

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 09

A huge thank you to all the affiliated Club volunteers who gave of their time in 2008/2009 to make the operation of the Brisbane North Junior Cricket Association another successful season.

Some facts and figures in regard to our Association: in Season 2008 / 2009 we had 15 affiliate Clubs, our competition consisted of 250 teams ranging from Under 8s to Under 16s, thereby giving some 2900 girls and boys the opportunity to participate in an organised competition playing cricket, this great game of ours.

We had a very successful Representative season with our Under 13s (at Tingalpa), our Under 14s (at Bundaberg) winning the Intra-State Championships. The Under 15s were runners up (at Ipswich). In the Development Carnivals the Under 12 Blue team won the Healy Cup and our Under 14s and 15s finished runners up at the Sunshine Coast and Bundaberg respectively.

In our local competition the Under 13 Valley Purple won the inaugural "The Ray Wonnacott Cup" and the Under 16 "Errol La Frantz Trophy" was won by Sandgate-Redcliffe Warden. Sandgate-Redcliffe won the Club Championship with Toombul runners up. Congratulations to all.

The premier Under 14 Anstey/La Frantz Shield competition was won by the Dolphins catchment coached by Dan Ryan. This competition is proving very popular with our young cricketers. Thank you to Roger Narracott who again took on the role of coordinating the competition and thank you also to Platypus for their sponsorship.

Congratulations to Michael Mainhardt on his election to Life Membership of the Association and to Michael Skinner who was awarded a Queensland Junior Cricket Appreciation Award for his contribution to junior cricket and his efforts in running the Under 16 QJC Intra-State Championships for the last four years.

To the Management Committee, the Draw Committee, the Rules Committee and the delegate body thank you for your contribution to the operation of the Association which is regarded as the most successful in Queensland.

We will be unrelenting in our efforts to ensure that the BNJCA continues to be regarded as the benchmark for all other associations and we will continue to strive to ensure that we give our players the best possible environment from which to develop their game and life skills.

Ian Reeves
President

BRISBANE NORTH JUNIOR CRICKET ASSOCIATION

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I Thank club personnel involved in administration for their cooperation in the 2008 – 2009 season in helping to achieve an effective administrative result for the Association. I must also thank my colleagues on the Management for their guidance throughout the year.

There is one matter that bothers me in the administration area and that is the attendance of delegates at our monthly meetings. I look forward to better representation of clubs at future meetings.

As you are probably aware, the U-12 Development Carnival (Ian Healy Cup) is Conducted by BNJCA in January of each year. I am happy to relate that the event seems to have become a significant event on the calendar for a number of associations. This prompts me to write something about the HEALY CUP.

In 1999 the then BNJCA Director of Coaching, Kenneth Hunt, felt that there should be cricket available in Brisbane of a higher standard than that played on Saturdays. He therefore suggested an annual carnival for players just below the standard of players selected to attend QJC Championships.

Ian Healy was consulted and approved his name to be used for an U-12 Development Carnival to take place annually and for an Ian Healy Cup Perpetual Trophy to be awarded to the winning team.

Hosting of the Carnival has been undertaken by the Albany Creek Cricket Club at their grounds at Brendale and from 2009 the Bald Hills-Lawnton Lions Club has also provided a ground and supplied lunches at Canterbury Park, Bald Hills.

We must thank Steve Casey of Albany Creek Cricket Club for his organisational ability displayed for a number of years.

In 1999 only Brisbane North teams were involved. Subsequently BEARS, Metropolitan South West, Beaudesert, Beenleigh-Logan and Sunshine Coast became involved.

More recently Sunshine Coast, Beaudesert and Beenleigh have not attended, and even more recently BEARS have sent separate teams from Redlands and Eastern Districts and teams have attended from Gold Coast and Cricket Far North.

Results since Inception	
1999 Brisbane North Gold	2005 Eastern Districts
2000 BEARS Gold	2006 Brisbane North White
2001 Beaudesert	2007 Brisbane North Blue
2002 Beaudesert	2008 Eastern Districts Gold
2003 Eastern Districts	2009 Brisbane North Blue
2004 Redlands	

Congratulations to Ray Byrne and his Brisbane North U-12 Blue team for their success in the 2009 Carnival.

Ray Wonnacott
Secretary

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A substantial input into the review and allocation of playing venues by the Draw Committee along with the continued support and cooperation from most of our clubs, ensured the draw process produced a positive outcome in season 2008-09. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

We had some minor rain interruptions this season. We also lost the use of some ovals due to work on improvements to water retention systems adjacent to ovals during the season. It is hoped that these initiatives will only improve the state of these fields in the future.

Valleys trialled Friday night games for u8 & u9 games this season and have had positive feedback. This may be a further avenue of expanding oval use and further trials will be conducted by Valleys next season.

With junior cricket in the Brisbane North region continuing to attract large numbers, the availability of suitable grounds is becoming a very real concern now. Over the past few seasons, nearly every available turf and synthetic ground has been in use in the pre-Christmas period for the u12-u16 age groups. At one stage we had no u16 oval spare to use if required. This year we were forced to shift the playing of a considerable number of half season games to the afternoon as we had run out of suitable fields for morning use. This was implemented well by all clubs concerned and BNJCA is very appreciative of the co-operation shown by clubs and parents alike to this change. It is expected that this will be a permanent change if registrations are similar next season.

Your Association has been in discussions with State government and local government representatives with a view to ensuring that we have adequate and free access to playing fields into the future. These talks are on-going but are looking positive. With predictions of significant population growth for south-east Queensland over the next decade, I urge clubs to continue positive dialogue with their schools, local councillors and state members regarding the provision of existing and new grounds for junior cricket.

Thank you to the many state schools who allowed us to use their grounds during the season and I would also like to express our appreciation for their assistance in making the playing of junior cricket possible. Similarly, without support from the Warehouse Association, District Cricket clubs north of the river and a number of private schools, many of our activities would not have been possible.

Finally thanks to my fellow committee members for their support during the year.



Bruce Boland
VICE-PRESIDENT

Anstey-La Frantz Shield

In season 2006-07, the BNJCA delegate body voted to introduce a new Under 14 competition on a trial basis. This trial was a great success being supported by clubs, players and parents, therefore it was decided in 2007-08 the Anstey-LaFrantz Shield would become a recognised BNJCA competition.

With the purpose of providing further development for promising young cricketers in this age group, the Anstey-La Frantz Shield is to remain as the showcase for the top 72 players in the zone. . Five rounds were played on turf wickets on Sundays in a one-day 50-over per side format with QCA umpires officiating, replicating the QJC championship format.

Critical to the success was the willingness of clubs to work together without acrimony in 'catchments' to bring together well-balanced teams of skilled players.

The BNJCA would like to congratulate the Dolphins as the 2008-09 winners. Unfortunately this season was marred by some bad weather, but, despite this it was again a close and very competitive competition. The BNJCA would also like to congratulate all the players who took part in the competition for the high standard and spirit in which the games were played.

The BNJCA would like to thank the many people who contributed to the success of the Anstey-La Frantz Shield – the clubs, the coaches, the parents and the players. Special thanks goes to the St Pauls School, St Patricks College and the Everton, Norths and Sandgate-Redcliffe clubs for making their grounds available for this competition.

A competition like this also has to have sponsors. The BNJCA would like to make a special thank you to PLATYPUS and Keith Dudgeon for their ongoing support of junior cricket in this region.

I wish all players the very best of luck in their playing future and look forward to next season.

Roger Narracott
BNJCA Committee Member/
Anstey-LaFrantz Co-ordinator