**From the President..........................**

**Mansfield Junior Cricket Club awarded 2009 Sporting Club of the Year**

I attended the Australia Day Breakfast at Southside Sport and Community Club Inc where various community individuals and groups received awards for their efforts in the previous 12 months. Our club won the Best Sporting Club Award for the Mansfield State Electorate after being nominated alongside Wishart Swimming Club and Mt Gravatt Pony Club. In describing our club achievements, Mansfield MP Phil Reeves spoke of our performances on the field winning premierships and last year’s Club Championship as well as our 50% increase in membership. Getting more kids involved in Australia’s most popular summer sport was no doubt a deciding factor for us receiving the award.

Phil Reeves MP, presenting Club President Robert Baldi with a framed certificate, medallion and cheque for $200.00 for winning Best Sporting Club of 2009.
From the President continued......

Christmas Break Up BBQ a huge success!

Our Christmas Break Up BBQ was well supported by all Teams and In2Cricketers. Santa was a big hit with the In2Cricketers and siblings, and it was good to see local Wishart Ward Councillor Krista Adams attending. We raffled a signed BULLS/Redbacks Bat won by the Bettinson Family—one of our In2Cricket Families. Our $1 Sausage/Drink/Raffle Ticket combo raised over $300 towards the $200 each, our club contributed to our five representative BEARS players, assisting their considerable travel/accommodation expenses for their respective carnivals. All of our players performed well, including our young U12 Ian Healy Cup representatives. Our district, Eastern Districts, was runner up this year after winning last year, proving that our district is turning out fine young cricketers year after year.

A visit from Santa was a great way to celebrate for In2Cricketers and their brothers & sisters.

Mansfield secures 2 premierships!!

Our Division 5 (U14) and Division 7 (U13) teams were able to secure well earned premierships in the BEARS Competition. Both were decided in the final round and made a thrilling finale to the pre season competition. Thanks once again to all players, parents and especially Graeme Joass who coaches both sides on Wednesdays and Bob Ball who manages the Div 7 team on Saturdays - Congratulations and well done!

Club Membership continues to grow after Christmas.

When most cricket clubs see an exodus of players after Christmas to Private School Competition, our club continues to grow. Since Christmas we have added 10 players across various age groups, taking our number of registered players to 136. Most exciting is the creation of two additional U9 teams for the 9 week post Xmas competition. Most of these players are 7-8yo and developed from our In2Cricket Skills Programme and can’t wait to get their whites on for the first time!

Mansfield perform at 6 a side Carnival

A late invitation over the holidays saw Mansfield compete in the annual U13 six a side carnival hosted by Cleveland Thornlands Cricket Club at Cleveland. Ten teams from around South East Qld competed in a round robin format.

Mansfield started brilliantly winning our first three matches to lead the competition, when heavy rain forced a lengthy delay. The fourth round was abandoned and the top four teams went straight into the semi finals. On a damp pitch and slow outfield, we were narrowly beaten by 7 runs in our semi final to the final winner Toowoomba Easts.

However we can still be proud of our achievement in our first attempt at this tournament. Thanks to the following players who participated: Stephen Coutts (c.), Marc Maeji, Sachith Wickramasuriya, Dilan Udugama, Ryan Allport, Daniel and John Gallagher, as well as parents for their involvement and support. We look forward to being involved once again next season.

Set of Team Rules established

At our last committee meeting, a Mansfield Set of Team Rules was approved to be in place by the commencement of next season. In conjunction with Cricket Australia’s Code of Conduct, these are specific behaviors expected of players whilst representing our club. A copy of this document can be found at the back of this Newsletter. It will be included in the Player Registration forms for next season, though it would be desirable for all players to adopt these rules immediately.
The Magpie Messenger—Match Reports

