



OLD CAREY CRICKET CLUB

SEASON REVIEW 08/09

President's Report

I love this Club. I really *love* it.

I don't ask or expect any Club member to feel the same way I do or even develop a small crush on the place. All I'm trying to express to you is what this club can mean to someone. How each individual and team success is cherished and how each disappointment can hurt as much as if it was happening to your own self.

This season had too little of the success and too much of the disappointment. I would like to see Old Carey gain some of its old reputation back; for other clubs to talk about more than just our outstanding facilities and the runs you can make after the tea break. This is a Club thing and every single player is important and each team can make a big difference.

Most importantly for the future of the Club, the First XI retained their Dunstan Shield status for another season. The Second's gave everything but their finals campaign was cruelly ended late on the final afternoon. And the Third's, with the thinnest of resources, matched it with the best of them.

I don't expect everyone at the Club to have the same passion for the club that I do, or of the other players whose words you are reading here, but I would ask you to think about what it means to being a committed part of a Club team. We will not think less of you for telling us in advance you are unavailable but it is tough on the team and the opposition when you don't front up to a match and we are forced to find someone to fill in on no notice. My hope for next season is that when you accept a task, you take it seriously and carry it out the way your Club and teammates expect. Having honesty and pride in what you do on and off the field is what makes great teams.

As the Co-President, it's been difficult to watch the club as a whole this season without feeling frustrated. The committed regulars have tried their hearts out but too often that did not result in success on the field. I'd like everyone to draw a line under the performances of seasons past but head out of here with the spark of enthusiasm already lit and with the determination to make better job of it next season.

Jordan Ciuro

Co-President

Quick thankyou's go to: Co-President Tad for his passion and the committee as a whole for giving up their time to keep this club functioning; the three team captains Tad, Grant and Phil; our coach Craig Palma who we wish the best with his future coaching endeavours; every single player that put on whites for eleven games or just one over the season; our sponsors The Kingston Hotel, Universal Remarketing, Mannagum Enterprises and Medialorem who donated generously; to Robyn Ciuro and Bec Bowshall for preparing and serving afternoon tea at First XI fixtures; to the School and the OCGA for their renewed support, to Jim Keppell whose work can be easily taken for granted; and Stuart Rankin for giving his all and then some for almost two decades, we can't thank you enough.

Coach's Report

Straight from the top I would like to congratulate all the trophy winners. Presentation night is a celebration of the season and an opportunity to recognise as a club the achievements of both players and officials. So, from me, well done!

I can't believe how quickly this season has gone. Like every year before it, there are stories to tell, performances to glow about and ones not so great for the archives. I reckon if we went into a season of cricket knowing what to expect it would be a pretty boring environment. Sometimes it is the unknown of our own players, our own teams and the opposition of course that makes it exciting. This season was no different.

So how did we go? A word that best describes it in my view is disappointing. If myself, the players and the committee are honest it's hard to describe it any other way. Numbers were down at training and availability consistently low across all 3 grades. Mix that in, with I think a lack of desire to have a real hunger for success, and therein lies the problem. Nothing more nothing less.

Quality of players is not the problem. Quality of blokes is not the problem. Quality of mind is. Get this right and success beckons.

I personally want to thank the support I have had from the 3 skippers, Tad, 30 and China. It helps my job as coach knowing that with the other leaders we are able to pull together in the same direction. You all do a great job for your respective teams on game day as well, often in trying circumstances.

On another note, we farewell a warhorse of the club in Stuart Rankin. He has provided inspiration, leadership, loyalty and quality performances to this club over many years. I won't farewell him as a retired player because I'm sure he has something left in the tank to give Point Cook. You are a good mate Stuey and good luck with whatever you do.

There are new challenges ahead for me. Whatever happens boys, please support each other, dig deep and work hard to keep the dream alive. This club can prosper. All the best.

Craig 'Duck' Palma

Coach

1st XI

MVP

Tad Merry

13 votes

Zeshan A Sheikh

13 votes

Batting Average

Zeshan A Sheikh

286 runs at 47.67

Bowling Average

Tad Merry

20 wickets at 17.80

Captains Award

Brett Andrews

100's

Matthew Canty

125 vs Mulgrave

5W/i

Tad Merry

5/32 vs Burwood

Sharjeel Murtaza

5/64 vs Mulgrave

5 Dismissals

5 (5ct) Jordan Ciuro vs Richmond City

Finished 10th

Senior Turf

CAPTAIN'S REVIEW

Season 2008/09 for the Old Carey 1st XI seemed to have it all. We had stunning debuts, thrilling victories, and agonising losses and in amongst it some great cricket all round.

A solid, talented but in parts untested core of 1's players was formed from our pre season training which left both coach and captain with high hopes for the season if we fulfilled our talent.

The return of Ali, Sherry & Jazzy was welcomed. Apart from being good cricketers these guys are a pleasure to have around the club and the boys were happy to have them back in the fray albeit quietly hoping it was for an entire season this time.

Another new player in Matt Canty set whispers amongst the ECA that Old Carey was on the up and up and certainly had the batting cattle to post some large scores in the coming season. Tex demonstrated this early with a quick fire debut 65 against Burwood in Round 2 then announced himself to the competition with a superb 125 against the 5 time premiers Mulgrave in Round 4.

