



# Stokes Valley Cricket Club Newsletter – January 2013

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## MID-SEASON NEWS ROUND-UP

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### Black Caps Visit

Wellington Firebirds players Jesse Ryder (Black Cap, on occasion), Josh Brodie and Grant Elliott (Firebirds' Captain and Black Cap) attended an afternoon session with our junior players, signing autographs and helping out with the skill competitions. We hope that these successful players are an inspiration to our junior players to continue to improve their skills.

### Hutt City Cricket Alliance

Many players have been asking what the Alliance is and why it was set up.

The Hutt City Cricket Alliance is an initiative by three clubs; Stokes Valley, Te Aroha and Naenae.

Essentially, the Alliance is an overseeing body that we, as a club, have decided to join. The idea is to pull together all of our resources, managers, coaches and administrators to work together to develop the game in our area.

Stokes Valley Cricket Club retains its identity. We keep our name, which we believe is essential, and we continue to play our games out of the Delaney Park clubrooms.

The Alliance was brought about by new criteria being introduced by Cricket Wellington for clubs competing in the Pearce and Hazlett Trophy competitions. Most senior clubs were unable to meet the criteria on their own so they have formed alliances like ours so that they can keep top level cricket in their area. Naenae, who were runners-up in the Pearce Cup in 2012, asked SVCC if we would be interested in joining an alliance with them. After lengthy consideration, our committee agreed to the proposal. Our leading players and teams were behind the proposal also. The matter was put to a vote by our members who unanimously passed the resolution. From a club point of view the Alliance has many benefits for SVCC and we have our sights set on reaching Senior One level.

## Club Patron, Keith McDonald

Keith is currently coaching Naenae's top side and results from his work are slowly but surely starting to come through. Naenae lost four top players in the off season and with Grant Elliott and Jesse Ryder on representative duties Naenae have been weakened. But somehow they have still managed to be competitive and have produced a couple of really good wins mainly through their bowling and fielding efforts (that's where Keith comes in!). Well done to all.

## Williams Brothers Play for Naenae

Steve Williams somehow made the Pearce Cup team (they said it couldn't be done) and he seems to be holding his own. Graham Williams is in the second team and has the highest batting average for that team.

## Life Member, Janeen Patterson

It has been over 20 years since we have made someone a life member of our club. Janeen is the first woman in our club to be given life membership. For 15 years, Janeen ran woman's cricket in our club. She was also the Secretary of the club for five years. Without her input and her hard work, the club wouldn't be here today. She has also been heavily involved with soccer and is a stalwart of our community. Thank you for everything Janeen and congratulations on your Life Membership of Stokes Valley Cricket Club.

## Fundraising – Be in to win \$100!

The club has decided to restart a Lotto Bonus Ball draw from 26<sup>th</sup> January 2013 as a fundraiser.

If you wish to participate, it will cost \$40 to buy a ball in the lotto draw for eight weeks (that's just \$5 a week!). If the bonus number on the national Lotto draw matches your ball, you win \$100! Support your club and sign up now. A sign-up sheet is available behind the bar, or simply email Club Secretary Julie, [kiwihino@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kiwihino@xtra.co.nz) for more information. Support your club and be in to win!

## Chris Linton in Wellington Team

Chris Linton from the mighty Stokes Valley has just been named in the Wellington Year Nine team. This young fellow made it as a batsman, but is also a very handy wicketkeeper. His parents, Fred and Tania, must be very proud. Both Fred and Tania have put a lot of work into the junior cricket and soccer clubs. Chris, just remember to give us a wave when we see you at the Basin!

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## TEAM NEWS

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### Stokes Valley Second Grade Captain Justin Symonds

This season the Hutt Valley 2A sides merged with the Wellington teams. There were a series of grading games and Stokes Valley was the only team from the Hutt Valley that made it into the top 2A grade. Their aim is to win this grade and get promoted into the Senior One competition.

