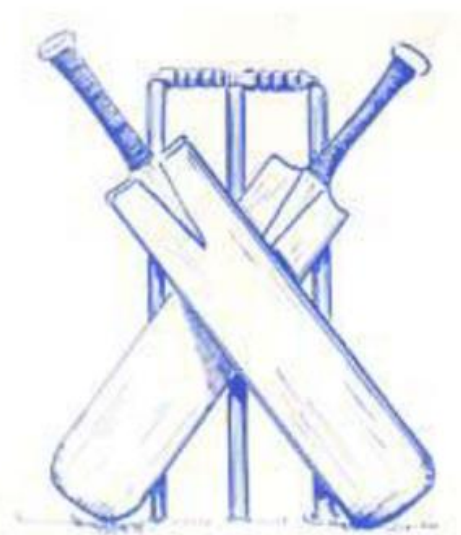


HISTORY OF THE OAMARU CRICKET CLUB

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1864-2014

150TH ANNIVERSARY

BORTON CUP CHAMPIONS

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1937, 1947, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1956, 1958, 1961, 1966, 1967, 1970, 1971,
1973, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1985, 1990, 1991, 2002, 2003, 2008

DICK HUNT CHAMPIONS

1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1980, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1999, 2009

RAY MCBETH MEMORIAL CHAMPIONS

1989, 1998, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011

WILD BUCK 20/20 CHAMPIONS

2010, 2014



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Oamaru Cricket Club is no ordinary club. One only has to cast one's mind back to the lengths our original members went to in order to play the game we love to understand and appreciate the spirit this club was founded on. The determination, passion, desire and attitude shown from those early members in negotiating the grueling journey by coach to Dunedin just to play their first game of cricket and the challenges in securing a permanent headquarters would have been difficult enough to render many groups of enthusiasts redundant. Not this club though, Oamaru Cricket Club evinces an aura and mystique unique to it. This club is bursting with charisma, it has a salient sense of history which connects us to the past and the pioneering spirit on which it was built continues to course through the veins of its members today and throughout its history in the form of club spirit, respect, honour, tradition and pride. For one hundred and fifty years this club has endured, succeeded, rallied, fought, battled and survived. Being one of the oldest and most successful organisations in the country is something to be intensely proud of. It is the hard, sometimes unrewarding and volunteer work of so many members throughout the years on which this club has thrived. Men and women of high calibre character giving of their evenings, their weekends and much more has been the keystone to the building of the club's strength. So many memories have already been created, many on the field of play and equally many off it. This club binds us in the spirit of camaraderie and tradition. I have no doubt whatsoever that in 2039 we will be celebrating Oamaru Cricket Club's 175th anniversary which I look forward to. Until then, enjoy this weekend, enjoy each other's company, celebrate together, reminisce and be proud to be part of this remarkable club.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters 'B.K.' followed by a stylized 'C' and a long horizontal line.

B.K. Coleman

Oamaru Cricket Club

President

THE HISTORY OF THE OAMARU CRICKET CLUB

THE BEGINNINGS

The year 1864 was a significant year in the history of the game of cricket. It was the year in which 'overhand bowling' was authorised, the Middlesex and Lancashire County Clubs were formed, the legendary W G Grace scored 170 and 56 not out on his debut in 'big' cricket at the age of 15, and the Wisden Cricket Almanac was published for the first time.

Unnoted by Wisden, on the other side of the world in the newly proclaimed Borough of Oamaru, a group of enthusiasts established the Oamaru Cricket Club. On February 23, 1864, this group successfully applied to the Borough Council for the use of the Government Reserve behind the Court House, the area now known as Takaro Park but which for many years was simply referred to as 'the cricket ground.' On March 10, 1864, the *Oamaru Times* reported that:

"The Oamaru Cricket Club is now in thorough working order, having provided itself with a capital set of cricketing implements and apparently a good working committee."

The following day the first cricket match was played, a 'pick-up' game in which the final totals were 50 to 48.

The determination of Oamaru's first cricketers to establish the game they loved must be admired. The wicket bore little resemblance to the flat surfaces of today and, with no other local clubs to play against, the club had to resort to many different devices to arrange matches for the players, such as Town against Country, North versus South, Married versus Single, and Smokers against Non-Smokers.