Under 9s—Coach Brian Kenna

Week 8 29/11/2008
Mansfield 8/143 defeated by Wynnum Manly Broad 4/163

Wynnum Manly Broad won the toss and batted first. Mitchell bowled good line and length. Aydan effected another run out. Armaan bowled with good pace as did Alex, Aydan, Noah and Michael. Nadun kept wickets and did a great job. At our turn to bat, Nadun continued his good form with strokes all around the ground. Jack batted well but faced some high full tosses which he could not get away. Arjuna produced a powerhouse innings with four 4s and a six over mid wicket. Caleb continues to improve, but most of his good shots going to fielders. At teh halfway point the scores were almost level. However in the second innings Wynnum pulled away to win by 20 more runs and taking four extra wickets. It was good to see a high scoring game. Best Batting to Armaan 19, Noah 18, Arjuna 18, Nadun 15 and Aydan 11. Best Bowling to Caleb 2 wickets, and 1 wicket each to Michael and Armaan.

Week 9 6/12/2009
Mansfield 9/122 defeated by Carina Eagles 8/117

Mansfield won the toss and fielded first. All our bowlers performed well but special mention goes to Mitchell who took a hat trick (3 wickets from 3 balls) - all bowled! In our first batting innings we set the scene with a strong 1/71 against 4/56. Some great bowling in the second innings saw a very achievable chase. Our batting took off from where it left off, and though we made lots of runs, we lost just one wicket too many to claim a victory. A great effort nonetheless. Best bowling to Mitchell 4 wickets, Caleb 2 wickets and Arjuna 1 wicket. Our best batters were Arjuna 15, Aydan 11 and Caleb 10. And so the first half of the season is completed. All players put in 100% efforts and we all look forward to the remaining nine games after Christmas.

Under 10s—Coach Barry Clifford

Week 8 29/11/2008
Mansfield 10/93 defeated by Carina 9/136

While we had one of our best sessions of the season to finish off the game with 9 wickets taken unfortunately we had just left ourselves a little too much to make up to secure another win on a hot and humid day!

With season highs of 24 and 6 respectively to Cody and Carla together with Blair 9, our best batsmen pushed us to 10-93. The bowlers also contributed well lead by Riley Cairns 2-8 and Cody 1-6 but Carina still managed 9-136. A couple of very good catches by Joshua and Blair capped off a good all round performance against a team with one of the best bowling attacks we have faced this season.

Week 9 6/12/2008
Mansfield 7/79 defeated by Wynnum Manly 9/136

Wynnum Manley scored 9/136. Mansfield tried hard with Riley Cairns with 2-8 and Cody 1-6 but with with a couple of big hitting batsmen Wynnum pushed onto a very good score. On the batting front we only lost 7 wickets but were not able to match the Wynnum run scoring and finished on 7/79 with Cody 13 and Blair 9 the pick of the batsmen.

Leading wicket takers on the bowling front season to date are Cody 9 followed closely by Joshua on 8 and Liam & Danyon on 6 while on the batting front Blair passed the 100 run mark for the season followed by Cody on 89.
Under 11s—Coach Greg Kuschert

Weeks Eight and Nine 29/11–06/12 2008
Mansfield 170 defeated by Carina 4/177

On Day One Mansfield batted first and scored a respectable 5/82. In reply Carina hit 2/84 off their 25 overs. Day 2 arrived with the game evenly poised. Mansfield continued to bat well, batting through to the 49th over to be all out for 170. In reply Carina took no chances and reached the target in 47 overs finishing at 4/177 after 50 over sto secure first innings points. Best batting to Akash with 38 and Zac with 11. Bowling honours went to Ben, Pasindu, Conor and Joshua who all took one wicket each.

Under 12s—Coach Robert Baldi

Weeks Eight and Nine 29/11 –06/12/2008
Mansfield 64 and 51 defeated by Carina White 98 and 4/38

Mansfield batted first and batted hard for runs on a wet pitch and slow outfield. After 25 overs we reached 8/59 and needed an exceptional bowling effort to keep the game competitive. Fortunately they did, restricting Carina to 6/55 after their 25 overs.

Day Two arrived with much promise—we had only two wickets in hand and knew that another 20 or 30 runs would make a tight first innings contest. Not to be, we were all out for 64 which was not enough. Our second innings was disappointing, all out for 51 in 19 overs. Carina batted again, claimed first innings points with 98 all out then batted to 4/38 to secure outright win. Best batting to Dihan 14no and Daniel Gray 10. Bowling honours to Daniel Gallagher 2/21 & 2/5, Daniel English 2/7. Single wickets to Dilan and Lachlan.

