



# CITY CRICKET CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

Greetings to all our club members, supporters and sponsors

Well it has certainly been a busy couple of months for the City Cricket Club both on and off the field so as we head into the festive season we thought we would send out a quick snapshot to round off the first half of the cricketing season for 2015.

### CITY CRICKET CLUB JUNIORS

Our CITY CC junior programme has been well supported this season with a big increase in numbers too which is very positive, we now have 10 junior teams (boys and girls) playing in the local Northland Cricket competition. It has been pleasing to see the growth in our numbers turning out in our CITY blue colours on Saturday mornings. The club identified a window of opportunity after the Cricket World Cup and we were proactive with our initiatives and marketing to promote getting kids playing cricket. It has certainly paid off and we would like to thank to our City Cricket Club coordinators, coaches, supporters and managers who continue to provide a pathway for our junior members to develop and enjoy their cricket. This can obviously not be done without the support from our loyal sponsors and our wonderful parents.

A number of our junior teams are at the top of the table in the competitions as well as some of our players paving the way on the batting and bowling leader boards – wishing the various players who are moving on to high school teams all the best with their developments in the new year.

Congratulations to the winners of our Kookaburra Prize Pack that was drawn recently—Kian Black & Brock Cameron walked away with some brand new cricket gear that was kindly donated to us by our good friends at Kookaburra Cricket.

We would like to wish all our juniors who have been selected in rep teams all the best over the next few months – we will certainly be following your progress at tournaments with interest.



### NORMAN WILSON LIFE MEMBERSHIP

We would like to thank all our past and present City Cricket Club members who attended Norman Wilson's Life Membership presentation granted to him by the Northern Districts Cricket Association in large numbers – this was certainly a very special day for the club held at our clubrooms, Cobham Oval. We have been inundated with positive messages from those who attended the function and thanks to those who have sent kind messages and to those who travelled from outside the area to attend this function. Norman was certainly blown away to have so many dignitaries, fellow club and provincial mates, friends and family all together in one room - many of whom played a big part in his life throughout his many years involved with the game.



*Some of the City Cricket Club Life Members who came together to share in the day with Norman Wilson.*

*Man of the Moment!*

*City Cricket Club members, clubmates and family together with Norman.*

## QUIZ NIGHT

At the end of November, the City Cricket Club held our annual Sports Trivia quiz fundraising evening in the clubrooms, this was extremely well supported, many of the sporting community enthusiasts were able to test their sporting and general knowledge and a lot of fun was had. Auctions were run throughout the evening which saw some fantastic items go to very good homes, thank you to Kevin Salmon our 'auctioneer guru' for his efforts on the night. And HUGE thanks to the many sponsors and Northland businesses here in Whangarei and Dargaville who played their part by donating some fabulous items for us to auction off and hold raffles.

As special presentation was done on the evening for Russell & Viv Smith, Russell who has been involved with the City Cricket Club since 1996. Russell has had the titles of a junior coach, junior coordinator and executive committee member throughout this period with us. Russell and his family leave Northland in January to start their new adventures in Dunedin and will certainly be missed by the club. It is fair to say Russell has certainly left a legacy within the club when it comes to our Junior Cricket programme with his overall hard work, professionalism, systems, initiatives along with keeping the strong connection the club has had with WBHS Secondary School. We cannot thank Russell enough for his massive contribution to the club and standards he has set for all to follow. We would also like to wish Viv, Emma & Ben all the best for their adventures ahead (hopefully we can hold onto Ben for as long as possible on the playing field)!



*City Cricket Club Quiz Night gets underway!*



*Ravi—our Reserve Grade Skipper and Don—our Club Captain*



*Enjoying refreshments around Manuleto's Bar*

## CITY CRICKET CLUB SENIORS

The playing season is about to come to an end for the first half of the year which has seen our City CC Premier and Reserve grade sides sitting high up in the rankings of their respective competitions. Unfortunately our CITY CC Reserve grade side lost in the semi-final in the NCA NORTHLAND T20 Reserve grade competition. In saying that they lead the NCA 40 over Reserve Grade competition having won all 4 matches which sees them currently top of the table with 18 points and many of the CITY Reserve Grade players once again heading the NCA leader boards.

A special mention to Jake Serotsky who scored his maiden century for the club recently – this significant performance by Jake against WBHS 2XI saw the side successfully win by 163 runs.

For those that may have not caught up with the exciting news, our CITY CC Premier Grade Team WON the NCA NORTHLAND T20 Premier Grade Competition beating Onerahi Central Cricket Club Premiers in a Semi Final then going on to beat Kaipara Flats Cricket Club Premier side in the final (the side went undefeated throughout this competition) – both these matches were played at Cobham Oval and it was once again great to see so many City Club members and supporters at the ground and on the club balcony supporting the team throughout the day.

It's been a little while since the club has had a championship title in the cabinet, so it's fair to say celebrations went into the early hours Sunday morning of the morning in true CITY CC style and spirit!

The CITY CC Premiers rounded up the season with an exciting last over win to beat Kamo CC at the Kamo Recreation ground in the Lion Red 50 over One-Day Competition which sees them near the top of the competition table.

The City CC Prems currently lead the NCA Oxford Trust 2 Day Competition after one round having had a convincing outright win over the Onerahi Central CC Premier team.

City Cricket Club Premier side get back on the field on 9 January 2016 for their first match of the New Year and the Reserve Grade side play their first match back on Saturday 16 January 2016.



**PRESLAND FAMILY BATTING TROPHY for Most Runs In a Season**

The Presland Family are synonymous with the City Cricket Club for their contribution and achievement both on and off the field at the ‘Old Cobham Oval’ cricket ground.

The Presland family have recently donated the ‘PRESLAND FAMILY BATTING TROPHY’ to the club. This trophy is for the most runs scored in a season and this will be presented to a senior club player at the end of the season at our City Cricket Club prize giving.

We are very fortunate to have the continued support from distinguished families like the Preslands.



**CLUB & BBQ**

We would like to thank Nigel Prince who has kindly donated the new Masport Stainless Steel BBQ to the club – this now sits out on the club verandah area and certainly did us proud at our recent Sports trivia Quiz evening.

**IMPACT PHOTOGRAPHY**

Robert O’Hara (aka Bobby) from ImpactPhotography.kiwi our official City CC photographer has been very busy walking the boundaries the last couple of months capturing those brilliant photographs you see on Facebook after each game. Bobby has done some outstanding work and if you haven’t already ‘liked’ our City Cricket Club - Whangarei Facebook page, connected with us via LinkedIn you should – so you can check out the work that Bobby is doing for the club. We even have our very own 2016 City Cricket Club cal-



Finally we would like to wish all our club members and supporters as well as our invaluable and loyal sponsors a very Merry Christmas. We look forward to a positive new year, continued success both on and off the field. Happy holidays from the City Cricket Club Executive Committee.



City Cricket Club Premier Men take out the NCA T20 competition



City Cricket Club Arrows take out the NCA A Grade competition

