

**PARRAMATTA DISTRICT CRICKET
ASSOCIATION INC.**

**ONE HUNDRED and SECOND
ANNUAL REPORT**



**ASSOCIATION RECORDS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

and

**PARRAMATTA DISTRICT
CRICKET UMPIRES
ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL REPORT
SEASON 2020/21**

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BOARD

Peter McLoughlin (Chair), Michael Johns (Deputy Chair), Frank Pitt (Executive Officer),

Madan Alagarraja (Financial Officer), Wayne Earl, Hari Murali,

Ken Bakon, Justin Isaacs, Paul Giumelli, Doug D'Arney (PDCUA)

LIFE MEMBERS

Messrs E. L. Myatt OAM, R. B. Boxall, R Sandell OAM, J. Lawrence, A Knight, R. O'Donoghue,
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COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

John Kozumplik (Chair), Frank Pitt, Tapan Sharma, Madan Alagarraja,
Ashwath Krishna, Athavan Natkuna

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Michael Johns (Chair), Doug D'Arney, Barry Twining, Cameron Laurie, Paul Giumelli, Justin
Isaacs, John Kozumplik, Ken Bakon, Joe Aboud, Chockalinga Pandiaraj,

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Paul Giumelli, Justin Isaacs and Representative Team Managers

GRADING COMMITTEE

Barry Twining (Chair) Frank Pitt, Michael Johns, Peter McLoughlin

RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE

Peter McLaughlin (Chair), Michael Johns, Wayne Earl, Ken Bakon, Frank Pitt

DELEGATE TO NSWDC

Eric Myatt, Peter McLoughlin

DELEGATE TO PDCUA

Frank Pitt

PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

This season was saddened by the loss of four members of the PDCA family. Before the start of the season, PDCUA Treasurer Terry Heath passed away suddenly. Terry was a long-time member of PDCUA and a well-respected umpire. Greystanes icon Tom Adams, who passed away on 30 March was a Life Member of Greystanes and the rock of the club over many years. Tom was also a PDCA Life Member and a long time PDCA Committee & Board member. Tom's service & dedication to cricket was much appreciated by all who knew him. Another PDCA Life Member, George Horwood passed away in April, aged 98. George was a Life Member, Patron and long-standing member of Baulkham Hills who first played for the club in U16's in 1934 "when not quite 12". George continued to be involved with the club from then and spoke at the Centenary Dinner in 2019. Finally, Laurel Collison, wife of the late PDCUA Secretary Barry, passed away in early April. Laurel was always present at the PDCUA Annual Dinner, presenting the Barry Collison Medal to the Representative Umpire of the Year. Condolences to the families and friends of these much-respected members.

The ongoing Pandemic changed how the 2020/2021 season was played. We started a month later than normal and COVID restrictions altered playing conditions. However, we were able to complete the season in full, although once again, the semi-Finals were abandoned after grounds became unplayable following protracted wet weather. Finals were able to be played & congratulations to all Premiers and to Wenty Leagues White on the capture of the A Grade Premiership. Thanks to our member clubs and their committees, for the great job in providing cricket for all ages.

Unfortunately, Cricket NSW forced changes to the way Junior cricket was played, meaning all Stage 2 & 3 juniors had to play 30 over 1-day matches. This would seem to be counterproductive for the players moving to 2-day senior cricket in the future. The introduction of an U17/U16 competition in juniors seemed to be popular with more teams taking part.

The PDCUA again provided umpires for both seniors and juniors. Finals representation was strong, all senior grades had two umpires. Thanks to President Rob Dryburgh and Secretary Ken Bakon.

The Pandemic meant the Board held its first virtual meeting in April. It was an interesting experience. The Board has evolved over the last few years with new members joining, but it continues to work well running our competitions.

One downside to the season was the increase in bad behaviour at junior matches. And primarily it was due to parents, officials, and spectators. This is totally unacceptable. Adults should be setting an example to the players, not instigating problems through unacceptable behaviour. PDCA will be looking at implementing sanctions for those who infringe.

The Representative season went very well, with Parramatta successful in a number of junior boys' and girls' competitions and the seniors in the Martin Shield. Congratulations to all concerned and especially Paul Giumelli and Justin Isaacs for their work in co-ordinating and running the Rep teams.

Financial Officer Barry Twining stepped down from the PDCA Board after close to 50 years' service to PDCA. Barry has been a member of the Association over that time, and we cannot thank him enough. Executive Officer Frank Pitt continues to ensure our Association runs smoothly and I thank Frank for his tireless efforts. The Judiciary and Competition Committees again carried out their duties well under the Chairmanship of Michael Johns and John Kozumplik, respectively. Thanks Michael, John and those who assisted on both these committees.