A mid season recruit of Lachlan Hewson bolstered a thin pace brigade and despite being injured towards the end of the season Lach was a big part of a thrilling win against Richmond City and we hope to have him back fit, healthy and ready to fire next season.

Another mid season recruit post his schooling was Tristan Reid ('08). Tristan only played 5 games at the end of the season but was equal leading wicket taker amongst the medium pace brigade and his efforts with bat and ball went a long way to securing the victory against Richmond City that saw us out of the dreaded relegation zone. With a full pre-season under his belt Tristan will be a valued member of the 1st XI squad next year.

We had two current Carey students play 1st XI matches in Charles Norbury and James Evans. Both acquitted themselves admirably in Dunstan Shield and we look forward to gaining their full time services next season.

After the obligatory wash out in Round 1 we got the season rolling in Round 2 with a great win against Burwood. Whilst Burwood hadn't set the world on fire in previous seasons they were a team we had struggled against, so setting some early demons to rest we looked to build on our good start.

We were comprehensively beaten by the reigning premiers in Round 3 but bounced back in Round 4 with a superb victory over Mulgrave. Chasing 275 3 wickets down with 25 overs to spare is definitely one of the best regular season victories in my time at the club. Our disciplined bowling in the first week is not to be forgotten either and was a great example of following a game plan.

A last over loss to Bulleen on the reserve day Sunday game and a washout in Round 5 saw us at 2-2-1 almost halfway into the season. The race for finals in Dunstan shield this year was certainly an open one and as evidenced by the eventual premier East Doncaster it was certainly anyone's title to win this year.

Unlike last year where we finished the season on a high, this year tailed off badly towards the end, losing our last 3 matches and 6 of our last 7. Certainly at times our best team wasn't on the paddock and one could say we never got our best team on the park consistently all season but at the end of the day our performances weren't up to scratch. Not to say the guys selected didn't give 100% but I think our preparation and commitment to training and games on a whole was sub par compared to other teams in the competition. Whilst we all play for "the love of the game" and to play with your mates in a club environment, the level of cricket at Dunstan Shield is not to be sneezed at and if you don't come prepared you will be exposed quickly as we found out at the tail end of the season.

I am confident that with our core group of players retained plus our off season recruits in the pipeline, we are ready next season to take the next step into finals contention in Dunstan Shield. They don't hand out finals appearances at this level and it will require a committed effort from the entire squad to training & matches to fulfil our goals next year.

Season 2008/09 also saw the retirement of Club Legend Stuart Rankin. Stu has played nearly 20 seasons of cricket for Old Carey and I don't think there are many things he hasn't accomplished on field at the club in that time. Despite the on field accolades Stu's off field presence, tactical nous and ability to singlehandedly drive an entire team at training and during games is second to none. It's been an honour to play with Stu for as long as I have and he'll be missed in games next season but hopefully not lost to the club.

I would like to acknowledge the job done over the past 4 seasons of our coach Craig Palma. There is no doubt Duck had a huge influence in getting us over the line and into the finals in A Grade which ultimately led to our promotion to Dunstan Shield. Duck has worked tirelessly at game plans, strategies and overall trying to improve the way we approach and prepare for matches and has done a sterling job throughout his tenure. The past season was a struggle at times for numbers and Duck in his role as Chairman of Selectors spent countless hours on the phone trolling for players and I have no doubt that if it wasn't for him this season we would have been forfeiting many matches in our lower grades. We wish Craig all the best with his future coaching endeavours.

Congratulations to Grant Christiansen and Phil Pitts on their jobs done as 2nd and 3rd XI Captains respectively. The 2's narrowly missed out on finals and 30 led the side excellently all year. The 3's were competitive in most matches and China led from the front on all occasions as good captains do.

Gavin Macrae as Vice Captain was as always a rock of stability for me as skipper. I can be an intense captain at times in striving for the best out of my players and the situation and the calming influence of Gav is the perfect balance to that. Along with his exceptional cricketing ability Gav is a huge asset to our club and a pleasure to play with every week.

Jordan Ciuro in his role as Co-President this year was outstanding. Along with the rest of the committee in Andrew Vanderziel, Peter Weymouth, Gavin Macrae & Will McConnell. Needless to say we are one of the smaller clubs in the ECA and this committee puts in countless hours just to keep the club treading water. Their efforts are hugely appreciated by me and the entire club.

Robyn Ciuro once again took care of the afternoon teas at home matches and if it's possible to outperform last years efforts she certainly did. I don't think we played one home game where at least 5 players commented on how good "the spread" was today. Thanks Robyn and hope to see you next season.

Jim Keppell and his staff once again provided us with some of the best wickets in Melbourne and was justly awarded the curator of the year at the recent ECA presentation night. I argue that this award should be Jim's on a permanent basis but I guess I am biased.

And a final congratulations to all the award winners tonight. You don't win awards entirely out of luck but by hard work and dedication. The club, the association and the sport at the grass roots level are entering some interesting times and it requires us as a club to stick fat and build on what we have, not sit by and wait for someone else to get the job done for us.

I hope you enjoy the night and look forward to seeing every one plus more to pre season training in August.

