

Cromer Cricket Chatter

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Message from the President



The 2011/12 cricket season so far has seen more than our normal rain interruptions to training and games. Despite this most games have been played with some reduced to 1 dayers. I hope you are all enjoying playing cricket and although you may not be winning, I'm sure with constant improvement your desired results are just around the corner.

A number of our Junior teams are well placed in their competitions with many of the kids contributing to some great team performances. The men's T20 competition is well underway with the finals continuing in the New Year. The reformed BBQ's team has entered the 2nd Grade mens completion and are producing some fantastic results. The new 7th Grade mens team and Legend's 6th Grade team have some young recruits helping with some of our more mature players. You can read more in the Club Captains Corner.

Dates for the diary:

- 7 January Senior's restart season
- 28 January Junior's restart season
- 18 February Pink Stumps Day

Representative Players

In the last Chatter just after the start of the season I made mention of two Cromer juniors that are both now established in the Manly 1st grade team. Since then one of these local juniors, Jack Ritche has continued to shine.

Jack was awarded Man of the Match in the Round 4 game for Manly 1st Grade playing against Easts. Jack scored his first Century for Manly and took the prized wicket of Dave Warner with bowling figures of 2/46 off 13ov. Congratulations Jack from CCC.

Raffle Tickets

Many thanks to all those that sold raffle tickets. This was a worthwhile fund raiser for the club with 95% of the ticket sale revenue going direct to Cromer Cricket Club. Whilst a number of tickets were not sold, we were still able to raise close to \$1,700 for Cromer. This revenue will go a long way to keeping registration fees down for next year.

Pink Stumps Day – 18 February 2012

Cromer has once again registered for the Pink Stumps Day to be held 18 February 2012 support the McGrath Foundation. This was a fun event last year that saw Beverley Job turn pink with our 2 Kanga Teams, U11's and Men's 4th Grade Teams donning pink caps, etc.

If you would like to donate follow the link:

<http://www.gofundraise.com.au/page/DavidRushton>

We are looking to involve as many teams as possible. If you would like to help in the organisation for the day or have any ideas please contact me.

Web Site - www.cromerccricket.com.au

The Cromer Cricket Club web site is constantly undergoing updates. Our web master, Ben Gummer is doing a great job with this and has set up a Face Book page. I recommend you log on and like this. The web site also contains many useful links, including ground locations and details of upcoming events.

I wish all the Cromer Cricket family a very Merry Christmas and Happy Cricketing in 2012.

Graham Scheffers



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Club Captain's Corner

It's hard to believe that half of the regular season is already behind us, but a cursory glance at MyCricket reveals that this certainly is the case. Upon further investigation, it appears that the Club has experienced quite a mixed bag of results, with some teams clearly finding the competition quite tough whilst others appear to be well and truly in premierships contention.

There have also been quite a number of strong individual performers in the months leading up to the break. Warranting special mentions are:

- John Bucknell (7th Grade) – The club's leading run-scorer with 304 including two centuries.
- George Wyllie (2nd Grade) – 302 runs including a century off just 15 overs in Round 7.
- Sean Tingcomb (U16/17s) – The club's leading junior run-scorer with 212 runs and second-highest wicket-taker with 14 wickets.
- Matthew Baseley (7th Grade) – The club's equal-leading wicket-taker with 18 wickets at 11.33
- Aaron Mahboob (U16/17s) – The club's equal-leading wicket-taker, and leading junior wicket-taker with 18 wickets including two 5-fors.
- Scott Waygood (2nd Grade) – 13 wickets and 99 runs.

The three qualifying rounds of the MWCA Twenty20 competition have already concluded and I am pleased to announce that the Cromer BBQs (a.k.a. Cromer A) have qualified for the Mike Pawley Cup in 1st position. This earns the team a free pass through the Quarter-Finals in January and places them directly in the Semi-Finals in February. While awaiting confirmation, it appears that the Disapontings (a.k.a. Cromer B) have qualified in first position for the T20 Plate courtesy of a first round Bye and the washout in Round 3. They will be joined by the Cromer C side in the next stage. We wish all three teams the best of luck in their knock-out matches.

The Club is interested in holding another Golf Day early next year after the success of last year's event at Warringah Golf Club – please get in contact with the Club if you are interested in participating and/or helping to organise. You may have noticed in Graham Scheffers' piece that St Matt's is undergoing a pitch transplant over the Christmas period. I'm sure that this will be a terrific boon for the Club and all of our players will benefit from training and playing on a new, much wider surface. As always, we thank our sponsors for their continued support and it is important that we all make an effort to reciprocate in the relationship. The 2nd Grade BBQs, in particular, have been frequenting the Master Builders Club after most matches and it would be great to catch up with the other Senior teams over a cold beer or a soft-drink. Thanks also to our many volunteers for their efforts over the first half of the season – you've done a fantastic job and additional help is always welcome.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable festive season with your friends and families, and I for one cannot wait for cricket to start back again in January!