I look forward to season 2021/202. Stay safe.

Peter McLoughlin, President.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Our season began late and under a cloud of uncertainty due to the pandemic that robbed us of the fitting finale to season 2019-20. Fortunately, the delayed start was the only serious disruption we experienced, although weather is always problematic for our sport. Once again, our junior ranks increased in numbers, particularly girls' cricket where continued strong growth is expected for many years to come. This continues to challenge our ground capacity.

The PDCA Board and various committees; Competitions, Judiciary, Grading and Representative, are essential to the management of the association's functions. Each season we call for help with these bodies and welcome all enquiries. I thank all those who volunteer their time and efforts so that others can enjoy the benefits of well run, fair and safe cricket.

The Parramatta Umpires Association were again of great assistance to our competition, I thank all their officers & members.

This season Cricket NSW required our junior competitions to abandon all two-day cricket for one-day 30 over matches only. The new format was widely seen as inferior for the engagement and development of junior players, particularly in the older age groups. Hopefully there will be the expected walk-back from this policy, but at this time no advice has been forthcoming. Other developments for junior cricket were more positive. The adoption of an under 17 age group to replace under 16 saw two divisions formed for the first time in very many seasons. Female cricket in Parramatta continues to grow apace. We offered an inaugural Stage 2 competitive comp which was a great success. I thank all those who support and drive girl's cricket and we look forward to the creation of more female comps and formats. Our junior representative program came under the complete control of a Representative Committee, and the improved management was appreciated by all involved and will continue to translate into results. Thank you, Paul Giumelli and Justin Isaacs.

One very concerning aspect of the junior competitions was the increase in poor conduct by adults at junior games. The association will be taking steps to address this, but it is a poor state of affairs when kid's teams lose competition points because the grown-ups can't accept the Umpires decision. I implore clubs to come on board with us in educating parents, coaches and all involved that junior cricket is for the engagement and enjoyment of the children – not them. The adults' part should be no more than their child's engagement for a few hours of team sport on Saturday mornings. Those few hours being for the kid's enjoyment and beyond the adult's influence and control.

Senior competition grading will always present difficulties when teams are nominated with a wide range of player skills. We continue to learn the best ways of managing this and improving the balance. As with most seasons, a few players found themselves on the wrong side of Judiciary decisions. Many problems would be avoided if team Captains understood their role and obligations under The Laws of Cricket, and the standards required by our Code of Conduct. Again, clubs educating their members can play a part in preventing minor issues becoming big problems.

On the positive side, please allow me to thank and congratulate the vast majority of Parramatta Players and other participants who turn up week after week to play, help out or support, in good spirit and with respect for each other and our sport.

Ground availability continues to present challenges, and we continue to work through them. There was an improvement in councils' approach to wet weather management, hopefully it will continue.

Congratulations to the 2020-21 premiers in each division, and good luck to all for 2021-22.

Frank Pitt, Executive Officer

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board met on nine occasions since being elected at the last Annual General Meeting. Attendance was as follows:

Office Bearers; Peter McLoughlin 9, Michael Johns 9, Madan Alagarraja 6, Frank Pitt 9.

Board Members; Wayne Earl 9, Paul Giumelli 8, Justin Isaacs 8, Doug D'Arney 7, Hari Murali 6, Ken Bakon 5.

Apologies were submitted and accepted for absences. The Competitions Committee and the Representative Committee Chairman joined the Board on occasions.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

(Chairman - John Kozumplik, Committee – Madan Alagarraja, Frank Pitt, Ashwath Krishna, Tapan Sharma, Athavan Natkuna)

Uncertainty regarding the start of the season & the ongoing COVID issues required sporting associations to comply with COVID restrictions. This challenged all clubs & the PDCA before a ball was even bowled, congratulations to all clubs for complying with these requirements & completing the season without a COVID related hitch.

Mother nature also gave us a few outswingers with extreme heat & a rain-soaked semi-final weekend causing flooding in some regions & cancelling the semi-finals. Fortunately, the weather cleared in time for grand finals. Congratulations to premiers, runners up & all, for a difficult season.

The introduction of an U16/17 age group for juniors helped to keep players at HSC age playing while also providing an extra step before joining the senior competition. All junior cricket ages adopted the staged format playing one-day games only.