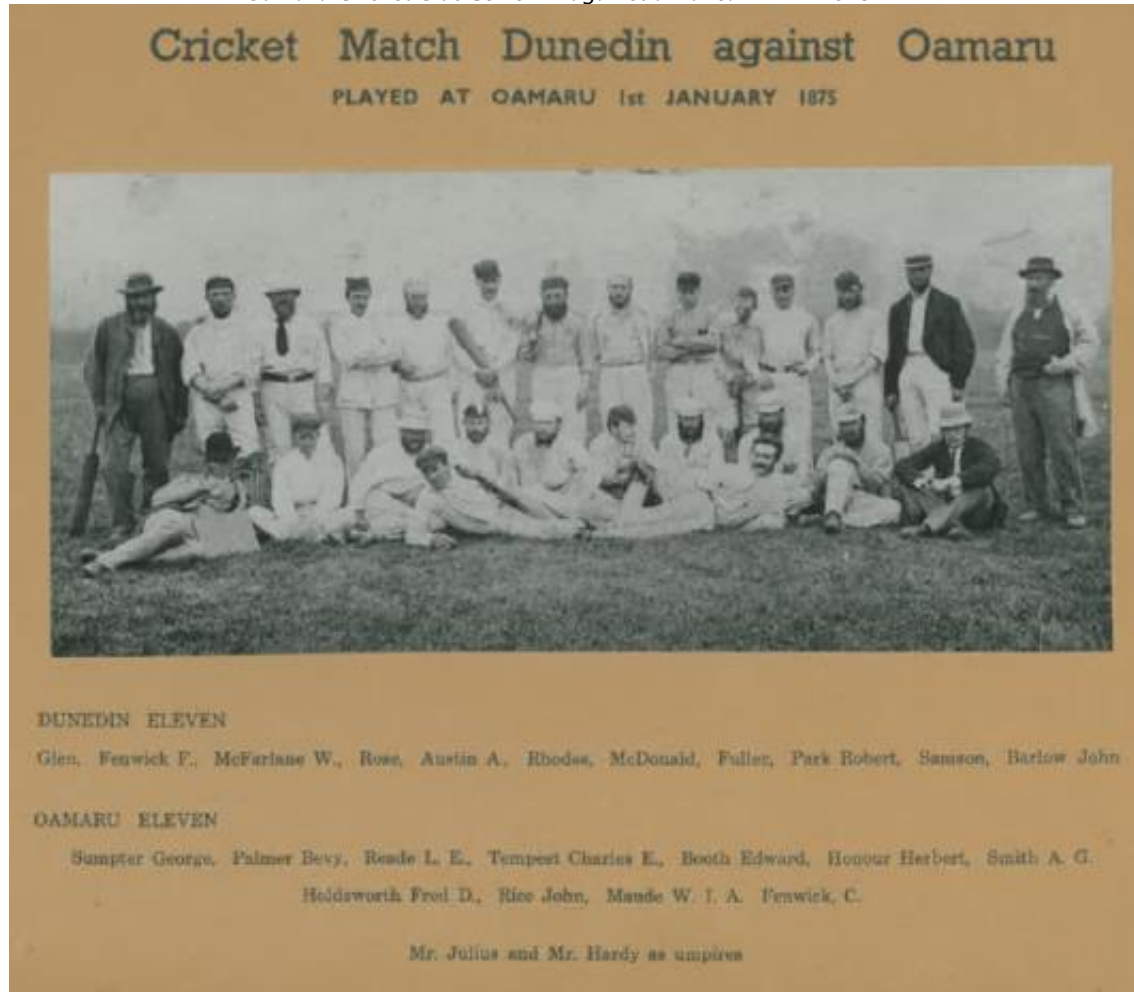
The first venture outside the town came at the end of 1865 when the players journeyed by Cobb and Co coach to Dunedin, a long and arduous journey which undoubtedly took its toll as Oamaru could muster only 47 and 83 in reply to Dunedin's 163.

The following year, Dunedin returned the visit and this time the contest was much more even, Dunedin winning by 13 runs. George Sumpter (the first Town Clerk and later Mayor of Oamaru) took six wickets in each innings.

The early cricket matches were well publicised and were obviously important social occasions in the young community. When Dunedin again visited in 1870, the *Oamaru Times* devoted almost two columns to the match, including a description of a lavish luncheon supplied at the Volunteer Hall, complete with toast list. The spectators, who included a considerable number of ladies (no doubt brought forth by such extravagant newspaper comments as *"there is nothing like parasols and dainty bonnets to put the knights of the willow on their mettle"*), were well catered for by the proprietor of the Commercial Hotel who had a booth on the ground.

The match itself was another even affair and local captain Sumpter had another fine match in taking eight for 12 and five for 54 as Dunedin ran out winners by only 7 runs.

Matches continued to be played with Dunedin on an annual basis and in 1874 two Oamaru players, Reade and Lynch, were invited to play for Otago against Canterbury. Otago won by an innings and 31 runs with Reade contributing 38 and Lynch 51 to the Otago total of 144. Three years later Millington and Nicholls played for Otago against All-England but without the same success.