Tad Merry

Primary Edge T20

With the influx of Twenty 20 (T20) cricket the ECA introduced a knockout competition for 32 clubs sponsored by Primary Edge Clothing.

Old Carey made the Quarter finals of the competition with a thrilling last ball victory against Burwood. Highlights of the game include Gavin Macraes' match winning 48* and Ali's 4/10 with the ball. Ducks full length diving catch at mid wicket in the first over was the best catch of the season!

In round 2 we defeated "the Barnies" via a bowl off. 12 shots at a single set of stumps and again Gav was the match winner being the only player from either side to strike.

In the Quarter Finals we were soundly beaten by eventual runner up North Balwyn.

The tournament was a resounding success and we looked forward to a new and improved T20 competition next year.

Season's Averages

BATTING

	M	I	R	NO	5os	100s	Ducks	HS	Avg.	C/St	RO
Zeshan A Sheikh	7	6	286	-	3	-	-	91	47.67	8	1
Matthew Canty	10	10	280	-	1	1	1	125	28.00	8/1	2
Tad Merry	10	10	236	1	2	-	-	59	26.22	12	1
William McConnell	6	6	121	1	1	-	2	68	24.20	1	-
Linden Gerhard	7	7	113	2	-	-	-	36	22.60	1	-
Gavin Macrae	9	7	127	1	1	-	2	54*	21.17	4	-
Craig Palma	2	2	40	-	-	-	-	25	20.00	2	-
Brett Andrews	8	6	97	-	-	-	1	29	16.17	4	-
Sharjeel Murtaza	7	5	58	1	-	-	-	22*	14.50	3	1
Stuart Rankin	9	7	86	1	-	-	1	26	14.33	1	-
Jahanzaib Haroon	3	2	23	-	-	-	-	21	11.50	-	-
James Evans	1	1	11	-	-	-	-	11	11.00	-	-
Rahul Khera	3	2	19	-	-	-	-	15	9.50	1	-
Jordan Ciuro	6	5	24	2	-	-	1	14	8.00	8	1
Charles Norbury	2	2	13	-	-	-	-	11	6.50	-	-
Lachlan Hewson	4	4	16	1	-	-	-	7	5.33	-	-
Tristan Reid	5	5	12	1	-	-	2	8*	3.00	1	-
Hew Gerrard	9	7	10	3	-	-	3	9	2.50	-	-
Shane Lacey	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1.00	1	-
Glen S Parker	1	1	0	-	-	-	1	0	-	-	-

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	A/N	SR	ER	5W/i	BB	Avg
Tad Merry	95.1	13	356	20	6/14	28.55	3.74	1	5/32	17.80
Tristan Reid	48.4	5	197	9	7/2	32.44	4.05	-	4/35	21.89
Lachlan Hewson	46	6	178	7	5/2	39.43	3.87	-	4/37	25.43
Stuart Rankin	56.5	4	264	9	7/2	37.89	4.65	-	3/44	29.33
Sharjeel Murtaza	58	13	274	7	7/0	49.71	4.72	1	5/64	39.14
Zeshan A Sheikh	125	25	442	11	7/4	68.18	3.54	-	4/65	40.18
Gavin Macrae	74	9	312	6	6/0	74.00	4.22	-	3/80	52.00
Hew Gerrard	84	19	281	5	4/1	100.80	3.35	-	3/36	56.20
Glen S Parker	10	2	65	1	1/0	60.00	6.50	-	1/65	65.00
Shane Lacey	4	0	12	0	-	-	3.00	-	0/12	-
Linden Gerhard	3	0	23	0	-	-	7.67	-	0/23	-
Matthew Canty	6	0	42	0	-	-	7.00	-	0/12	-

PARTNERSHIPS

<i>W</i>	<i>Avg</i>	<i>Hi</i>	<i>Batsmen</i>	<i>Round</i>
1	48.80	204	M Canty & Z Sheikh	Round 4 vs Mulgrave
2	26.40	70	Z Sheikh & T Merry	Round 1 vs Bulleen
3	11.30	41	T Merry & L Gerhard	Round 6 vs East Doncaster
4	25.75	58	T Merry & L Gerhard	Round 3 vs Ashburton
5	17.75	52	T Merry & S Rankin	Round 6 at East Doncaster
6	26.75	42	G Macrae & B Andrews	Round 7 vs Hawthorn
7	6.63	16	B Andrews & S Rankin	Round 7 vs Hawthorn
8	8.88	22	J Evans & S Murtaza	Round 3 vs Ashburton
9	15.86	32	G Macrae & S Murtaza	Round 10 vs Deepdene Bears
10	1.67	6	G Macrae & H Gerrard	Round 10 vs Deepdene Bears

MVP VOTING

	<i>Votes</i>
Tad Merry	13
Zeshan A Sheikh	13
Gavin Macrae	11
Matthew Canty	8
William McConnell	3
Lachlan Hewson	3
Stuart Rankin	2
Tristan Reid	2
Linden Gerhard	2
Craig Palma	2
Sharjeel Murtaza	1

2nd XI

MVP

Mark Sontag

10 votes

Batting Average

Jahanzaib Haroon

333 runs at 66.60

Bowling Average

Andrew Vanderzeil

16 wickets at 20.44

Captains Award

Peter Weymouth

100's

Jahanzaib Haroon

147 vs La Trobe University

Hatrick

Mark Sontag

3/26 vs Canterbury

Finished 5th

D Turf

CAPTAIN'S REVIEW

Before I get into the review of the season I would like to thank all those who supported me throughout the season in my 2nd time as captain. Specifically the other two team captains, Xmas and China, our incredibly hard working coach, Duck, and of course Krusty and Dino as the leadership group in the 2's. Also thanks to all the guys who played in the 2's this year and put in a lot of hard yards. As always without that support my job and the season would have been a lot harder.