The Thunder Girls League saw an increase in participation with the stage 1 summer competition fielding 11 teams & the spring competition consisting of 8 teams. Stage 2 had 6 teams participating, but the increase in stage 1 will start to flow up to stage 2.

Ground availability is an ongoing issue, especially considering the expansion in the north west. Several Flicx pitches helped alleviate some of the strain, however scheduling is always a challenge & somehow Frank made it work.

The PDCUA had an increase in members which saw more games umpired by officials, much to the appreciation of teams.

The use of unregistered players was again an issue through seniors & juniors, as was the participation of graded players in grades too low. This is an issue clubs will need to remedy & ensure that all players understand that registration, especially mid-season, on MyCricket does mean registration to play in the PDCA until approved.

The committee noticed a worrying trend in junior cricket behaviour issues from team officials, parents & players. Umpires coaching while umpiring & the interpretation of rules was an issue as well. The PDCA have discussed internally, as well as with associated clubs to identify the underlying issues & take steps to eliminate the issues before they escalate.

John Kozumplik, Chairman Competitions Committee

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The season started off slowly this year with only a few reports in the first half of the season. However, once the weather warmed up, so did some tempers and players were charged with a variety of offences this season. There are several other matters which were reported but were not penalised, with warnings given - both Junior and Senior.

A few things were very noticeable this year;

1. Junior matches were affected this year like never before - Coaches having trouble differentiating between coaching and umpiring became a huge issue. Parents abusing opposition coaches and umpires was also on the rise. This is clearly unacceptable and penalties will continue to be enforced - please don't be that "ugly parent"!
2. Many players simply failed to respect the players from the opposition - we ask Clubs to please ask their players to be "better than that".
3. The details of our Code of Conduct are not widely known despite appearing at the front of our Rules book.

We ask Clubs to continue their support and education on our playing conditions going forward.

Thank you to all who assisted with the Judiciary this year (Doug D'Arney, Cameron Laurie, Paul Giumelli, Justin Isaacs, Barry Twining, John Kozumplik, Ken Bakon, Joe Aboud, Chockalinga Pandiaraj), and Frank Pitt for organising the meetings and Wenty Leagues Club for allowing us to use their Club meeting rooms.

A summary below reflects the hearings and penalties arising from Judiciary this last season.

- 2 parents penalised for conduct at a Junior Grand Final - names and Club withheld
- Junior player reported in a (senior) Grand Final for his conduct - stern warning only - name and Club withheld
- Rajan Sharma from Greystanes B9 - guilty of a breach of code of conduct - suspended 2 weeks
- Yitul Rawat from Hills Barbarians B9 - guilty of a breach of our Racial Vilification Code - suspended for 12 months (subject to appeal)
- A Junior representative player was also given a stern warning for his conduct - name and Club withheld
- A manager of a junior Club was found guilty of a breach of our Code of Conduct - he was penalised for 1 playing date and his junior team penalised 5 competition points
- Greystanes player Luke Carling was guilty of 3 breaches of the Code of Conduct. - He was suspended until 31/12/2021 and his team penalised 5 points
- Wenty Leagues player Kamalraj Mathiruparajah was guilty of a breach of our Code of Conduct. He was suspended for 2 playing dates and his team penalised 5 points
- Raveesh Pandhija from Winston Hills B7 was guilty of a breach of the code of conduct and was penalised a 2 match suspension as was Ankit Sharma from the same team although a 1 match suspension applies - the team was penalised 5 competition points
- 2 Junior coaches in the same match were found guilty of a breach of our Code of Conduct - both coaches were suspended for 1 week with both Junior teams penalised 5 competition points. Both of these matters were appealed and the appeals were dismissed
- SHTRSL B6 player Cody Stanfield is found guilty of a breach of our Code of Conduct - he was suspended for the entire season and his team penalised 5 points

- RHR B12 players James Galofaro and Jason O'Brien are found guilty of a Breach of our Code of Conduct - suspended for 2 playing dates and the team penalised 5 points
- Naren Narendiran from NSW Tamils B8 was guilty of a breach of the code of conduct and was suspended for 1 playing date and the team penalised 5 points

Michael Johns, Chairman Judiciary Committee

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT CRICKET UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

The PDCUA continue to support our junior and senior competitions, appointing qualified Umpires to stand in all our higher grade matches as well as circulating through each lower grade periodically. The Umpires Association's membership increased for 2020-21 despite the pandemic making the annual training course impossible. The fact that one or two official PDCUA Umpire stood in every Grand Final is testament to their growth & strength. This continued growth presents its own issues for both associations, and we work through them for the betterment of cricket in our district.