Not everybody was pleased at the way the cricket club had developed, however. An editorial in the *Evening Mail* on October 24, 1878, criticised the club for blackballing a “respectable and promising cricketer”, Mr Snow, a clerk. The paper claimed that the club had “degenerated from being a cricket into a ‘gentlemen’s club’”, and urged that it “secure as members men who will teach them how to play the aristocratic game of cricket without corrupting their manners or lower their social status, if these attributes are anything more than superficial.” It is pleasing to record that Mr Snow did later play for Oamaru.

IN SEARCH OF A GROUND AND THE MERGER WITH EXCELSIOR

In 2014 the year of the club’s 150th anniversary, at the time of writing, the club’s headquarters are now at the Excelsior clubrooms in Northern Oamaru adjacent to the town’s premier sporting facility Whitestone Contracting Centennial Park (‘Centennial Park’). The club, somewhat reluctantly, relinquished its tenure at its spiritual home at Awamoa Park in 2000 due to a number of circumstances. Chief among those was the ongoing cost of maintaining, insuring and paying the electricity and other associated costs in respect of the clubrooms at Awamoa Park.

The club had in fact established a shared operating arrangement with the North Otago Hockey Association (‘hockey’) whereby the club was essentially responsible for the outgoings associated with maintaining the clubrooms at Awamoa Park during the summer whilst hockey took over that responsibility in the winter. This arrangement proved mutually satisfactory until the local council made the decision to establish a world class hockey turf at Centennial Park and naturally shift hockey’s headquarters there.

This meant, some would say, unfortunately for the club, that the costs of running the clubrooms at Awamoa Park became prohibitive and there was little option but to

move again. Murray Munro, the president of the club at the time, negotiated a relocation package with the local council which saw the club shift its headquarters to the Excelsior clubrooms and establish a cricket pitch on what is known as Centennial Park No.2. The club received a generous grant from the council which was applied toward establishing itself at its new home and creating a new wicket block.

Sharing facilities with Excelsior Rugby, Netball, Petanque and Squash now means that each club contributes to the running of the clubrooms overall and means that the club is now part of a wider group. This arrangement has certainly not been without its challenges, however overall the club has benefitted from it and the pitch which has now been established is widely recognised as the best one in the region. Much credit must go to Gerard Cunningham, the late Stuart Dean, Bruce Sewell and latterly Matthew Murphy and James Mallinson for devoting so much time in producing such a high quality wicket. The ground itself is picturesque, sheltered from the menacing southerly and easterly by the banking and surrounding trees, is looked down upon from an excellent viewing platform in the clubrooms and seems to trap the sun on hot summer days.

In 1989 when the club held its 125th anniversary its headquarters were firmly established at Awamoa Park. Many of today's members are probably unaware that the club had acquired many excellent facilities there during the previous 25 years leading up to the 125th anniversary and that the first century of the club's history was in fact marked by difficulty in finding a permanent home.

After using the 'cricket ground' for 13 years, the club was forced to make its first move in 1877 when Takaro Park was "*mutilated*" by the construction of the Middle School and the straightening of the Oamaru creek to make way for the railway. An area of six acres between Caledonian Road and Witham Street was leased from the Oamaru Recreation Ground Company. It was known as the North Road Ground and was the main cricket and football ground until it was sold for development in 1911.

The tenure of the North Road ground was not without its problems and in 1894 a man was required to live permanently on the ground so that "*the ground and pavilion might not be damaged this year.*" A problem also developed over the Oamaru Football Club's lease which was supposed to run out at the end of August each year in order to give the cricketers time to carry out topdressing before the cricket season began in the first week of October. In both 1898 and 1899 the cricketers complained about the lateness of the football season which delayed topdressing. Re-turfing was also necessary, it was claimed, because the footballers cut up the ground. Dances were held to meet the costs involved but the problem continued and in 1899 the cricket club applied for a reduction of its rental because of the annual expenditure involved in repairing the playing area.

In 1900 pine trees on the south and west sides of the ground were felled, much improving the light, and the following year the grass was kept short all season by the grazing of sheep.

In 1911, when the club was required to vacate the North Road ground, a wicket was acquired for matches at Waitaki Boys' High School. It was intended as a short-term measure until the club had found itself a new ground but, as events transpired; it was the beginning of a half-century of homelessness for the Oamaru club. From 1911 until 1962, when the Oamaru Borough Council was approached to provide tenure of the newly-built Awamoa Park pavilion as a permanent headquarters, Oamaru used the Waitaki ground for all of its home matches, an inconvenience compensated for by the quality of the playing wickets which produced heavy scoring.