Season 2008/09 was a much more successful one for the 2's than the previous one after being relegated to D-turf. However somehow despite only 3 loses for the season we weren't able to make our goal for the season and reach the finals which obviously was very disappointing as I absolutely believe we deserved to be there and had done what was needed.

The season itself got underway with the usual pre-season with promising numbers attending both the Sunday and Wednesday sessions. There were a number of new faces to add to a good core of the previous season's players and the welcome return of some others. This bode well for resolving some of the issues we had as a club regarding numbers and I eagerly looked forward to the season beginning and having a more settled and consistent side going game to game. However with most of the new faces disappearing in the early Rounds numbers again were an issue throughout the season.

The first Round (that actually got underway) was a One-Dayer away to Burwood and we were able to put a team on the park that was as strong if not stronger than any we had the season before.

Unfortunately a sloppy start with 3 catches going down in the first 4 overs with one being very costly (first of several for myself this season) meant an imposing 200+ score plus was put on the board. With 10 overs to go though we were well in the hunt at about 150/3 with Ricky and Sonny especially showing that they were going to be forces with the bat this season. However in this instance we weren't able keep it going with wickets falling regularly due to the immediate pressure and we fell 10 runs short. It was a loss that as it turns out we were really left to rue especially as Burwood fell in a heap after Christmas and even though they were 6th at the time lost outright in the last Round to Donvale (5th

place) who jumped us into 4th and the finals. While maybe simplifying the matter slightly caused us to miss the finals.

The other two losses were against the two teams who finished 1st and 2nd and while they were strong teams we didn't help ourselves with both of these Rounds being the ones we were most affected by lack of numbers. Against Richmond who were in 1st spot and undefeated until the final Round (and then got knocked out in the semi) we fielded with 9 on the postage stamp of a ground that is the 3rds ground, and as usual, a belter.

Despite this we held them to just on 316 (it's a 350+ ground) but batting with only 9 we had one of our poorer efforts with the bat and were all out 20mins before rain would have salvaged a draw. One typical Auction innings of 85 and a amazing cameo from first game player Simon Leon were the highlights. Similarly against East Doncaster (eventual winners of D-turf) we played with 10 each week and a bowler/batsmen week 1/2 combo that was planned back fired when the toss was lost and were sent in with the bowler in the side (no offence to Super). Again a dropped catch (yes it was me) fairly early on the following week was possibly costly however we were fairly comprehensively beaten. Again in hindsight some selection decisions possibly weren't the best but the root cause was that the ongoing numbers issues that the club has were coming home to roost.

Now with the negatives out of the way there were also a lot of highlights a great wins over the season. Of significant note was some of swashbuckling innings from Jazzy (147, 96 & 77) scoring a total of 333 runs in 5 innings, 2nd highest run scorer for D-turf. Absolutely awesome to watch and demoralising for the opposition, awesome stuff Jazzy! Sonny making great gains with both bat and ball proving himself as a very solid and consistent opening batsmen and having some magical moments with the ball including a hat-trick and as always giving 100%. Great consistency from Ricky with 3 50's in 4 innings. Auction as always a match winner being at his devastating best with both bat and ball.

Vanders being the leading wicket taker in D-turf for a good part of the season finally finishing 4th with a couple of match winning spells, most notably against eventual finalist Donvale when they were well placed chasing 293 at mother taking two wickets in one over shortly after tea and making tying them down till the mountain was too great to climb. Some cameo appearances from Ben Adair (51 vs Deepdene) and Jol Sinclair (2-17 & 47 vs Canterbury), Zed bringing us home in two One-Dayers (33* vs Cantebury, 2-31 & 16 vs Marcellin). Plus vital contributions from Dino, Krusty and Goochy throughout the season along with their support and experience as senior players.

Of the wins some also stand out and warrant a mention. A last ball victory in a 1-dayer against Marcellin chasing down 161 with a sneaky leg bye off the last ball by Krusty and Dom Crawley. This after almost letting it slip with a slow start to the innings and then once looking like it was almost sewn up with near the end including Zed 2nd last ball when the score were tied. Three big scores posted against La Trobe, Donvale and Mont Albert with patience and grit shown in all three to wear the opposition down when we fielded especially against Donvale when they really could have kicked on from 2/122 at tea with everyone scrapping for every run and holding them to 5/277 giving us a 16 run win. Another tense finish n a 1-dayer against Deepdene with contributions from everyone finishing up with Krusty at the crease belting a four in the last over after again almost letting the game slip with loosing wickets towards the end.

