawn at the club on Saturday 14th. \$50 buys you one of just 100 tickets and the lucky winner walks away with \$2000! There are still some tickets left so contact Club Manager Joanne now on 021 087 28891 and grab a ticket. You have to be in to win and again this is an important fundraiser for the club.

Team Profile - Under 15 Club of Origin Michael Barry

The U15 COO Michael Barry team is comprised mainly of U14 boys who have played together for years and we welcomed a few U15 boys to bolster the side. U14 is a difficult time, as the boys need to decide between school cricket and club cricket. Being a Sunday 40 over competition, the boys who now play Saturday cricket for different schools can still play together for the club.

Many of the boys also play together in other Suburbs, school and representative teams. There is a great positive vibe in the team, with all of the boys contributing on and off the field and with the support of a great group of parents and supporters. With help from the club, parents and schools, we even formed a combined schools team this year with many of our Suburbs boys under the banner of Green Bay High school, because the Saturday club grades struggle for numbers at this age and many individual schools could not field their own teams.



This season the boys won all but one game on their way to the final, losing to an impressive Howick Pakuranga team in pool play. But, our boys bounced back to beat Cornwall

in their semi-final, showing a lot of back bone after a tough start. Chasing 246 runs, the boys lost two early wickets to be 2/2 in the second over. The boys then consolidated and scored three 50's among them to close out the game with a few overs to spare.

The final was a local derby against Eden Roskill. Most of the boys in both teams know each other well from playing Western Districts cricket together. The two teams together included most of the U15 Western Districts team which won this year's Auckland District U15 40 over tournament. But, Eden Roskill had mostly older U15 players, so we knew they would be tough. Our boys fought hard taking 6 wickets, but Eden Roskill managed to set an imposing 302 run target. Eden Roskill then backed up in the field with a clinical fielding display to bowl our boys out short of the target, with Malay Patel leading the fight with a solid 63 runs.

Despite losing the final, the boys were all smiling at the end of the game and can be proud of a great season. And, since most of them are U14, they will be back in the same competition next year to give it another crack.

Team Profile - The Spartans



The Spartans have been part of SNLCC for the better part of over a decade now, starting from humble beginnings as a young mercenary side put together by Dean Gomes and Marc Wells. We are a self-run unit who pride ourselves on mate ship, team spirit and coupling these together with our ability. We have recruited quite a few talents over the years dragging ourselves from the bottom of the men's grade cricket divisions to where we are today.

The 2020 season has proved a good one for the Spartans so far, we have finished 2nd overall in the one day competition and are pushing our way up the table in the two day competition. With two games left we are in a good position to finish strong. Our stand out performance as a team came a couple of weeks ago against Ellerslie at Walker Park in the two day comp, the whole team put in a fantastic performance for an outright win. Liam Robertson

scored an absolutely amazing 201 with Tyler Balogh backing up to take 7 wickets in Ellerslie's second innings. A massive credit to all the guys for the fantastic win as we all work hard in the nets and on the field to enjoy these moments.

Upcoming Events in March and April

Saturday 14th March	100 club draw
Friday 20th March	Midgets last day
Saturday 21st March	Juniors last game for the season, Family night at the club.
Wednesday 25th March	Junior prize giving
Thursday 26th March	Girls/Ladies prize giving
Saturday 28th March	Senior prize giving
Friday 3rd April	Cricketer of the year dinner

For more details on any of the above events contact Club Manager Joanne on 021 087 28891.