Practice facilities proved to be a major headache during this extended period and the club's minutes record a frustrating sequence of moves in an attempt to find a solution to the problem. The following list gives some idea of the extent of the problem:

- 1911 A practice wicket on Takaro Park was rented from Mr H Meek, owner of Meek's Mill, together with a shed alongside for 30 shillings.
- 1915 King George Park to be used.
- 1920 The practice wicket at Takaro Park was handed over to the new Albion club, leaving Oamaru with no practice facilities of its own.
- 1927 Mr Fred Jones paid for the construction of an asphalt wicket in the south-west corner of Takaro Park.
- 1947 Congestion at Takaro caused Oamaru to move its practices to Waitaki Boys.
- 1949 Oamaru returned to Takaro Park.
- 1953 Practices now held at King George Park.
- 1956 A new malthoid pitch was laid at Takaro Park.
- 1958 Practices being held at Awamoa Park.
- 1963 Awamoa Park became the headquarters.
- 2000 Centennial Park and the Excelsior clubrooms became the club's new home.

AWAMOA PARK

It was only one year prior to the club's Centennial Celebrations that the move was made to Awamoa Park, the club sharing the ground and pavilion facilities with the Men's and the Women's Hockey Associations.

It was from this base that a most successful Centennial was held in 1964 over Labour Weekend. A reunion of players was held on Friday night and a Banquet and Ball on Saturday night. On Sunday a Past versus Present game was scheduled but the weather intervened just as the Past players were getting into form with the bat. Needless to say, a hundred past matches were replayed as the festivities continued indoors for the remainder of the day.

During the following 25 years, regular improvements were made to make the facilities at Awamoa Park more practical and enjoyable for members. The pavilion underwent two major changes, the first in 1969 when the frontage was extended and glassed in to improve the viewing facilities. Hockey did most of the work and the cricket club provided much of the finance, largely through a 200 Club raffle.

A much more ambitious project began in 1976 when it was proposed to build a social room upstairs above the changing rooms at an estimated cost of \$30,000.00 to be shared by the three main users. Difficulty in securing the necessary finance caused some delay but, after several fundraising schemes and much voluntary labour, the upstairs additions were completed and ready for use in 1980.

Undoubtedly this facility was a contributing factor to a dramatic increase in club membership which occurred in the 1980s. Another important factor was the development of a strong club spirit and healthy rivalry between the players to have their names inscribed on the Honours Board or to receive one of the 14 trophies now presented annually for outstanding merit. There was also the incentive of earning the Player of the Day award which was first sponsored in 1985 by Robbie Dick, a Life Member of the club who had been closely involved with the Centennial celebrations and with the extensions to the pavilion.

THE GAME AND THE PLAYERS

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GAME

1860s-1890s

Without any local competition, games against outside teams provided the highlights of the season until the turn of the century. Clubs to appear regularly on the fixture list were Carisbrook, Opoho, Grange and Albion (all from Dunedin), Sydenham (Christchurch), Timaru, Geraldine, Palmerston, Waimate and Kurow. With transport being a major difficulty, it was the practice to engage a Drag for the season. This was used for away matches, for transporting visiting players from the railway station to the ground and for travelling out to the North Road ground for practices each Tuesday and Thursday. In 1896 it was recorded that the members contributed eight pounds for the hire of the Drag.

By 1890 the club also had a second XI playing regular fixture against such teams as Timaru, Temuka, Combined Schools, Press, Ships in port and Excelsior (a local junior club).

Overseas cricket teams began to include Oamaru on their itineraries because of the North Road Ground facilities. In 1878 an Oamaru 22 played the touring Australians which included such famous names as Spofforth and the two Bannermans. Oamaru made 70 and ten wickets for 43 runs, Australia 113.

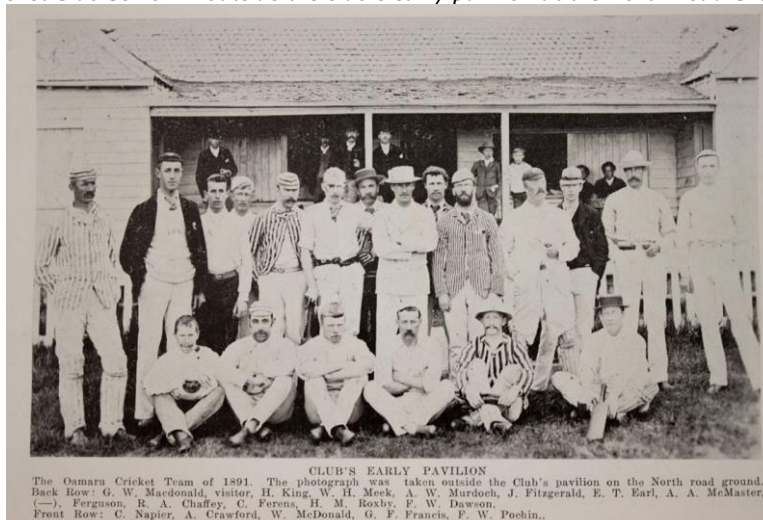
In 1881 another Australian team played an Oamaru 22. The scores were: Oamaru 54 and 88, Australia 118 and 18 for none. The following year an England team containing Ulyett, Barlow, Shrewsbury and Lillywhite defeated Oamaru by an innings, scoring 146 to the local's 60 and 57.

