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Presidents report Blind Cricket NSW Association for the 2008 - 2009 season.

2008 - 2009 Annual General Meeting was held in our Cricket Room on Saturday, 13th September 2008

Domestic Competition

Graham Coulton Shield (20/20)

Game 1 saw Hills Vs Burwood fight it out with Hills winning by 21 runs, on the 20 September 2008.
Game 2 saw Burwood Vs Hills fight it out again with Burwood winning convincingly on Saturday, 11 October 2008.

Game 3, the final game for the shield saw Hills Vs Burwood fight it out - being tied at one game each. With numbers being short in the Hills line up, we saw another convincing win by Burwood to hold the shield aloft on Saturday, 7th February 2009.

(Burwood team being the season champions)

Shield (50 over's)

Hills Vs Burwood (Game 1) Saturday, 15th November 2008

Hills won the toss & batting with a good score of 167 and with Tony Telfer missing on the day & Lawrence Anag getting out cheaply to a ripper of ball by David Saxberg, Burwood was only able to score 64 before being dismissed.

Burwood Vs Hills (Game 2) Saturday, 4th April 2009

Burwood winning the toss & batting scored reasonable total of 182. Unfortunately 78 runs was in extras and Anthony Manning's figures were 0 wickets for 49 after 5 overs. Hills in response were taken apart by Lawrence Anags bowling figures of 4 wickets for 17 runs in 6 overs leaving Hills all out for 53 giving and Burwood the match by 129 runs

Burwood vs. Hills(Game 3) Saturday, 14 March 2009

With the series one game a piece and Burwood already having the wood over Hills by winning the Graham Coulton shield Hills come out firing. They won the toss with captain Nathan Difford electing to bat, his team got a massive 200 runs for 8 wickets after 40 overs - one of the biggest domestic completion scores we have seen in years. Burwood were unfortunately down on numbers including Lawrence Anag and Burwood could only manage 7 wickets for 52 at stumps
(Hills team being the season champions)

Australian blind cricket representation

Busy time this season with up to 9 members from NSW participating in training camps & competitions - including the Australian Training Camp, Brisbane on 27th & 28th September 2008 then again in Adelaide on 25th & 26th April 2009.

NSW hosted the Blind Cricket Australia AGM on 21st & 22nd February 2009 at Parramatta. I would like to pass on both my own and the Association's congratulations to the new chairman of Blind Cricket Graham Coulton. Blind Cricket in Australian is starting to go forward once again after being

stagnated for many years. Some big steps to be taken going forward. e.g. being part of ACB (Australian Cricket Board) black out class will now be used by all B1's in Australia, which will give a much more professional look to Blind Cricket in general in Australia.

Blind Cricket Ashes Sydney - Australian V England from 3 rd to 19th December 2008 - See my appendix (Tournament Director Report)

NSW State Team

NSW vs. ACT (Game 1 was deferred due to bad weather in ACT) Sun, 23 November 2008

Game 1

Sunday, 1 February 2009 Kippax turf pitches in ACT with ACT being short again NSW having to supply ACT with players as ACT was short with partial's,

Game 2

Sunday 22nd March ACT Vs NSW 2nd Game (Wollongong) Illawarra. With NSW winning the toss & electing to field they rolled ACT for 94 runs this included NSW Bowling 34 extras. This being a good score for NSW to attack they become complacent and, as unfortunately sometimes happens with NSW when they bat, the wheels fell off . NSW going down and being all out for 31 was a devastating loss but a good reality check that was needed.

Game 3

Sat, 18 April 2009. The deciding match, in a last minute attempt to secure the Shield but ACT unfortunately had to forfeit the match due to lack of commitment from the players.

Demonstrations -

Blind Cricket Demos for the year were -

Vision Australia Expo - Saturday, 1st November 2008

Kingcople School - ? 2009

Cricket NSW Disability Day - ? 2009

Association matches –

These are growing fast, with a new match being added all the time - Annual matches that were played were -

Primary Club

Primary Club at Riverview College at Lane Cove - Sunday, 2 November 2008

Primary Club (Barker College), Waitara - Sunday, 30 November 2008

With Captain Troy King winning the toss & electing to bat a fine performance was put on by Australia's best blind Cricket batsman Nick Haydar from ACT scoring a not out 74 to put NSW in a very good position at the end of the first inning. After 40 overs NSW total was 7 for 149. This was certainly a gettable task by a first class Primary club but with what is normal for Kevin Frew, some superb bowling (with figures of 4 wickets for 24 runs off 8 overs) NSW dismissed the primary club 8 runs short.

State sponsors match

Standard Charter bank being the State team's Major sponsor had the annual match on Sunday, 29th March 2009 played at Henley Park Enfield. I was a social family day with everyone playing from kids to family members of the bank. Standard Charter bank scored 83 on the day. It was not enough runs however, with NSW team getting to this target very easily. The end of the day was wrapped up by a most generous donation by the bank towards the State team for \$10,000.

Sunday, 9 November 2008 Baulkham Hills Cricket - played at Baulkham Hills home ground as normal (Charles McLouglin), with Baulkham Hills winning in a close game. It all came down to the last batsman for Baulkham Hills hitting the winning runs.