Our off-season focus has been on improving the training of umpires and the best management of their availability, along with increasing the numbers appointed to junior matches. Some changes around these aspects are pending a vote at our Annual General Meeting, and may be put in place for 2021-22.

The annual Parramatta training course will again be held (during August) and Coaches, Managers, Captains and players are encouraged to participate to learn the Laws of the game they play or manage. Once qualified, joining the association can provide an income when not playing, from the best seat in the house.

The Umpires Association Annual Report follows separately.

SPONSORSHIP

Our Association enjoys substantial financial support from Kookaburra, which effectively lowers the cost of participation for every player. That support deserves our appreciation and thanks. We also receive support from Kingsgrove Sports. Again, this is appreciated and should be considered by all our members when in need of new cricket gear or any sporting equipment.

FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

The purpose of this report is to explain various items of Income and Expenditure listed in the Financial Statements.

Insurance – Juniors: Cricket NSW via My Cricket assumed control of Player Insurance payments in respect of Juniors. It is anticipated that Senior Player Insurance may increase for the next season.

Ground Rental: The reduction in Income and Expenditure is a result of some discount provided by PDCA to the clubs due to the pandemic. However, this is expected to increase for the next season.

Cricket NSW took control of Junior Representative Cricket from NSWDCA and Player Fees were introduced to cover match expenses (grounds, umpires, balls etc) and clothing. Expenses pertaining to Watson and Martin Shields were still incurred separately.

Sponsorship: Kookaburra Sports have been most generous sponsors of PDCA. We anticipate they will continue their sponsorship but given the current economic conditions we expect it will be limited to the agreed \$10,000 per season.

Administration Grants: Comparing the last season there has been reduction in the Administration Grant. A new Finance Office was appointed from August 2020.

PDCUA Contributions: An additional \$4,000 was contributed towards Umpire training.

Software: We have introduced a new Finance Software to keep track of all income and the payments. The annual cost of this software is approximately \$500.

Financial Status: PDCA finances are in a healthy state with a bank balance of \$114,979.97 at season's end. We are expecting to pay Honorarium Payments approximately \$5,000 for the season ending 2020/21. Normal offseason expenditure for administration and trophies should result in a balance of approximately \$100,000 to start the 2021-22 season.

Notes to Financial Statement

For the current year 01-May-2020 to 30-April-2021 the Association had an operating surplus of **\$17,428**.

All the clubs have paid their fees within the year end 30 April-2021. We appreciate the prompt payments and hopefully this will continue to the upcoming season.

Madan Alagarraja, Financial Officer

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Profit and Loss

May 2020 - April 2021

	TOTAL
Income	
200 Senior Affiliation Cost	53,550.00
203 Junior Affiliation Cost	24,862.00
204 PDCA Rep Player Fees	40,799.86
205 Fines	400.00
206 Ground Rental Received	31,666.50
207 Interest Received	10.27
208 Inter Association Clothing Receipts	180.00
211 Sponsorship Received	10,000.00
213 Umpires Fees Received	63,915.00
214 Miscellaneous	109.30
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	35.00
Total Income	A\$225,527.93
GROSS PROFIT	A\$225,527.93
Expenses	
401 Administration Grants	36,900.01
403 Club/Committee Meetings	1,643.00
405 Ground Rent Paid	34,750.16
406 Players Insurance	13,310.00
408 Inter Association competitions	495.05
409 Inter Association Clothing Purchases	22,648.65
410 NSWDCA Affiliation Fees	200.00
411 Office Rental	770.01
412 Cricket NSW	
412A Youth Championship- Male	10,140.00
412B Youth Championship- Female	2,600.00
Total 412 Cricket NSW	12,740.00
413 PDCUA	65,640.00
416 Telephone and Internet	540.00
417 Trophies	7,523.00
420 Umpires Fees Paid	
420C IDCA Umpire Exp	4,100.00
420D Watson Shield Umpire Exp	840.00
420E Rep Trial Umpire Exp	525.00
Total 420 Umpires Fees Paid	5,465.00
421 Miscellaneous Payments	754.46
423 PDCA	
Junior Cricketer of the Year	250.00
PDCA Equipments	3,743.00
Senior Cricketer of the Year	500.00
Total 423 PDCA	4,493.00
424 Subscriptions	227.50
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	0.00
Total Expenses	A\$208,099.84
NET EARNINGS	A\$17,428.09