A New South Wales team played in Oamaru in 1890 but some "larrikins" flooded the pitch during the night and the venue had to be changed. Oamaru could muster only 16 and 53 to the visitors' 124. One local player who appreciated the conditions was R Hewat, a prolific wicket-taker for many seasons, who captured six for 31.

Hewat also featured prominently in a match in 1902 against Waimate. He was obviously determined that Waimate would not repeat its upset win of the previous season and he routed the Waimate batsmen by taking nine wickets for 2 runs as the visitors tumbled to 14 all out. Oamaru replied with 127 and then completed Waimate's humiliation by dismissing them for 13 in the second innings with M Ongley capturing seven for 11.

In 1895 Oamaru decided to join the Otago Cricket Association. This decision was made to increase its status and to give players a better chance of representing Otago. The latter hope came to nothing and, after the North Otago Cricket Association was formed in 1897, the club soon tired of paying dual subscriptions and withdrew from the Otago Association in 1900.

Oamaru Cricket Club Senior XI outside the club's early pavilion at the North Road Ground in 1891



CLUB'S EARLY PAVILION
The Oamaru Cricket Team of 1891. The photograph was taken outside the Club's pavilion on the North road ground.
Back Row: G. W. Macdonald, visitor, H. King, W. H. Meek, A. W. Murdoch, J. Fitzgerald, E. T. Earl, A. A. McMaster,
(—), Ferguson, R. A. Chaffey, C. Ferens, H. M. Roxby, F. W. Dawson.
Front Row: C. Napier, A. Crawford, W. McDonald, G. F. Francis, F. W. Pochin.

A LOCAL COMPETITION AT LAST: THE ZIMMERMANN & JONES YEARS

1900s-1920s

By 1900 local competition play had begun and Oamaru entered two teams. For a few seasons the two teams alternated as the winning team, beating off the challenges of the soon-to-be defunct Tureka and Capulet clubs.

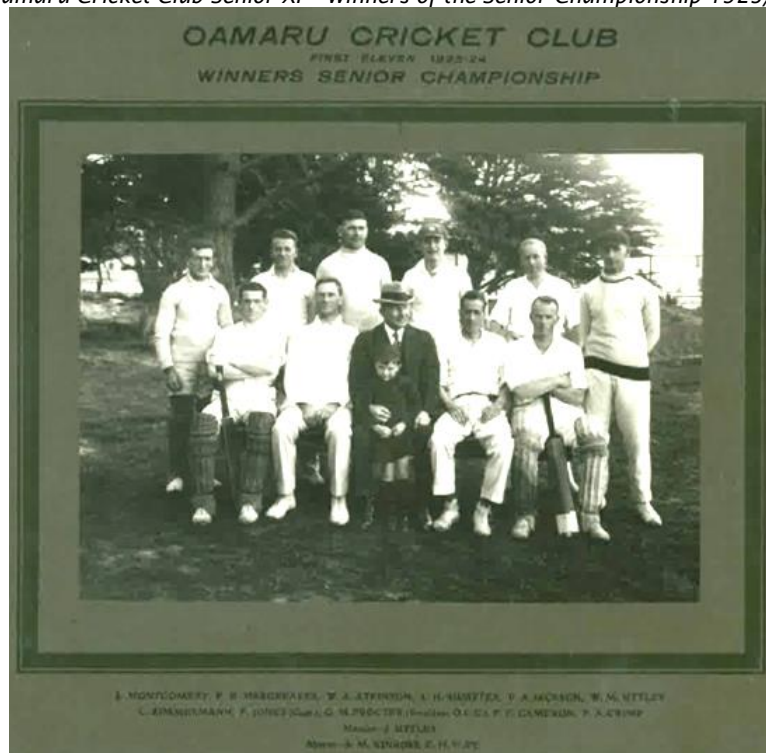
With the sale of the North Road Ground and the onset of the First World War, little cricket was played in Oamaru for a number of years. However, with the return of the soldiers from the war and the formation of the Albion club in 1919, cricket entered a boom period. In 1921 thirteen new members were elected to the Oamaru club and Oamaru was able to field two senior teams and a junior team. Prominent among the new members were a contingent of schoolteachers from Waitaki including Uttley, Zimmermann, Hargreaves, Crimp and Kinross.