Brett Holliday
Club Captain

Other Club News



St Matts Pitch

The Cromer Committee has been working for several seasons at relocating the pitch with the added benefit of gaining a wider pitch. After suffering for many years playing on one of the narrowest pitches in the area and negotiations with the other sports users at St Matts not able to agree on relocation, it was decided to replace the pitch in the current location.

You may have noticed the construction fencing and truck movements at St Matts. The pitch which has now been dug up is being replaced with a pitch almost 1.0m wider.

With funding from Warringah Council, MWJCA and MWCA the pitch should be complete over the Christmas break ready to use in late January. This is a great result that will help in the enjoyment of playing cricket by both our Junior and Senior teams.

In2 Cricket

Our in2 program for 4 to 7 year olds kicked off on the 4 November and was held at St Matts over five Friday afternoons with 19 participants this season. The concluding session was on 9 December. The re-scheduled final session and presentation was unfortunately washed out and so some of the kids were able to make it to the Cromer Christmas BBQ for a presentation and to join in. The enthusiasm shown by the in2 kids in trying new skills, was terrific to watch and this was more than matched by the improvement in the final session. The kids were well supported in enthusiasm and willingness of their parents to join in and assist.

A huge thanks to all those helping with the in2 program. Due to other commitments I was unable to make all the sessions so Mike Waygood was great in the role as co-ordinator. The positive feedback for the program is also testament to the other volunteers, namely: , Michael Counsell, Stephen Ryan, Madeline Ryan, Dan Waygood, Todd Schuiling, Brett Holliday, Jason Perry, Craig Murphy, Rhonda Hogg, Tom Cooper, Brad Moore, and Blake Scheffers.

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Match Reports—Seniors

BBQs News

After a somewhat shaky start to the season, in the form of a narrow win in Rd 1 and a defeat in a rain-induced one-dayer in Rd 2, after seven Rounds the Cromer BBQs can reflect upon their subsequent performances and conclude that 2011-12 has produced one of their best starts to a summer in recent memory. Here are some selected highlights from our campaigns thus far:

Round 1

Lyle Pearce Shield vs Wakehurst Redbacks CC

After losing the toss and being sent out into the field, the BBQs struck early; from there the Redbacks put on a 50 run stand for the 3rd wicket and appeared headed for a sizeable total. But breakthroughs by brothers Dan and Scott Waygood turned the match back into Cromer's favour. Dan (3/21) and Mitchell Finch (2/29), with the assistance of a couple of great catches from Tom Cooper, cleaned up the tail to leave the BBQs requiring 161 for victory. The BBQs found themselves under early pressure but stylish displays from Dan (29) and Jason Perry (30) put a sizeable dent in the target. It was then left to Barry O'Keeffe (51*) to take the bowlers on and nurture the tail to the target and a Cromer victory by just 2 wickets.

Round 2

Lyle Pearce Shield vs Collaroy Plateau CC

In a rain-forced one-dayer, after winning the toss and electing to Andrew Wyllie and Dan Waygood, perished early and it was left to Brett Holliday (28) to keep the score ticking along. His dismissal was followed by a steady fall of wickets until the team was all out for just 78. Nevertheless, the team was confident that it was a defendable total, given the favourable overcast conditions and particularly slow outfield. Tight bowling from Michael Counsell (2/17), Andrew (2/23) and Craig Murphy (1/15) went generally unrewarded. Four quick wickets brought Cromer back into the game with Collaroy Plateau just halfway to the total. But two further wickets did not prove sufficient as the BBQs lost by 4 wickets.

Round 3

Lyle Pearce Shield vs Manly Breakers CC

The BBQs lost the toss and were put in to bat under a grey sky that saw Scott Waygood and Nick James both knocked over for ducks. Fortunately, the BBQs are blessed with the sublime skills of George Wyllie and Kurt Brigden, and the pair combined for a 99-run stand before Jorge departed for a stellar 74. Kurt batted on with the lower-middle-order before succumbing for a well-made 57. Late cameos from Michael Counsell (22*) and Craig Murphy (25) added a vital 46 runs for the 10th wicket, taking the total to 229. In the field, Craig provided an early break-through as both teams grappled for ascendancy. Two quick wickets for Cromer preceded a Breakers 50-run stand but this was to be the last significant resistance from the Manly side. It was Simon shone as he cleaned up the Breakers' tail swiftly in the process of taking 4/16 and seeing that Cromer collected a 57 run victory.

