



AUCC CLUB TALK

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WELCOME TO OUR FIRST EDITION OF CLUB TALK FOR 2011

With the summer holidays over, we are gearing up for the second half of the season.

The Premiers have started the New Year with some great results, a win and a draw in the two day competition, see details below, along with strong performances in the Twenty20

competition in which they are placed second in their section.

Many of our Junior players were involved in tournaments over the holiday period and full results can be seen in the Junior report.

We have some great events happening at the Club over the next few weeks including a Family Fun Night, Friday 18th February, Old Timers Day Sunday 27th February and Quiz Night, Saturday 12th March. For more details, read below.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY - season resumes for Years 2 to 6, year 7A, and all Girls U 12 grades.

SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY - ODI at Eden Park - Black Caps v Pakistan - 12pm start

SUNDAY 6TH FEBRUARY - season resumes for Year 7 Premier, 2nd half comp starts for Senior Twenty20 and Year 8 A & B grades.
(Playing day for ALL ACA afternoon grades except Mens Premier and Premier Reserve.)

FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY - season resumes for Friday afternoon Milo Year 0/1 sessions

FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY - Family Fun Night open to Junior Members and parents at CMP

SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY - HPCC Quadrangular - Blair Pocock Trophy at HPCC Years 4 -7

TUESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY - Club Photos - further details to be advised

SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY - Old Timers Day

SUNDAY 6TH MARCH - University Shield - AUCC Quadrangular at CMP - Years 4-7 A's

SUNDAY 6TH MARCH - Years 4-7 B's versus Cornwall Grades to be confirmed

SUNDAY 6TH MARCH - Bert Sutcliffe Years 2 and 3 A's and B's versus Parnell

MONDAY 7TH MARCH - Club Photos - further details to be advised

SATURDAY 12TH MARCH - Club Quiz Night

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH - Tamaki Cup (Years 2 - Under 18)

SATURDAY 26TH MARCH - Last playing Day Senior Club BBQ & Party - details TBC

TBA APRIL - Senior Prizegiving

SUNDAY 10TH APRIL - Junior Prizegiving

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY - FAMILY FUN NIGHT OPEN TO JUNIOR MEMBERS AND PARENTS AT CMP

Open to all our Junior members and their parents, we are holding a Fun night where our Club employed Coaches and Prem players will organise drills and games for the kids while the parents can enjoy a drink in the clubrooms. The drills will be soft ball based but all players are welcome. The timing is 5.30 through to 7pm. There will be a sausage sizzle and all players with a wristband will be eligible for a free soft drink.

SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY – OLD TIMERS DAY

The Club will be hosting its inaugural "Old Timers' Day" on Sunday 27th February.

Old-Timers' Day will consist of a number of twenty-twenty fixtures being played during the day, followed by "tea" in the Club rooms to celebrate the accomplishments of its former players who have since retired. This season the Club will honour the accomplishments of the 1977 Gillette Cup winning Premier team.

Feature games during the day include the annual Fingletoads vs Junior XI fixture and a Presidents XI vs Vice Chancellors XI fixture. The Auckland Aces will also be playing Northern Districts in the last day of their four day fixture on the number 1 wicket so this will also add to this festive event.

The Club extends an invitation to all past and present members to celebrate its Old Timers' Day which will now become a regular fixture on the Club's calendar on the last Sunday in February.

SATURDAY 12TH MARCH - CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

We are holding a Quiz night on Saturday 12th March. Further details will be sent out shortly but it might be an idea get your team table together now as numbers will be limited!

THE NEW JUNIOR STATISTICS SYSTEM

The new AUCC statistics system for our junior teams is now available.

[PLEASE GO TO WWW.CLUBGROUPS.CO.NZ TO VIEW THE STATISTICS.](http://WWW.CLUBGROUPS.CO.NZ)

Please note that not all the statistics are up-to-date from the pre-Christmas season so please bear this in mind when you are viewing the website. If some of your team's games are missing, please contact your Coach.

AUCKLAND ACES



Hot on the heels of victory in the Twenty20 HRV final versus the Central Stags, the Aces win in Wellington puts them into the major semi-final v. Canterbury in Christchurch on Sunday 6th Feb.

Win that one, and the Grand Final is at Colin Maiden Park on Sunday 13th; lose it, and the Aces have a second chance to make it into the Final in the "play-off" game – which will be at our place on Wednesday 9th.

PREM UPDATE

Our Premier team had a crushing win in their first game after Christmas vs. Waitakere at Te Atatu. Both Tim Dineen and James Boyle scored centuries, while Brad Cates stood up taking 5 wickets for 85 runs off 36 overs. Also notable was up and comer Warren Barnes claiming his first premier wicket. The first-innings win brings University to 3rd in the Tom Hellaby Trophy with the top two sides at season end being in the promotion zone. Their second match was against Parnell who are top of the table. After an excellent first day's play with University restricting Parnell to 179/9, we had to be content with a draw due to rain forcing the abandonment of the match on the second day.