Uttley and Zimmermann were just two of the fine batsmen in North Otago between the wars who week after week plundered centuries on the excellent batting wickets provided on the Waitaki grounds. Bill Uttley was a very consistent opening batsman who collected runs through a correct technique and a willingness to wait for the loose delivery. In a different mould was Carl Zimmermann, teacher turned solicitor, who notched centuries with ease.

There is no record of the total runs scored by Zimmermann in his club career but it would be well in excess of any other player. His highest score was 212, a club record, and he bracketed this score with innings of 113 and 151, giving him a total of 476 runs in three successive innings.

His most amazing innings came in 1928 when he played for North Otago against an All-Australian XI on the School ground. North Otago made 118 and Australia 448. North Otago's second innings began much more positively with Uttley and L Sumpter compiling an opening stand of 99. Quick wickets then fell and the score stood at 111 for four when Zimmermann came to the crease. An incredible 46 minutes later Zimmermann had reached his century and, when stumps were drawn two overs later, he remained unbeaten on 117. His innings contained four sixes and 17 fours and, not unnaturally, was highly praised by the Australian players who included Woodfull, Ponsford, Kippax, Richardson, Grimmett and Oxenham.

Oamaru Cricket Club Senior XI - Winners of the Senior Championship 1923/24



Zimmermann played a number of games for Otago but failed to establish himself as a regular member of the team, primarily because he was regularly sent in at the tail of the innings. He had a best score of 77 against Auckland and took nine wickets with his left-arm bowling.

Another outstanding player during this era was Fred Jones. A useful batsman who scored 62 not out against New South Wales in 1924 (and in the process was particularly severe on the famous slow bowler Mailey), Jones was a wicketkeeper of the highest quality who played for Otago and was regarded locally as good enough to have played for New Zealand. He was an aggressive cricketer who sometimes clashed with the opposition. In 1923 he featured in an incident with the Union captain, Ongley, and the Oamaru club's minutes record that Oamaru refused to play Union until they changed their captain. Six years later Jones led his team from the field because he claimed that the Union player who was umpiring was not being suitably impartial in his decisions. The sequel to this incident was a request from the Oamaru club for the Umpires' Association to be re-established (it had existed briefly in the early 1920s). Oamaru went as far as to guarantee transport for umpires to and from the ground.

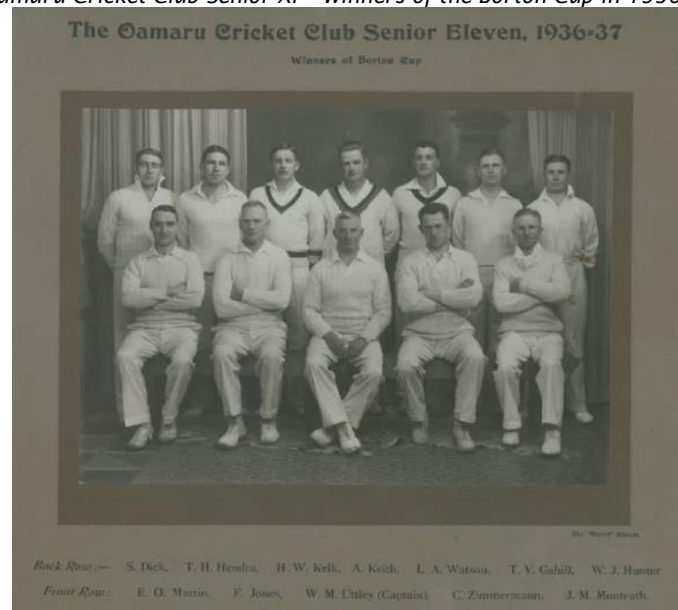
FLUCTUATING FORTUNES

1930s – 1950s

For a brief time around 1930 club membership fell away. In 1928 the minutes record that the club was finding it hard to field two terms and in 1931 there was a fear that the club might not be able to carry on. But in 1934 fourteen new members were elected, including two brothers who were to be club stalwarts for almost 50 years; Jim and Bill Bee. The following year it was decided that the club colours be Oxford Blue with silver braid and monogram. In honour of this decision the present day uniforms which have been especially customised and produced to herald the club's 150th anniversary are proudly cast in these same colours, Oxford blue and silver, and at the time of writing the club has just won the local Wild Buck 20/20 tournament during which the new uniforms were debuted. The players are exceedingly proud to represent the club in its traditional and original colours harking back to almost a century ago and there have been many positive comments regarding the new strip from the local cricketing community.