Our bowling and fielding is as good as any team, however patience while batting seems to be our problem with batters not selecting the right ball to hit. Forever optimistic, I’m sure by applying themselves our players will gain reward for their efforts after Christmas.

Under 13s Division 7 BEARS—
Managed by Bob Ball

Round Five 29/11—6/12 /2008
v Villanova Green

Villanova batted first on Day One. At the first Drinks Break our manager became suspicious that Villanova had fielded the incorrect team. It was discovered that Villanova were playing two teams on adjoining fields and had mistakenly placed their Div 8 side against our Div 7 side. The Div 7 side we were to play were playing Carindale Div 8 on an adjoining field. The implication was that if no game points were awarded for this game, our team would be denied the premiership. Villanova conceded their mistake and forfeited, thus giving maximum round 5 points to Mansfield and securing the premiership. Villanova withdrew from Day 2, and a practice match against Carindale Div 8 was organized.

“MANSFIELD—DIVISION 7 PREMIERS”

Under 14s Division 5 BEARS—
Coached by Graeme Joass

Round Five 29/11—6/12 /2008
V Wynnum Manly Green

An important game for the team as a win would secure the Div 5 premiership. Wynnum Manly batted first and scored 4/142 from their 50 overs. Best Bowling to Liam Cooper with 2/3.

On Day Two Mansfield batted with authority to post 3/145 (dec) to secure first innings points. Liam Cooper and Mattys van Lille top scored with 26 each, followed by Lachlan Brayley 22no and Ned Welsh 20.

Wynnum Manly batted again and were 5/48 when the game concluded. Single wickets to Stephen Coutts, Lachlan Brayley, Blake Heinemann-Little, Ned Welsh and Marc Maeji.

Congratulations to the players on securing the pre Xmas premiership over Wynnum Manly Gold.

“MANSFIELD—DIVISION 5 PREMIERS”
Under 15/16s Division 2 BEARS –
Coached by Nick Pippos

Round Five 29/11—6/12 /2008
V Wynnum Manly Gold
Match abandoned both days—Drawn

The bad news arrived on the Thursday prior to the first day—wicket too wet to prepare for play. Unfortunately the downside again of playing cricket on turf. With our MSS Lower oval available, we invited Wynnum Manly to an informal 20/20 game. They batted very well hitting 160 runs. Realising that there was no point blocking, our team decided to go down swinging—unfortunately all out for not very many!

Day two was looking promising again until the rain hampered the pitch preparation, and the game was officially abandoned with both teams getting points for a draw. Let’s hope the rain stays away after Christmas and the players get more competitive cricket on the field.

In2 Cricket—Co-Ordinator Robert Baldi

Our last session before Christmas wrapped up with some fun games, lots of lollies for prizes and a BBQ sausage sizzle and drink to finish up the year. If that wasn’t enough Santa arrived, looking tired and sweaty in the oppressive heat, to hand out gifts to all the children. The feedback I have received has been very positive as to the sessions and it seems our little champions all enjoy their cricket. I would like to again thank the band of parent helpers who made the smooth running of these sessions possible.

I invited some of our elder group to step up to U9 post Christmas and am pleased that 13 of our group will now be playing “big boys cricket”. With additions this leaves us with a starting group of 32 which will kick off the Post Xmas In2Cricket season.

Parents— a reminder that our Club requires that a responsible adult be in attendance for the duration of the session for each child. You may pass this responsibility to another adult in attendance so long as there is a “go to” person for your child.
More Photos from our Christmas BBQ

Here comes Santa!!

The kids can’t wait .................

Santa attempts to calm down the rowdy mob!!

President Robert Baldi hands our BEARS Representative players $200 each on behalf of the club to support travel and accommodation expenses.

The raffle is drawn. The signed bat won by the Bettinson Family

2008/09 Mansfield Cricket Shirt sell –out!!