MENS TWO DAY GRADE POINTS

PREMIERS

Parnell 61.78
 Grafton United 40.11
[Auckland University 33.5](#)
 Ellerslie 30.67
 Birkenhead City 28.07
 Waitakere City 26.02

PREMIER RESERVE

ILG East Coast Bays 62.44
 Eden Roskill 42.08
 HRV Papatoetoe 38.74
[Auckland University 31.03](#)
 Ellerslie 30.72
 Birkenhead City 21.53

B1

Eden Roskill 69.87
 East Coast Bays 68.31
 North Shore 54.39
 Takapuna 54.26
 Suburbs NL 47.26
[Auckland University 42.99](#)
 Waitakere City 38.32
 Birkenhead City 32.73

B2

Cornwall 63.97
 Parnell 57.43
 Grafton 56.63
 HRV Papatoetoe 53.46
 East Coast Bays 53.13
 Eden Roskill 40.95
[Auckland University 35.74](#)
 Howick Pakuranga 25.92

JUNIOR CLUB REPORT

THERE HAS BEEN PLENTY OF ACTION FOR OUR JUNIOR PLAYERS OVER THE HOLIDAYS.....

Below are the tables of results at Auckland District tournament. University players were selected for the EDCA sides (comprising University, Parnell and Grafton players) and their results were:

PRIMARY SCHOOL BOYS (YRS 7 AND 8)

EDCA Team
 EDCA Team
 Combined EDCA and Central

A SECTION

2nd equal
 5th

DEVELOPMENT

1st

COLTS (YEARS 9 AND 10)

EDCA Team
 EDCA Team

A SECTION

4th

DEVELOPMENT

2nd

U18

EDCA Team
 EDCA Team

A SECTION

1st

DEVELOPMENT

2nd



The Peter Badley Shield, awarded to the best performed district over the age group Auckland district tournaments, went to EDCA. Well done to all our representatives.

Those AUCC players that made the Auckland representative age group sides were:

Auckland Secondary School Girls
Primary School Boys
Under 18 Development Side

Alice Black
James Ellis and Jared Schnell
Sam Klippell

Congratulations on their achievement.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS

Under 18B Side

Sanjay Krisna took 5 wickets for 2 runs off 4 overs.

Primary School Boys

In the A Section:

James Ellis had the best figures at the tournament with 6-26 against Western and 8 wickets for the tournament.

Development Section:

Menake Ratnayake featured with 11 wickets and a best of 4 for 8;

Also, AUCC players formed EDCA invitational teams (not selected) that played at the Wanganui and Hawkes Bay Cricket festivals in January. An unofficial summary of the EDCA teams entered is:

TEAM	WANGANUI	HAWKES BAY
U 11	Won 6 out of 6	Won 3 out of 6
U 12	Won 5 out of 6	Won 5 out of 6
U 12	Won 4 out of 6	
U 13	Won 5 out of 6	
U 15	Won 2 out of 6	

Well done to all those players that attended and parents that coached and managed these teams. Some very strong performances were posted by the University players and their EDCA teams this year. These festivals are great experiences for players and parents with the primary focus being on players given the opportunity to participate and develop their game

over a short time frame. Please contact your grade convener in October if you want more information and are interested in attending these tournaments next January.

Mark Robson
AUCC Junior Club Captain

AUCC UNDER12 SIDE VERSUS SYDNEY TOURING SIDE

Over the break the club fielded an Under12 team to play against a touring side from the Pirates club in Ryde Hunters Hill in Sydney. The format was Twenty20. Pirates are a similar size club to AUCC so the contest would be an interesting comparison of junior cricket between the 2 countries. We decided to adopt proper international T20 rules for the game with fielding restrictions and front foot no-balls being a "free hit". Our players took a short while to get used to T20 game format and in the first game, we posted mediocre 116/8 off our 20 overs built mostly around a 32no from George Witana and a few lusty late blows from Kent Fletcher, Sam Davison and Jack Collins. We then bowled brilliantly to restrict them to 82 off their 20. The highlight of which was front foot no-balls from George and Vihingum Siriwardane, both of which were followed up by Yorkers uprooting the middle stump on the free hit!!!

In the 2nd game, our lads had a bit more of an idea and the top order fired brilliantly. We posted 139/6, with George and Finn Allen retiring and contributions from all the top order. The bowling was spot on again and we restricted them to 104 for a comprehensive victory with everyone contributing and sticking to the game plan while being backed up in the field. All in all a fantastic day thoroughly enjoyed by our guests who were left very impressed by our facility, talent and the spirit of the lads.

Jens
Junior Rep Coordinator

UNDER 12 GIRLS TOURNAMENT

The Under 12 Girls recently played in a tournament including a touring Canterbury Under 11 team and a Cornwall team. Our girls did very well and while they were not able to secure a win,

both games were lost in the final over. The tournament was won by Cornwall

COACHING UPDATE

Welcome back to the second half of the season. I hope everyone has had a good holiday and is raring to go. It's time to bring the beach cricket form in to the Saturday games.