Oamaru fielded two teams for the rest of the 1930s but the Second World War was a difficult time for all the clubs because of the shortage of players and the rationing of petrol. The club's plans to hold a 75th Jubilee were also abandoned because of the onset of war.

Oamaru Cricket Club Senior XI – Winners of the Borton Cup in 1936/37



When club cricket revived after the war, Oamaru was immediately successful in winning the competition. A member of this 1946-47 team was Brigadier J T Burrows, Rector at Waitaki.

Practices remained a major headache and in 1947 the Annual General Meeting discussed the congestion problem at Takaro Park where Albion also practised, on a wicket which ran at a different angle to Oamaru's practice wicket. A lack of a suitable practice area may have been a reason why the club's fortunes fluctuated over the next 15 years.

In 1956 the Junior team had to withdraw from the competition because of a lack of players, briefly leaving the club with only a senior eleven. This nadir in membership was offset by the arrival of John Reid, then New Zealand captain and one of the world's finest all-rounders. Reid played for Oamaru for three seasons and, although his number of appearances was restricted by representative obligations, his presence created much interest in the district.

SUCCESSFUL SEASONS

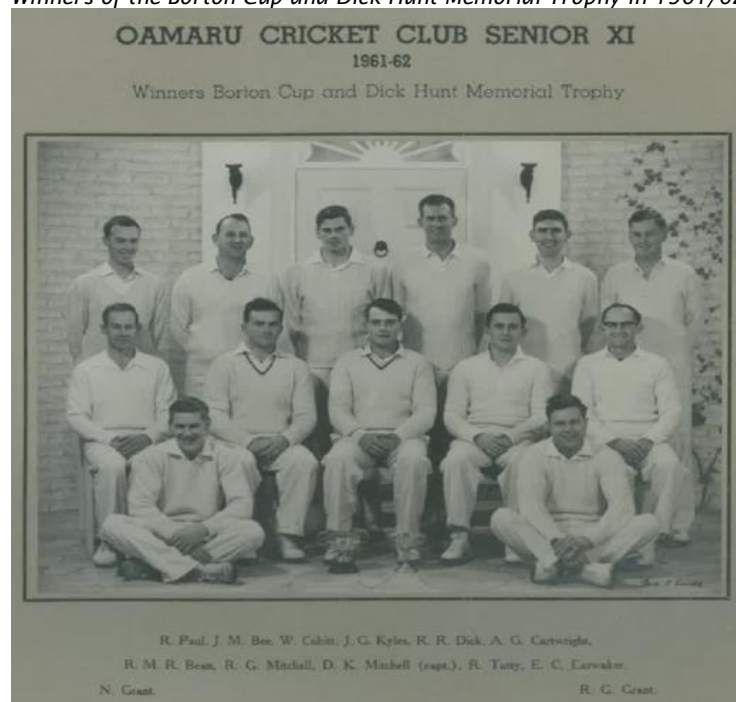
1960s-1970s

For most of the 1960s and 1970s Oamaru fielded three teams, Senior, Second Grade and Junior, although at times there was a struggle to find sufficient players to keep all the teams going. At senior level the club continued to do very well and, in the 27 years from 1951 to 1977, the Borton Cup was won on 13 occasions.

A major contributor to the team's success was a fine all-rounder, Tony Cartwright, who played from 1956 until 1986. A lively and accurate bowler who moved the ball both in the air and off the track, Cartwright was regularly the leading wicket-taker in North Otago. He also enjoyed one 'golden' season with the bat, in 1966-67, scoring five centuries, four of them in consecutive innings with a best score of 175. Cartwright played six matches for Otago and captured 11 wickets.

Another prominent member during this period was Bill Cubitt. He served on the Committee from 1955 until 1982 with 13 years as Secretary. As well as taking the leading role in administering the club, Cubitt was a reliable player who had a best score of 99 not out and a best bowling performance of nine for 29.

*Oamaru Cricket Club Senior XI
Winners of the Borton Cup and Dick Hunt Memorial Trophy in 1961/62*



The most consistent batsman during the 1970s was Bob Wilson who played twice for Otago, first in 1972 and again in 1979 when he scored 62 in helping Otago to win the Shell Trophy final. As with so many other fine cricketers from the North Otago area, it seems inexplicable that he was never given further opportunities to play first-class cricket. Wilson's highest score for North Otago was 170 in a match against Central Otago.