Round 4

Lyle Pearce Shield vs Long Reef CC

After winning the toss and electing to bat, Cromer's entire top 6 headed back to the pavilion for single figures. But Scott Waygood strode to the crease with firm intent and proceeded to play a characteristically belligerent innings. By the time he holed out his 40 had staved off an embarrassing capitulation for the BBQs. Cromer was still in peril at 9/76 but fortunately I was able to combine with Todd Schuiling for a valuable 40-run partnership for the 10th wicket. While meagre, the BBQs were always confident of defending their total of 118. Andrew Wyllie (3/25), and Craig Murphy (1/13) in particular, ran in and bowled seriously quick and it wasn't long before Long Reef were well and truly on the back foot at 3/7. Michael Counsell (3/27) came on at first change and had the entire Long Reef line-up hopping around the crease for the duration of his 16 overs. 7/47 at stumps, Long Reef had a tough ask ahead of them the following week. The boys stuck strong, and wrapped up the match by 26 runs early on the second Saturday.

Round 5

Lyle Pearce Shield vs Harbord BC CC

The BBQs recognised the opportunity to notch up a third consecutive victory and winning the toss was the perfect start. Electing to bat, the score had already passed 30 when George Wyllie departed for 20, and it had become apparent that even a modest total would be an achievement on an outfield with grass so long that the ball sunk from view on occasion. Brett Holliday was the next to depart for a patient 17, as Scott Waygood (34) and Dan Waygood (39) set the team up with innings that would have resulted in much higher scores on any other ground. The only other double-figures contribution was from Mitchell Finch (18*) who struck some lusty blows late in the day to push the score beyond 150. Set 159 to win, the target must have felt more like 359 as Harbord's batsmen found out just how slow the outfield was the following Saturday. Harbord's batsmen had no answer to Malcolm's pace and control and the big quick ripped through their top order. In 14 superb overs, he conceded just 8 runs in taking his 4 wickets. The only impediment to a Cromer victory was a mid-innings partnership which threatened to take the game away from the BBQs. But a superb catch by Todd Schuiling (2/31) off his own bowling put paid to that and with Simon Waygood's help (2/24) victory was claimed by a margin of 46 runs.

Round 6

Lyle Pearce Shield vs Wakehurst Redbacks CC

While the BBQs lost the toss and were sent into the field, a magnificent caught and bowled effort from Andrew Wyllie (4/40) got the ball rolling, and his three subsequent dismissals identified him as the pick of the bowlers. With Wakehurst at one stage 3/60, he combined with Scott Waygood (2/5) and Simon Waygood (2/31) to take 3 wickets for just 4 runs, and further wickets at regular intervals left Cromer requiring just 105 for victory with 27 overs left in the day's play. While the BBQs found themselves in a spot of bother at 3/28, Simon walked to the crease at No.5 and set about plundering the Wakehurst attack to all parts of the field including an enormous six over midwicket off their spinner. Finishing the day's play 42*, he was ably supported by his father, Mike Waygood who wound back the clock in striking six boundaries in his 26*. By stumps, Cromer had eclipsed Wakehurst's score and in the process collected first innings points and a lead of 13 runs – an important achievement in light of the following week's subsequent washout.

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BBQs News (cont.)

Round 7

Lyle Pearce Shield vs Collaroy Plateau CC

This clash against Collaroy Plateau will go down as one of the most memorable games in the team's history. The boys were not surprised when I lost yet another toss which saw Cromer fielding first for the second successive match. It was beginning to look like a long day in the field was destined until Dan Waygood (2/20) was introduced into the attack and his breakthrough had CPCC at 2/67 just before drinks. As Collaroy looked to play for drinks, I threw the ball to Jason Perry for the final over before the break and he claimed a wicket with his first ball, and then the second ball after drinks. Before anyone knew it, Collaroy had been bowled out and Jason had the incredible (career-best) figures of 7/25 off just 9 overs. Chasing just 117, the BBQs had yet another top-order collapse and limped their way to 3/23 by stumps. Cromer's batting did not improve on the second morning, falling in heap to be 8 for 39! Just as it appeared that Cromer would be bundled out for less than 50, Mitchell Finch and Michael Counsell put on a mini batting exposition to get the score to 71. With the game seemingly over, Collaroy Plateau insisted in playing on, so back out into the field the BBQs headed. Having been told that a declaration would come as soon as the required run rate breached a run per ball, the BBQs set about restricting the target