The Club had many junior and youth grade cricketers representing the District (EDCA) in tournaments in December. I hope those of you who did play in those tournaments enjoyed the experience. Well done to you all for making the teams.

As I wrote prior to the break, as we look forward to 2011 I would ask all team coaches

and assistants to reflect on what has worked well for them so far this season, and what hasn't. It might be a particular practice drill, a time of the week you have found works really well for practice, or the way you organise and run your Friday or Saturday matches. Please let me know if there is something we can share with others to improve their experience for the remainder of the season.

I have had a few enquiries recently about coaching courses. As a club we tend to run most of our courses either prior to the start of the season or at the beginning of it. We would run a course at this time of year if demand was

there, so please let us know if you are looking to upskill yourself. In the meantime, Auckland Cricket continues to run courses. Check out the details and timing on their website under the Coaching tab.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the coaching staff if help is required with team or individual coaching.

Nigel Fletcher

OVER 60'S CRICKET

A NOTE FROM THE FINGLETOADS....

Two years ago Peter was invited by the organizers of the Australian State Over 60's Championships to take an Auckland team over to compete in the Championships in Tasmania.

We did go and it was fantastic – lovely people and a great competition with play ideally suited to older players who remember when the game was played in great spirit and when sledging was what you did behind a bunch of huskies. In November of last year, we returned to the Championships, this time played in Canberra. Again we had a fantastic trip and met up with some great teams. Over 60s cricket is as competitive as we can make it within the limitations of age, agility and memory but be assured it is great fun and a good standard of cricket with great friendship on and off the field.

Subsequently, Andrew Eade asked Peter to host the Inaugural New Zealand Over 60's

In association with the Auckland Cricket Association and the North Shore Cricket Club, we are therefore hosting the Inaugural Over 60's Cricket Tournament in Devonport, Auckland between Sunday 6 March and Thursday 10th March (inclusive) of this year- so only a few weeks away.

Over 60s cricket is very popular in England and Australia. The Australian Championship in Canberra featured 24 teams-some of which had been selected! The composite Auckland Over 60s finished 1st equal in the 2nd Division in 2009 and 2nd in the Second Division in 2010. The team is already entered for the 2011 Championship which is to be played in Armidale, New South Wales this coming November.

Two teams are coming from New South Wales for the week. The Auckland Cricket Society and University Fingletoads are putting teams together, the Karaka Stallions

are starters and there is a strong rumour that a team from Northland will be taking part. We are looking to recruit teams and players to complete the field (we can take up to 12 teams) and to enjoy New Zealand's 1st excursion into the world of Over 60s Cricket.

Teams, individuals or groups of players are welcome and can be easily included in the Tournament. We are forming a couple of composite teams so if you do not have a team to play for just let us know and we will ensure you are placed in a team that will ensure your participation and enjoyment.

Of course, the Fingletoads will be there in strength!

For further information, please contact Dianne McDermott – (09) 425 5924 or Dianne@vintageevents.com

FUNDRAISER



We are selling the wristband above as a fundraiser this season. There is a large and small size and having a band will entitle the wearer to discounted drinks at specific functions during the year. Seniors can purchase their bands from Richard in the

Managers Office and Juniors can order their bands via the form given to each team manager. The cost is \$5.00 with all proceeds going towards the artificial wickets C and D. Any queries please contact Wendy 578-0688.

TOP CATCH

Support our principal sponsor Top Catch by getting along to your nearest outlet (see map) to purchase all your Christmas Fishing needs.

Top Catch GI is central to many of Auckland's main boat ramps and marinas.

There is a Shell Station right across the road to tank the boat up while you get your bait and tackle and an auto electrician next door for the urgent battery recharge!

There is boat trailer parking out front and plenty of off street parks on the premises.



FLIGHT CENTRE OFFER

Flight Centre Meadowbank would like to offer all Club families 25% off any Options travel insurance with nil excess for claims and travellers under 20 years of age with an adult are covered for free. This offer is only valid at Flight Centre Meadowbank so

if you are planning a trip, go and see the friendly team At Flight Centre Meadowbank. You will find them just inside the main entrance to the Meadowbank Mall.

GYM MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

UniSports Training Centre on Merton Road,
(the same building as AUCC)

Unisports are offering AUCC financial members the following discounts for gym memberships.

12 months: \$495, usually \$745

6 months: \$350, usually \$495

To be eligible for these deals members need to bring their subscription receipt when signing up. The offer is also open to parents of our junior members, again bring your child's receipt as proof of membership.

Contact www.unisports.co.nz or ph 521-1210

Auckland University Recreation Centre – Gym Membership
(Symonds Street)

For a student membership you will receive a **5% discount**

For non student memberships, you will receive a **10% discount**
(Note that the offer does not apply to monthly AP payments)

All prices and further information can be found on their website

www.auckland.ac.nz/recreation

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