So all up with 6 wins, 1 draw (almost certainly robbed by the rain of a win against 2nd bottom Surrey Hills) and 3 losses (2 being mismatches due to numbers) it was a very satisfying and despite not making the finals also a very successful season. I was really proud of the team as

a whole and the gains in performance we made from the previous season with a wealth of all-Rounders who could be turned to when required and 1 or 2 players putting their hand up when it was needed. From a 2's team numbers perspective a slightly larger core of players also developed which hopefully can be maintained and grown upon next season. However on this I do have a couple of things to say and I'm going to take advantage of this forum to plant some thoughts with everyone.

Moving forward there are several key things that the 2's and the club need to address to ensure we take the next step from last season, make the finals with the goal of returning to C-turf and at the same time strengthen the 1's by shortening the jump in grades between the two sides. None of these are rocket science but I'll state them anyway.

A majority of players who are committed to playing for the season and want to be part of a 2's environment. This means consistently attending training, turning up on time, being eager to do what's required pre-match (warm-up etc). Just turning up is not good enough...

- A 2's team which includes several players aspiring & capable of playing in the 1's
- Those players have to be prepared to demonstrate what was mentioned in the previous point even more than the others
- An understanding of the players that the 2's is not like the 3's and not everyone is going to get a go or get to do what they want. Basically putting the team and club first.

The reality is that the 2's for the last two seasons has basically been more like a 3's environment with a good portion of the team not at the commitment level above. Just so this isn't misunderstood it is in no way meant to be a criticism of the guys who have played in the 2's for the last couple of seasons. Far from it and as I've already mentioned I was really proud and pleased with how well the team went. Also I am first to agree that we shouldn't and can't make people commit more than they want to. That's not why and how a lot want to play their cricket and whatever capacity that might be for each individual is great by me.

However the reason why I have mentioned the above is things can not continue as they are. This is why it is very important that we collectively continue to strive to increase the numbers of the club. All of us can make a difference by finding another player who in turn may also know someone else and so on. From these we'll get the full spectrum of 1's through 3's players but basically the more of us (the less committed included) who take this on board the better we'll go.

For those of the few current 2's players that want to be part of this type of environment and those with 1's aspirations absolutely need to take on this level of commitment and encourage as many others to do the same. As I said, for those just turning up isn't good enough. Ultimately to really support the 1's I believe the 2's should be a youthful side in B-Turf. Though that said while there is nothing wrong with aiming high you have to walk before you can run.

So with all that said congrats to everyone on another season passed and I look forward to next season eagerly and optimistic that we can achieve the club and team goals.

Cheers,

Grant Christainsen

BOWLING

	<i>O</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>A/N</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>SR</i>	<i>ER</i>	<i>5W/i</i>	<i>BB</i>	<i>Avg.</i>
Stuart Rankin	3.5	0	2	1/1	10	11.50	2.61	-	2/10	5.00
Jol Sinclair	5	0	2	1/1	17	15.00	3.40	-	2/17	8.50
David Macleod	38	10	10	6/4	127	22.8	3.34	-	4/50	12.70
Grant Christiansen	21	4	3	3/0	43	42.00	2.05	-	1/4	14.33
Ron Alcock	6	1	1	0/1	19	36.00	3.17	-	1/19	19.00
Andrew Vanderzeil	84	12	16	7/9	327	31.5	3.89	-	4/48	20.44
Matt Curry	27	4	3	1/2	74	54.00	2.74	-	2/14	24.67
Rahul Khera	7	1	1	1/0	25	42.00	3.57	-	1/25	25.00
Shane Lacey	81	12	10	4/6	279	48.60	3.44	-	2/40	27.90
Mark Sontag	109	23	11	7/4	326	59.45	2.99	-	3/26	29.64
Andrew Clapton	4	0	1	0/1	33	24.00	8.25	-	1/15	33.00
Linden Gerhard	13	4	1	1/0	34	78.00	2.62	-	1/34	34.00
Peter Weymouth	41	6	5	4/1	173	49.20	4.22	-	2/28	34.60
Andre Pitts	20	1	2	2/0	84	60.00	4.20	-	2/31	42.00
Jahanzaib Haroon	47	7	3	1/2	170	94.00	3.62	-	1/19	56.67
Mark Smeaton	31	5	1	0/1	105	186.00	3.39	-	1/23	105.00
William McConnell	2	1	-	0/0	5	-	2.50	-	0/5	-
Hew Gerrard	4	1	-	0/0	9	-	2.25	-	0/9	-
Jake Thomson	10	2	-	0/0	50	-	5.00	-	0/50	-
Vipul Sharma	3	-	-	0/0	8	-	2.67	-	0/8	-

PARTNERSHIPS

<i>W</i>	<i>Avge</i>	<i>Hi</i>	<i>Batsmen</i>	<i>Round</i>
1	25.33	56	G Christiansen & M Sontag	Round 2 vs Burwood
2	38.44	82	M Sontag & J Sinclair	Round 1 vs Canterbury
3	33.67	126	R Khera & J Haroon	Round 8 vs Donvale
4	28.13	76	L Gerhard & J Haroon	Round 11 vs Mont Albert
5	29.00	115	K Jack & J Haroon	Round 3 vs LaTrobe Uni
6	30.80	89	J Haroon & PWeymouth	Round 3 vs LaTrobe Uni
7	13.80	39	D Macleod & A Vanderzeil	Round 6 vs Richmond City
8	19.60	42	A Vanderzeil & S Leon	Round 6 vs Richmond City
9	17.67	18*	C Palma & A Vanderzeil	Round 3 vs LaTrobe Uni
10	27.00	26	PWeymouth & S Lacey	Round 11 vs Mont Albert