to being as small as possible. With the ball, Scott Waygood produced a remarkable display of variety and control, of guile and persistence. While Todd Schuiling chimed in with two late wickets, it was all Scott Waygood as he emulated the efforts of Jason the week before in finishing with 7/27. Having rolled the Plateau for 93, the BBQs needed 139 to win off just 22 overs to achieve an outright victory. The slow outfield required our openers to set out with all guns blazing. From the second over onwards, we were kept ahead of the required run rate by a superb display of power hitting by George Wyllie. Before we knew it, the team total had passed 50 and then, not long later, George reached his own 50. The slog-sweeps and lofted straight drives continued to races from George's bat as the BBQs reached 100. At the other end, Brett Holliday proved to be the perfect foil for George, rotating the strike frequently and finding the boundary when possible. Their 124-run partnership ended when he eventually holed out for 30 with just 15 runs needed for victory. George fell a few balls later, but only after he brought up his hundred with another massive 6. Jason then hit three boundaries in one over to claim victory with 8 wickets and 6 overs to spare. A remarkable end to a remarkable day's cricket - along with three of the finest individual performances in the BBQs' history!



Round 8

Lyle Pearce Shield vs Manly Breakers CC

Despite winning the toss and bowling first, things never really went according to plan for the BBQs in this one-day fixture. Despite one early wicket, and two further wickets prior to drinks, the boys' execution was awry. Things did not improve after the drinks break and numerous misfields that went for 4 and even more dropped catches certainly did not help the cause. Chasing 167 at Kierle Park was always going to be difficult and Cromer lost wickets at regular intervals during the run chase. The one lone soldier was Scott Kenna who batted through almost the entire innings to keep the BBQs in the hunt. 15 runs off the 31st over left the boys needing 25 off 24 balls, then 20 off 18, 16 off 12, and 7 off 6. I was run-out attempting a second run, and the same fate awaited Michael Counsell as he attempted to run a Bye. Finally, Scott, who finished on 103*, needed 3 runs for victory off the last delivery. Alas, it wasn't to be, and Cromer finished 2 runs short of the Breakers' total.

Despite the loss in the last game before the break, we remain in first position on the 2nd Grade ladder and will return in January determined to stay there.

Matt Kenna (Cromer BBQs Captain)

Match Reports-Juniors

Cromer Kings U12/1

Half way through the season and the Kings are really acquitting themselves quite well in a quite competitive division, suffering only one defeat. The stand out feature from a parents perspective is that the boys have come together in such a wonderful way and are developing into quite a tight unit with each boy contributing when required. The boys are willing to listen when spoken to by either Graham or Scott and their on field progress reflect this.

There have been some personal stand out performances but Lachlan's score of 41 retired and bowling figures of 5/7 off 4 overs are to be remembered. Angus and Nick's scores of 39 and 39 not out showed some good maturity as did James 32 not out and Adam's swashbuckling 21 really was exciting to watch. When it comes to bowling the boys always prove hard to score against but special mention to Nathan who has returned from a broken wrist and in his first game achieved 1/1 off 4 overs - he still remains very economical as the comp progresses. Kyle, Jake, Tank, Charlie, Ethan and Ben have all grabbed wickets at crucial times and the fielding contributions by all the boys proves that catches do indeed win matches.

Time for a rest over Christmas and a chance for all to recharge their batteries - including the parents as we prepare for a cracking second half of the season.



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Cromer Sixers—U11/2

Cromer Sixers have lost only one game this season, which was to Peninsula two rounds ago. It was a close game with our average being 7.7 and Peninsula's 10.75. They batted first with Eric, Zach (2), Jeremy, Luca, Michael, Aaron, Jack getting the wickets. Nice catch by Lucas at 2nd slip off Aaron's bowling. Jake had a nice run out off a dropped catch by Lucas. Our batting was a bit off colour against some good bowling and fielding. In the end lost some silly wickets—hopefully play better in the next round against Peninsula.

The Sixers were back in the winning circle against Seaford last game. Our average was 39.6 against 4.92. Zach & Jeremy had a great partnership of 48 runs without loss of any wickets. Next best was Michael & Jake with 30 runs without loss of wicket. Nick bowled well to pick up two wickets. Lucas also bowled well to pick up two wickets.

Eric took a good catch. Well done boys

Paul Heffernan (Coach)

Cromer Clarkies—U9

What a fabulous start to the year with some new players and some old players from the Kangas last year forming the Cromer Clarkies.

