

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another successful season completed for the Brisbane North Junior Cricket Association. Once again the playing numbers increased from the previous season. We had 15 affiliated clubs, 242 teams and 2743 players. One more club, 15 more teams and 212 more players than the previous season. The teams range from Under 8s through to Under 16s. To accentuate the magnitude of the Brisbane North Association, we are twice the size of any other zone throughout Queensland.

What can one say about these ever increasing numbers of players; I suggest huge congratulations to all the hard working affiliated Club Committees and their band of volunteers that give of their time to ensure all our young cricketers enjoy their chosen summer sport.

In an Association as large as ours with its many complexities there are many people to thank who give of their time to coordinate all the events and ensure that everything throughout the season runs smoothly.

Our Secretary/Administrator, Mr Ray Wonnacott, who, ably supported by his wife Gem, does a mountain of work all year around communicating with all our affiliated Clubs, Queensland Cricket, other Queensland Junior Cricket Associations and Government bodies etc., thanks Ray for all your efforts, very much appreciated by all.

To Mr Roger Narracott who this year took on the role of coordinating the Under 14 Anstey/La Frantz competition, excellent work, well done, thanks Roger. Thank you to Platypus for their sponsorship. After our trial season (2006-2007), this season the catchments played for the Anstey/La Frantz Shield. In a very close competition congratulations to the inaugural winners, the Redbacks coached by Gary Somerville.

This season our draw was done by Mr Bruce Boland assisted by Mr Glyn Netto, Mr Steve Fitzgerald and Mr Ray Wonnacott. Our thanks must go to them all as each season goes by and more teams are registering for the competition the draw process gets harder as we are running out of grounds. To the Draw Committee's credit they once again worked it all out and all our games were able to be played as scheduled. This season we took the draw out of the Allrounder Booklet and placed it on the Web site which assisted greatly with regards to changes that were required to be made as the season progressed. More research is being conducted and information is being requested from our affiliated clubs regarding available venues to further assist next season.

Thank you to both Mr Bruce Boland our Webmaster and Mr Michael Skinner the QJC Under 16 Championships Coordinator. Congratulations to David Philp on

his election to Life Membership of the Association, justly deserved and to our Patron Mr Errol La Frantz M.B.E. thank you for your active participation.

Our Club Champions were Sandgate-Redcliffe with Wilston North runners up. Congratulations to both Clubs on the outstanding performances of their teams throughout the grades. Congratulations to the Premiership winners and all the Award winners. Also our thanks to Mr David Walker our Zone Recorder/Statistician, who for many years has performed this role, for his diligent work in producing the Premiership results along with the players' season averages.

SENSATIONAL!! Absolutely sensational, cannot think of another word to describe it. Winning 4 out of the 5 Queensland Junior Cricket 2007 Intra-State Age Championships with all teams going through the competition week undefeated. What an outstanding effort from our young cricketers!.

The Association is there for you, all our young cricketers, for you to have fun and enjoy the mateship the game provides. It is all about giving you the opportunity to improve your skills, for you to achieve, it is about your aspirations, your goals, your dreams, and to give you the opportunity as you make your way through the cricket pathway to achieve higher honours.

Ian Reeves
President
BRISBANE NORTH JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Draw Process

The Draw process this year was problematic at times. Responding to clubs feedback, the Draw was sent out as early as possible for clubs to review, but it turned out that the early issue caused more problems. The result was that after reviewing the replies, amendments to the Draw were issued to clubs. In hindsight it would have been better for the Draw Committee to combine all the changes/requests and send out a final version in the last week before the season started. It was also made more difficult because some clubs didn't review the draw in a timely manner and some clubs withdrew teams after the Draw process had finished, necessitating more draw changes.

During the playing season we seemed to have more changes through last minute ground unavailability and wet weather than in previous years. These are unavoidable and are just part of playing cricket on school ovals in the summer.

The change to omit the Draw from the All Rounder, to issue draw changes via email to clubs and to have it available on the BNJCA website for downloading,

was seen as a winner in view of the changes which eventuated this year after the All Rounder had been printed. It meant that players and parents always had available an up to date Draw at all times during the season.

With the continued growth of BNJCA over the past three seasons, but especially this year, nearly every available turf and synthetic ground has been in use in the pre-Christmas period. On one weekend this year we had no spare grounds for the U15/16 age group at all. A questionnaire was sent to clubs; requesting a check of grounds and parks to ensure our current information is accurate, including checking for both morning and afternoon availability, plus making a request to look wider for new suitable playing grounds in their area. This information will be reviewed with a view to establishing if there is a need for more grounds or if a change in playing times would assist with availability.

Thank you to the many state schools who allowed us to use their grounds during the season. Similarly, without support from the Warehouse Association and a number of private schools (Brisbane Grammar, St Pauls, St Patricks, Marist Ashgrove, St Columbans), many of our activities would not have been possible. I would also like to express our appreciation to the senior clubs – Valley, Northern Suburbs, Sandgate-Redcliffe and Toombul for their assistance.

I am confident that with all the input we have had and the planning being done in the off-season that the draw will be smoother and more accurate next season.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Boland', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bruce Boland
VICE-PRESIDENT