St George Rowers Charity Match.

Played at Cahill Park, Wollongong (next to Rowers Club), Sunday, 1 March 2009 with funds being raised for the Jane McGrath Foundation - including raffle & function at the Club after the match. NSW batted first put on a large total of 219 runs. A massive 61 by *Mr Extra* and the best person with the bat was Lawrence Anag scoring 54. In reply the rowers club struggled from the start and were eager to get back to the club house only having scored 62 runs.

Dept Sport & Recreation

This is always one of the most social games of the year - played at Enfield Sunday, 8th March 2009. Unfortunately not the best turn up of people from Sport & Rec, so with them being short on players NSW had to share some players with the Sport & Rec team. It did not make a big difference as I think more time was spent in the club house than on the field with Sport & Rec only scoring 54 runs which made it easy for an association side to wrap things up with only losing two wickets.

Illawarra Blind Cricket

NSW tried to help Illawarra again with their development by assisting in a "come and try" day down in Illawarra (Wollongong)- Sat, 21 March 2009 unfortunately Illawarra is having the same problem all blind sports are and that is finding and nurturing new members to play the game.

Blind Cricket NSW Awards night Saturday, 18 April 2009

<u>NSW Blind Cricket Association Trophies 2008-2009</u>	
<u>Association Trophies</u>	
Best B1	David Saxberg
Best B2	Nathan Difford
Best B3	Lawrence Anag
SHIELD Brain Turner Representative of the year	Nathan Difford & David Saxberg
SHIELD Kimberley Wheeler award	David Saxberg
SHIELD Rooky of the year award (IN MEMORY OF DARREN NORTHEY)	Ben Hilder
SHIELD 40 Overs Charlie Maiden	<i>Hills</i>
	David Saxberg
	Anthony Mahr
	Shayne Macdonna
	Henry Phineasa
	Kate Paul
	Nathan Difford
	Troy King
	Toby Sullivan
	Robert Grant
	Andrew Saliba
	Aaron Arduin
Graham Coulton Perpetual shield 20/twenty	Burwood
	Pricilla Hillam
	Ben Felten
	Mark Tatnell
	Gerry Cook
	Shane Woodridge
	Angus Suttor

	Tony Telfer
	Ben Phillips
	Ben Hilda
	Lawrence Anag
	Todd Dorward
	Tim O'halloran
<u>Hills Trophies (Hill insert not the NSW like the rest)</u>	
Captains award Troy King Cup	David Saxberg
Players Player	Andrew Saliba
<u>Burwood Trophies</u>	
Captain's Choice	Todd Dorward
Players Player Perpetual sheild	Tony Telfer, Lawrence Anag & Todd Dorward
Players Player	Tony Telfer
Players Player	Lawrence Anag
Players Player	Todd Dorward

Trophy cabinet

A trophy cabinet has now been installed down at the club including pictures and memorial on the walls. Soon there will be an honor board for life members.

Fridge upgrade

As some people might know we had our refrigerators break down this year and needed complete new motors. These had to be purchased or we would have lost more stock with the fridge not working to expectation.

Laptop & New scoring system

To help relieve some of the stress a grant was provided by Primary club NSW to buy a new laptop and battery back up charger. This will now take some of the pressure off as it will help to do the scoring for each match through an electronic scoring program we have purchased.

Equipment upgrade

We are in the process of upgrading general equipment throughout the Association e.g. new boundary markers, portable generator, clothing racks, new stumps.

New cupboards

New cupboards were obtained to help with old out dated storage. The cupboards were sourced through Troy King from the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

I would like to thank vision Australian for their support once again. They have made it possible to enjoy Blind Cricket in NSW a lot more easier. We would not have been able to have done half of what we have done without their support. I personally have been playing Blind Cricket for 26 years and they have been our support backup in all that time.

Most importantly thank you to all the volunteers for your support. I am not going to name anybody as I do not want to miss anybody but thank you all very much for keeping the dream alive of Blind Cricket in NSW. If it was not for your participation, we would be struggling to have this wonderful team sport for all our players.

Personal note now –

I would like to thank my fellow Executive Members and everybody who has supported me and the Association over my time on the Committee. This will most likely be my last report as President, as I am retiring from Executive Duties at the end of my term this season. I look forward to the “ new blood” taking over.

My retiring from the Executive is not easy for me, as I enjoy being involved. Many a time we have had disagreements over the board room table, but we all sort it out somehow. There have always been the players who are keen to improve their game by having a talk on the telephone during the week about their technique so as to make their outing on the weekend that much better. For a domestic game which starts at 10.00am, I will often arrive at 9.00am to open the club house and people like Tod, Henry, Ben H are already dressed ready to go. It is great to see such enthusiasm.

I am sorry to be leaving, but I want new blood to come through with fresh ideas. I am feeling a little burnt out these days and I now have a much more demanding job, and I think Kerrie-Ann and Isaac will appreciate me being home a bit more often. I would ask that you all give a lot of support to whoever takes my place as President and I have found that it is the same few people who do the work week after week and many hands make light work.

Thank you all for you support throughout all of my time on the Executive and a special thank you to my loving and very understanding family.

For the last time.

Regards

Troy King
President
Blind Cricket NSW