MVP VOTING

	<i>Votes</i>
Mark Sontag	10
David Macleod	9
Jahanzaib Haroon	8
Rahul Khera	8
Peter Weymouth	5
Ben Adair	3
Andrew Vanderzeil	2
Jol Sinclair	2
Richard Gooch	2
Ken Jack	1
Andre Pitts	1
Simon Leon	1
Grant Christiansen	1
Linden Gerhard	1

3rd XI

MVP

Phil Pitts

7 votes

Batting Average

John McGuckin

232 runs at 25.78

Bowling Average

Phil Pitts

24 wickets at 22.50

Captains Award

Andrew MacLeod

100's

John McGuckin

100 vs Tooronga Districts

Chris Carter

136* vs East Doncaster

5W/i

Mark Sontag

6/34 vs Tooronga Districts

David MacLeod

5/34 vs Surrey Hills

Phil Pitts

5/72 vs Donvale

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CAPTAIN'S REVIEW

Firstly I would like to recognise the contribution made by all the players who donned their whites for our side this year. There were a grand total of 42 players who officially took part as a named member of the squad, and a further 15 (mostly 1's who graciously filled in for us to help us make up numbers) who played some small part in helping us out on the field as substitute players. From myself and the rest of the regular players, I would like to pass on a small token of my appreciation of all your efforts. Without these players giving up their Saturday afternoons, we would not have been able to field a competitive side most weeks, and I think the club as a whole owes them a debt of gratitude.

Our Round 1 match against Canterbury was rained out and was played on a Sunday some weeks later. This was a close match that was made special by the return of Rex the Swine Stephenson to the club in the first of a few notable cameo's. Rex's 76 not out helped us to our second win of the weekend, and our second win of the year.

Round 2 saw the year began with a very competitive match against one of our traditional rivals- Bulleen. We were glad to see that their skipper from the previous year had been replaced but in what is usually a case of 'out of the frying pan and into the fire', the close end to the game showed that there is a reason this particular club doesn't win Grand Finals. Without going into the details too much, all that can be said is that a close match came down to one or two 'unpopular' decisions and we lost the game by 1 wicket. Given that we fielded a team of 8, it was something to be disappointed about, but not overly disheartened by. After all, Bulleen didn't lose a game throughout the year - until the Grand Final.

Round 3 against Ringwood was the customary forfeit from the 3's, being that it was held over the Caulfield cup fortnight.

Round 4 was our first win for the year against another of our traditional rivals, Tooronga. We again struggled for numbers, but were topped up with a smattering of 2's players who thankfully had a bye in this round. The most notable performances to come out of this game were McGuckin's ton, and also Sonny's first extended foray into bowling for the club. His 6/37 helped to actually not only win, but also to achieve a rare outright victory against a team that has given us a lot of trouble over the years.

After the successful weekend where we actually managed to win two games, and to sit on 15 points after 4 rounds, we were thinking that if only we could actually field a decent side on a week to week basis, we might be able to give some of the more fancied sides a run.

Unfortunately the following weeks only served to justify exactly where we were as a team.

The following game was against Surrey Hills who had similarly been struggling for numbers. Whilst we started with 7 blokes on the field, (this includes one opposition player for 3 overs), our team found some stability when BA, X-mas and Stuart came along to fill in for us. Added to this was a plethora of Don Seca's mates who came along at intermittent times throughout the game to fill gaps. We managed to bowl them out for 162 which was their best score for the year and congratulations to Auction for his 5 wicket haul. Our overnight score of 0/41 left us feeling confident of a victory but the weather put paid to another 6 points, and a draw resulted.

Round 6 found us playing down at Yarra Bend with 8 players. This game saw the introduction of two other 'regulars' in Dom Crowley and James Trewarne. Crowley's managed to impress everyone with his unorthodox batting stance and exceptional eye in his well compiled 54, whilst Warnie's bowling showed that its hard to actually pick up a ball in anger against blokes who knew how to bat, and with only 7 blokes in the field. The wash up was that even with two quality interlopers in week 2 through Adam Palma and Rex, we were still beaten outright by the ultimate Premiers - who sadly in this game - rode on the back of one batsman.

Our last game before Christmas was a One-Dayer against Mulgrave. Our keeper almost lost an eye on the 4th ball of the day after an Adam Palma thunderbolt reared off a length and got through the gate to strike him on the temple but he soldiered through the rest of the day. Again, with only limited numbers, we struggled to keep the score down under 200 and eventually lost by 8 runs. Credit to Don Seca and Noisy for their efforts with bat, ball and keeping gloves as well.