Since the grading games, they have found the going quite tough. They were all over Johnsonville but unfortunately rain majorly affected the second day and there just wasn't enough time to put them away. They also played Wellington Sri Lankan Sports Association in a real tussle but quite negative play meant that the opposition just batted out the game.

Stand out players so far this season:

- 🕒 Dan McIrlen with two 50's and a better than 200 strike rate.
- 🕒 Justin Symonds with ten wickets in a match
- 🕒 Aaron Reid got his first 50 for the club, batting well under pressure

Thanks to Dan Marshall and Thomas Nukunuku for filling in for the team.

### Stokes Valley Fourth Grade Captain Steve Wilson

Cookie's team didn't fair so well in the grading rounds but finished in the Fourth Grade. This team is a combination of young and more experienced players. The social element of the side means that everyone gets a bat and a bowl and it's an opportunity for youngsters to develop their game.

Belying his 40 years of age is the infamous Cookie (Steve Wilson). Already this season he has scored over 400 runs. His high score is 110 and he has two other scores in the nineties. Cookie is pretty much player/coach for this team, having spent many hours with the junior players in the team.

In the team's last game they had an outstanding come from behind win where all the players dug in and batted with Cookie (90) to give them a much needed 140 run lead in their second innings. Jordan Kooge batted extremely well for his 24. Then they came out and nailed Easts for 90. Well done – a good start to the second round.

## **Stokes Valley 1A** **Captain Chris Wilkinson**

Chris tells us that they have been very competitive though they are just on the wrong side of the results most of the time. They had a good 15 run win just before Christmas.

For all that, the players are really enjoying their cricket. Chris is 70 and still keeping wicket – what a legend!

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## **JUNIOR CRICKET**

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Our junior teams resume games from Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> of January.

### **Year 2 Tujs** **Coach Steve Wood**

Our newest cricketers have shown great enthusiasm for the game and are starting to put together some good wins as a team. Steve has done a fantastic job in coaching these kids and we hope that they will be with the club for many years to come.

### **Year 4 Storm** **Coach Brendan Hoffman**

This team has been together for a few seasons now and it shows in their fantastic camaraderie and teamwork, especially when fielding. They have had some very close games in the first half of the season. Stand out performance so far has been Seth Frederickson, one of the youngest in the team, with a smashing 29 not out including half a dozen fours!

### **Year 7 Vegas** **Coach Nic Trethewey**

A fantastic bunch of kids who put in 110% effort every weekend on the pitch. There's some brilliant talent in this team, if we could only get everything to gel at once there will be some good results to come. This team also features the club's only female player, Bethany Trethewey, who along with two other players has taken up the challenge of playing in a grade several years above their age.

### **Year 8 Vipers** **Coach Roy Jackson**

The team continues to go from strength to strength with great coaching work paying off with fantastic results on the pitch. To those players who are leaving us to play college cricket, we wish you well

and thank you for the efforts you have put in to represent Stokes Valley Cricket Club so superbly.

## **Glyn Reid (Booma)**

Glyn is our club's own Development Officer. He has spent many hours at local schools including Tawhai and Tui Glen, helping to promote the game of cricket and up-skill some of the Valley's young cricketers. He has also done work in other schools around the Hutt Valley and will be out and about at a school near you when the summer holidays are over.

Glyn is also currently coaching the Hutt International Boys School 2<sup>nd</sup> team who haven't lost a game yet this season.

## **Angus Little**

Angus is the son of former Wellington and Taita cricketer, David Little. Angus, who is seven years old, unfortunately has a tumour on the brain. This is only operable in the United States and it is a great expense for the family. Cricket Wellington is asking all clubs to get behind the fundraising for Angus and Stokes Valley Cricket Club will be doing its part too. There will be a Saturday in February where each junior player will be sponsored on how many runs they score. Further details will follow. It would be great to make a generous donation from the club.



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