The following sizes and quantities are all we have in stock till next season:

- 4 only- 10/12
- 2 only—Medium
- 4 only -14/16
- 3 only - Large
- 4 only—Small
- 2 only—X Large

All shirts $30.00 (below cost).

Hurry or you’ll miss out!!

Contact Robert Baldi 0419-675838
Mansfield Junior Cricket Club Team Rules

Dress Code

The standard dress code for all players is MJCC shirts, long white pants, predominantly white cricket shoes and white socks. All Club playing shirts should display the club logo and sponsors logo if applicable. If a new player does not have a club shirt, then a white shirt with collar will suffice.

The only hats that should be worn are the official MJCC cap with logo or a broad brimmed white or cream cricket hat. It is not acceptable to wear any other type of hat or cap when representing MJCC.

This dress code should be strictly adhered to at all times when representing Mansfield Junior Cricket Club on match days or on any other occasion where the wearing of cricket whites would be deemed appropriate.

MJCC shirts and hats can be purchased by contacting the Club President.

Protective Clothing

It is strongly recommended that for health and safety reasons, each player provides their own genital protection gear and batting gloves.

It is highly recommended that batting helmets fitted with visors are to be worn by all batsmen when facing any bowling. Where competition rules require compulsory wearing of helmets, this is to take precedence.

Wicket-keepers must wear pads and gloves. Helmets with grills should be worn and is compulsory when keeping up to the stumps.

All batsmen and wicket keepers must wear protectors.

All players should apply sunscreen as necessary as well as wear a cap or wide brimmed hat whilst fielding.

Off the field, players should sit in a shaded location.

Player Conduct

Players are to conduct themselves at all times in a manner appropriate to the laws and reputation of the game of cricket. Any conduct on or off the field of play that brings into disrepute, the reputation of the game itself or Mansfield Junior Cricket Club is unacceptable.

Please refer to the Club Code of Conduct and Behavior.

Violence and Bad Language

Any act of violence or bad behavior either at training, representing the club or off the field of play will not be tolerated.

Bullying and Harrassment

Mansfield Junior Cricket Club operates an anti-bullying and anti-harassment policy. It is the duty of all parents, team managers, coaches and players to adhere to this policy and not be involved in behavior that undermines this policy.

Team Selection

All players are to respect and understand the decisions of manager, coach and captain regarding team selection. Team selection policy and roles within the team will be based on player ability, form, availability, the importance of the fixture and the likely strengths of the opposition. Coaches and Managers will communicate to team members with as much notice as possible regarding match/team selection.

Arrival Times

It is the responsibility of all players to be punctual attending all Mansfield Junior Cricket Club games, training and other events. Players also must give immediate notification to team managers/coaches of any difficulty a player may have with proposed match involvement, transportation, attendance times or any other cause of concern regarding fixture attendance. It is not acceptable to: not turn up or turn up late without prior notification, or withdraw from any fixture without giving team management sufficient notification time to locate a replacement.

Ground Organisation

It is part of the game of cricket that each game requires preparation for fielding and practice and packing up afterwards. All players are expected to arrive at HOME fixtures sufficiently early to assist with ground preparation. No pre-game activity or practice will take place until all preparations are complete.

On completion of all HOME fixtures it is the responsibility of all players to assist with packing up and confirming with the manager/coach that it is acceptable to leave. Parents/Guardians must wait until players have been cleared to leave. Players should only leave matches or practice sessions once permission has been given by coach/manager.

Visiting Teams

All teams visiting Mansfield Junior Cricket Club venues shall be treated with respect, courtesy and fair play. All players will welcome visitors.

Whilst Mansfield Junior Club teams are batting, those players not batting will gather together at the boundary edge or with the team coach and offer encouragement and support for their batsmen. Players are not to shout abusive, offensive or negative comments towards any persons on the field.

On completion of all matches Mansfield Junior Cricket Club players will shake hands with all members of the visiting team including managers/coaches plus match officials.

Spirit of Cricket: Preamble to the Laws

All participants of Mansfield Junior Cricket Club agree to abide by the Spirit of Cricket.