The Christmas break came at a great time but we were unable to take advantage of it in terms of finding numbers and we rocked up to our game against Donvale short on quality. Still, we batted first and struggled to a competitive score only to have our optimism snuffed out by a gun A Grade batsman who was filling up the numbers. Donvale tried for an outright but we staved off a humiliating defeat when our numbers 10 and 11 batted for about 50 mins to keep their bowling at bay.

Struggling for numbers each week really began to take it's toll on our capacity to keep giving and giving, and also our enthusiasm for the game each week but we stuck it out for the remaining three matches against East Doncaster, La Trobe Uni and Hawthorn, and whilst we had good moments in each match, they were few and far between and we suffered heavy losses on each occasion.

The wash-up of the season was that we had plenty of blokes come through the revolving door of the threes but there was a core of 7 odd blokes who played most games. Many thanks to Rabbit McGuckin, Noisy, Viper Dom, Warnie, Richard MacDonnell before his permanent promotion to the 2's, and especially Andrew MacLeod. Other notable

blokes who played more than a handful of games were Adam Palma, KJ Choi, Rex, and Duck.

From all the doom and gloom of our season, there were some pretty remarkable individual efforts. Rabbit's ton, Auction's 5/34, Sonny's 6/37, Andrew MacLeod improving on his highest scores regularly, McGuckin's first wicket for the club, as well as Choi's first wicket for us as well, Noisy's efforts behind the stumps (having two stumpings in one game), Noisy's 4/62, ex's 76 and Chris Carter's 136 not out are all notable achievements that deserve special mention.

And of course, Andy Mac's attempts to bring some quality to our fielding with his slides to cut off boundaries.

From a skipper's point of view, I couldn't be more proud of the efforts that everyone who took the field for us put in. The year dragged on, but we kept our heads and our competitive spirit in the face of adversity. Whilst winning premierships is what any sporting contest is all about, the fact that these blokes kept showing up week after week knowing that we would be playing with limited numbers says more about them as blokes and their passion for our club, and their commitment for our team. I can only thank each and every one of them who gave their time, energy and efforts to Old Carey during the 2008/09 season, and hope that if they choose to make an appearance again next year, that the club is able to thank them by fielding a 3 full teams each week.

Phil Pitts

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An extra congratulations to Linden who dominated the non-ECA run T20 comp JATA Shield so ruthlessly he was named Player of The Tournament. This despite his team not making the final.

Along with his individual honour, Linden was also selected to represent the JATA All Star team in a series of fixtures in India. Unfortunately terrorist attacks and the global financial crisis have delayed his departure, but we hope he gets the opportunity to show his wares to a new audience.
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BOWLING

	O	M	R	W	A/N	SR	ER	5W/i	BB	Avg.
Ken Jack	1	0	4	1	1/0	6.00	4.00	-	1/4	4.00
Steve Christofis	3	0	13	2	2/0	9.00	4.33	-	2/13	6.50
Sam Benjamin	5	0	13	2	1/1	15.00	2.60	-	2/13	6.50
Graham Woods	4	0	15	2	0/2	12.00	3.75	-	2/15	7.50
Mark Sontag	21.4	8	53	7	3/4	18.57	2.45	1	6/34	7.57
Peter Weymouth	17	8	18	2	1/1	51.00	1.06	-	2/5	9.00
David MacLeod	40	12	75	7	4/3	34.29	1.88	1	5/34	10.71
Adam Palma	30	2	100	8	3/5	22.5	3.33	-	3/23	15.50
Andreas Chai	3	0	16	1	1/0	18.00	5.33	-	1/16	16.00
Ron Alcock	10	1	34	2	1/1	30.00	3.40	-	2/34	17.00
Ross McIntosh	22	3	90	5	3/2	26.40	4.09	-	3/42	18.00
Phil Pitts	126	12	540	24	15/9	31.50	4.29	1	5/72	22.50
Shane Lacey	23	6	47	2	0/2	69.00	2.04	-	1/14	23.50
James Woods	3	0	24	1	1/0	18.00	8.00	-	1/24	24.00
Chris Carter	7	0	28	1	0/1	42.00	4.00	-	1/28	28.00
Simon Noisette	52	3	211	7	3/4	44.57	4.06	-	4/62	30.14
Colin Unkles	10	2	36	1	0/1	60.00	3.60	-	1/18	36.00
Andrew Vanderzeil	19	4	39	1	0/1	114.00	2.05	-	1/39	39.00
Vipul Sharma	60	6	328	8	4/4	45.00	5.47	-	2/53	41.00
Don Seca	9	2	42	1	0/1	54.00	4.67	-	1/15	42.00
Greg Schinck	7	0	50	1	1/0	42.00	7.14	-	1/50	50.00
Dominic Crowley	39.1	0	221	3	0/3	78.33	5.64	-	1/31	73.67
Brijesh Mishra	2	0	20	0	-	-	10.00	-	0/20	-
Declan Seca	22	0	132	0	-	-	6.00	-	0/16	-
Craig Palma	6	0	20	0	-	-	3.33	-	0/20	-
Andrew MacLeod	3	0	26	0	-	-	8.67	-	0/11	-
Raj S Taneja	13	0	51	0	-	-	3.92	-	0/51	-
Craig Tolley	6	0	39	0	-	-	6.50	-	0/39	-
James Trewarne	1	0	25	0	-	-	25.00	-	0/25	-
John McGuckin	5	1	17	0	-	-	3.40	-	0/17	-