Coach is Matt Holland and Manager is Graeme Gibson, both are doing an outstanding job with our team and we have already formed a close knit community amongst the parents and the kids.

The kids are loving playing together and have so much enthusiasm that every game is a joy to be at.

We have only had 2 losses this year, the first was the very first game where we lent the other team 4 players and they were the players that got our own boys out. Well - all the name of sportsmanship, but lets

hope that situation doesn't happen again!!

The 2nd loss the coach didn't see as he was away but apparently this may have been the oppositions 2nd year in Under 9's as they seemed much bigger.

Our last match was our best... We bowled first and they scored 66 runs with us taking 3 wickets. Hmmm an average of 22... in to bat we went and scored a mighty 124 runs with 2 wickets. An average of 62!! Sensational, what a way to end the year. That particular game Man of the match went to Ben, with best bowler – Nicholas and best fielder Phoebe.

So far this season great batting pairs have been Will and Ben scoring many boundaries over this first season, both Ben and Will have a great enthusiasm for the game and it shows in their skill and concentration.

Tyko and Kai are a formidable team as well. Kai has a great eye for seeing where a run could be had. His great communication has added many runs the score. Kai also has a natural stance and holds the bat at the crease like a professional.

Tyko may be small in stature but I would not like to be facing him and there has been surprise on the faces of the batsman when Tyko unleashes his fast bowl! By far the fastest bowler in the team and is also very confident with the bat.

This is Patrick Thomas and Phoebe's first season and the raw talent these kids bring to the team is much appreciated by all. Thomas's skill with the ball is unbelievable and the coach is still trying to work out whether as a batsman he is a righty or a lefty as he can do both.... Phoebe is the coaches number 1 and best wicket keeper. Patrick's speed across the park to retrieve a ball and his accuracy at the wicket is fantastic. And yet all are very handy with a bat!

Someone that has a nick name of Dougy – (no idea why) is our very own Harry. Harry is a great all rounder, he can bat, he can bowl and he can field and does them all really really well!

Sean fielding and batting when it counts has been outstanding. This is Sean's first year as well and he is doing a great job developing batting and bowling skills and when he comes in to his own we will see many more wickets.

Last but not least a 2nd year veteran - Nicholas is developing his spin bowling which is a vital cog in us winning the remainder of the games this season.

We are all love being part of this team and hope that we will be together into the seniors. Merry Christmas from the Cromer Clarkies.



Match Reports-Kangas

Kanga Sharks

A successful start for the Kanga Sharks who are undefeated at this point in the season. We have 5 new boys who joined this year and there have been great improvements by everyone in all facets of the games. Each weekend the games have been highlighted by some big hitters, much improved bowling and some excellent fielding. We are looking forward to more success throughout the remainder of the season as the boys continue to build on the skills they are learning from their accomplished coaches Michael and Greg Rollins.

Michelle Kennedy (Manager)

Kanga Raiders

The Kanga Raiders have had a wonderful start to the cricket year with much improvement over the last few months. The boys have really improved in bowling, batting and catching. They have all played well and been Man of the Match. The boys are walking in when the bowler starts his run up and are covering the wicket to prevent over throws. I am, sure the boys will enjoy the deserved break with a lot of backyard cricket to practice for the new year's first match.

Well done to the boys and a big thank you to the parents for all chipping in to make it happen.

Glen Francis (Coach)

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Peter Mullane—Good Ideas Man



housing finance specialist

The Good Ideas Man wishes everyone a very merry and festive Christmas. GIM would like to make an offer to the members of the Cromer Cricket Family by way of a \$600 rebate on any home loan or commercial loan that is either approved or settled during 2012. To redeem this offer simply call Peter Mullane on 0405 153 090 or email peter@gim.com.au and let Peter not only arrange a better loan for you but also give you \$600 for your troubles.

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Wishing you and your family a Happy Christmas & New Year.

Thank you for your support throughout the year, I look forward to helping with your travel arrangements in 2012!

Best wishes,

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The Cromer Cricket Club Committee wish all the parents and players of the Club a very happy and restful festive season



Christmas BBQ

With the ever presence of rain this season, the weather was very kind to us and contributed to a very successful 2011 Christmas Party. The kids enjoyed the open area of James Meehan Reserve. It was good to see all the game of backyard cricket and that the kids from various teams and even some of the adults joining in. Santa with the help of our many sponsors provided great gift bags for the kids. A big thank you to Troy from Harry's Butchery for supplying the great sausages and onions. I hope Santa is especially kind to our BBQ organisers and helpers that did such a great job (Thanks Iain, Dave, Scott, Colin and Rhonda). Without your help the day would not have been such a success.

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