

OTTAWA VALLEY CRICKET COUNCIL

Patron: Her Excellency The Governor General

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PRESIDENT' REPORT

November 25, 2003

Completing the 2003 season provided many challenges. Thanks to the co-operation of the Clubs we were able to complete our full schedule , though having to play into October. October is not a very good month to be playing important final games because of weather and light conditions.

The use of Rideau Hall I was not possible until June 21, and the Barhaven ground was not available until May 24. Now that RH I has been resurfaced, and Barhaven fully availabe next season, with proper scheduling, we should realize a much earlier end of the schedule.

In 2003, we had a greater number of games than the previous year because the Junior Team played as a full member, and Kingston played one round of seven games in Ottawa. We participated in a very successful 6 - a - Side Tournament as part of the Ottawa Sport Festival. We should plan to include a Six-a- Side Tourmanent as part of the regular schedule next year. Given the weather, we were fairly fortunate only to have lost 9 games - 4 in the Challenge, and 5 in the Citizen. Unfortunately, the Citizen Playoff Final could not be completed. Therefore, a Citizen Playoff winner could not be declared in 2003.

The Inter-Regional games left much to be desired. We defeated T & D in Ottawa, and lost to T&D U23 in less than ideal ground conditions. The game against H&D was not played because of the lack of a ground. SOCA never showed up, and without previous notice.

In the Confederation Cup the Seniors lost convincingly, while the Masters lost a nail-biter. Next year we will be hosting these games and we hope that our top players will make themselves available, in the best interest of our League.

Tony Russell and Robert Cross represented Ontario in the Atholston, which was won by Ontario. Tony, as Captain and Robert

deserve our congratulations.

Defence represented us very well in the JRR Competition held in Montreal. They lost a close game ^{in the final} to the T&D team ^{having} ~~which went on to win~~ ^{previous} ~~the competition against a~~ Montreal team the ~~next~~ day. SOCA did not show, resulting in ^{to getting} ~~Montreal~~ got a bye into the final.

In League play, Bel Air won both the Challenge and Citizen Divisions. Defence defeated Bel Air in the Challenge Playoff, and will be representing us in the JRR. The Citizen Playoff final between Bel Air and Canterbury was abandoned due to weather resulting in no winner this year. Cathedral won the Knock-out Final against Bel Air. In addition to winning the Trophy, Cathedral won \$400 as the winning team, and Terry Nandlal won \$100 as MVP. These Awards were donated by OCA.

I wish to congratulate all Clubs and players winning performance awards over the season. These awards will be presented later in the meeting. I offer special thanks to Messrs. Sastri, Rana, Cross and Widdeson who spent many hours supporting our Junior Team. The Junior Team performed extremely well and must be congratulated for their final standing ahead of two teams in their division. Usama Khalid and Suranjan Arasaratram played for Ontario U19 against Quebec, and performed very well. Suranjan played in the Canadian U19 Trials, and apparently impressed.

I have been involved in cricket Administration at the OVCC, OCA, and CCA level since 1967, and has served at the President's level at the three organizations. I want to thank the Members of OVCC for giving me the honour and opportunity to play a role, and put something back into the game I have loved as long as I can remember. All good things must come to an end, I have decided therefore, that I will not be available for office in the upcoming elections. Over the many years in serving cricketers, their organizations, as well as, the game itself, I have the opportunity to make many great friendships.

I hope that in the ensuing years, I will have the opportunity of enjoying a drink with all of you at the games or other social events.

As an OVCC Life Member I intend to be around and will become a social member of one of the existing clubs.

In closing my last President's Report, I want to wish all players, Clubs, Administrators and Officials every success in future years, and continue providing my successors with the excellent support you have given me over these many years.

My sincere thanks and gratitude to all.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S.J. Siew', written in dark ink.

S.J. Siew, Preident