PARTNERSHIPS

<i>W</i>	<i>Avge</i>	<i>Hi</i>	<i>Batsmen</i>	<i>Round</i>
1	31.36	85	V Sharma & B Shutie	Round 4 vs Tooronga Districts
2	24.91	59	K Jack & J McGuckin	Round 7 vs Mulgrave
3	33.45	98	K Jack & R McIntosh	Round 11 vs Hawthorn
4	14.55	55	A Palma & D Crowley	Round 6 vs Richmond City
5	22.64	76	C Carter & R McIntosh	Round 9 at East Doncaster
6	24.40	110	J McGuckin & M Sontag	Round 4 vs Tooronga Districts
7	20.00	61*	C Carter & S Noisette	Round 9 at East Doncaster
8	7.20	15*	M Stephenson & C Palma	Round 1 vs Canterbury
9	26.67	32*	P Pitts & S Noisette	Round 8 vs Donvale
10	17.00	32	P Pitts & A Macleod	Round 11 vs Hawthorn

MVP VOTING

	<i>Votes</i>
Phil Pitts	7
Adam Palma	6
Ross McIntosh	6
Michael Stephenson	5
Ken Jack	5
Simon Noisette	5
Ron Alcock	3
Vipul Sharma	3
John McGuckin	3
David MacLeod	3
Dominic Crowley	3
Chris Carter	3
Mark Sontag	2
Don Seca	2
Declan Seca	2
Brendan Shutie	1
Andrew MacLeod	1

Club Award Winners



President's
Award

Linden
Gerhard

First Year
Player

Matthew
Canty

Coach's
Award

Hew
Gerard

Most
Improved

Jahanziab
Haroon

Club Champion Voting

		Runs	Catches	Wickets	RO/ST	Total
1	Tad Merry	236	140	340	20	736
2	Mark Sontag	272	80	260	30	642
3	Phil Pitts	196	40	330	-	566
4	Zeshan A Sheikh	286	80	150	10	526
5	David MacLeod	223	20	240	-	483
6	Jahanzaib Haroon	356	20	50	10	436
7	Matthew Canty	280	80	-	40	400
8	Vipul Sharma	182	30	120	-	332
9	John McGuckin	245	80	-	-	325
10	Andrew Vanderzeil	10	-	270	-	280
11	Shane Lacey	35	40	200	-	275
12	Stuart Rankin	91	20	140	-	251
13	Peter Weymouth	130	20	90	10	250
14	Adam Palma	93	20	130	-	243
15	Rahul Khera	185	40	10	-	235
16	Grant Christiansen	152	50	30	-	232
17	Gavin Macrae	127	40	60	-	227
18	Simon Noisette	71	10	110	30	221
19	Dominic Crowley	105	20	60	20	205
20	Ken Jack	180	10	10	-	200
21	Sharjeel Murtaza	58	40	70	20	188
22	Linden Gerhard	147	10	10	-	167
23	Chris Carter	136	-	20	-	156
24	Michael Stephenson	143	10	-	-	153
25	William McConnell	142	10	-	-	152
26	Ross McIntosh	72	10	70	-	152
27	Brett Andrews	106	40	-	-	146
28	Don Seca	84	30	20	10	144
29	Tristan Reid	12	10	110	-	132
30	Ron Alcock	54	20	50	-	124
31	Jordan Ciuro	24	80	-	10	114
32	Andre Pitts	67	10	20	10	107
33	Lachlan Hewson	16	-	90	-	106
34	Richard MacDonnell	22	70	-	10	102
35	Craig Palma	61	30	-	10	101
36	Jol Sinclair	47	10	30	-	87
37	Ben Adair	52	20	-	10	82
38	Richard Gooch	82	-	-	-	82
39	Matt Curry	18	10	50	-	78
40	Hew Gerrard	12	-	60	-	72

		<i>Runs</i>	<i>Catches</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>RO/ST</i>	<i>Total</i>
41	Brendan Shutie	52	10	-	-	62
42	Declan Seca	37	20	-	-	57
43	Simon Leon	29	20	-	-	49
44	Greg Schinck	38	-	10	-	48
45	Mark Smeaton	25	-	20	-	45
46	Graeme Woods	-	-	40	-	40
47	Steve Christofis	1	10	20	-	31
48	Sam Benjamin	-	-	30	-	30
49	Andrew Clapton	-	-	20	10	30
50	James Trewarne	19	10	-	-	29
51	Colin Unkles	2	-	20	-	22
52	Martin Bruni	10	10	-	-	20
53	Raj Taneja	20	-	-	-	20
54	James Woods	8	-	10	-	18
55	Andreas Chai	7	-	10	-	17
56	Charles Norbury	13	-	-	-	13
57	Andrew Macleod	11	-	-	-	11
58	James Evans	11	-	-	-	11
59	Glen S Parker	-	-	10	-	10
60	Paul	-	10	-	-	10
61	Sam Connelly	4	-	-	-	4
62	Jake Thomson	2	-	-	-	2
63	Craig Tolley	1	-	-	-	1