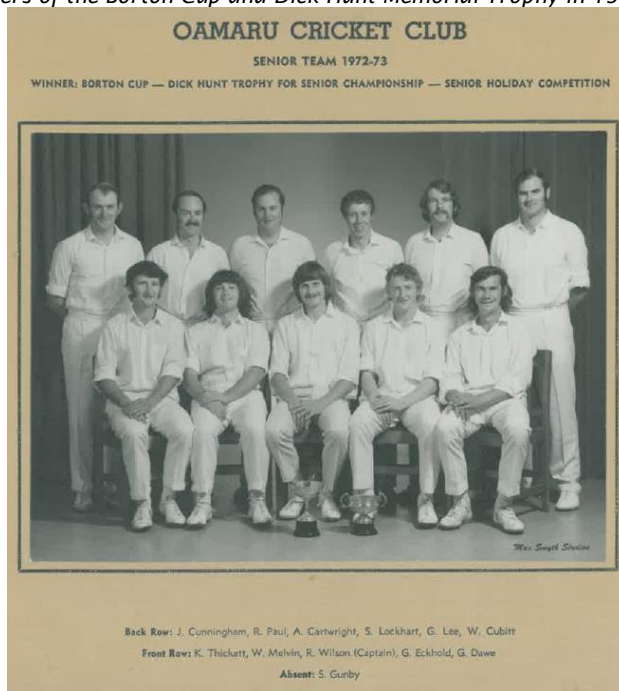
*Oamaru Cricket Club Senior XI
Winners of the Borton Cup and Dick Hunt Memorial Trophy in 1969/70*



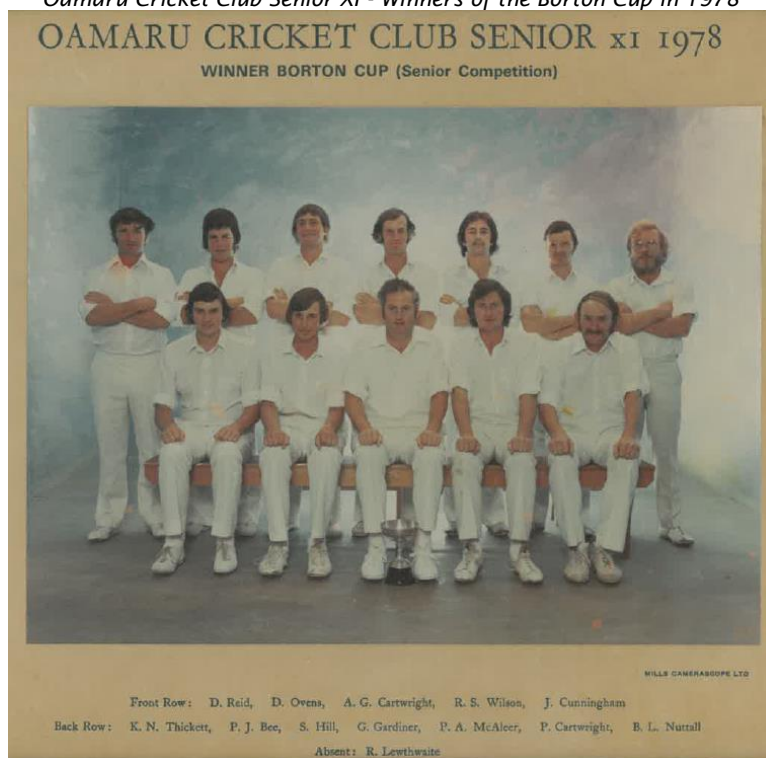
Other players from the club to win honours were Russell Paul, and in swing bowler who toured Australia in 1961 with the New Zealand Colts team and Brian Papps who played for NZ Universities in 1960-62 and scored 136 not out for North Otago against the visiting Fiji team in 1968.

The 1972-73 season was a memorable one with Oamaru winning all three competitions as well as the Dick Hunt Trophy which at that stage was played for over the holidays. A member of the Junior team, Mel Terry, twice completed the hat-trick. A few seasons earlier, in 1968-69, Terry had been the toast of the club. On the last day of that season Oamaru Juniors had been set the 'impossible' task of scoring 55 runs in only 17 minutes to win the match and the competition. Terry smashed 54 not out to give Oamaru the win with three minutes to spare.

*Oamaru Cricket Club Senior XI
Winners of the Borton Cup and Dick Hunt Memorial Trophy in 1972/73*



Oamaru Cricket Club Senior XI - Winners of the Borton Cup in 1978



INCREASING NUMBERS

1980s

In 1980 the Oamaru Cricket Club enjoyed an unprecedented surge in membership, to the point where, in 1987, six teams took part in the competitions along with two Schoolboy teams on Saturday mornings and another on Wednesday afternoon. During this decade, the club's policy of fostering schoolboy cricket paid off with a number of players coming up through the grades after beginning at schoolboy level.

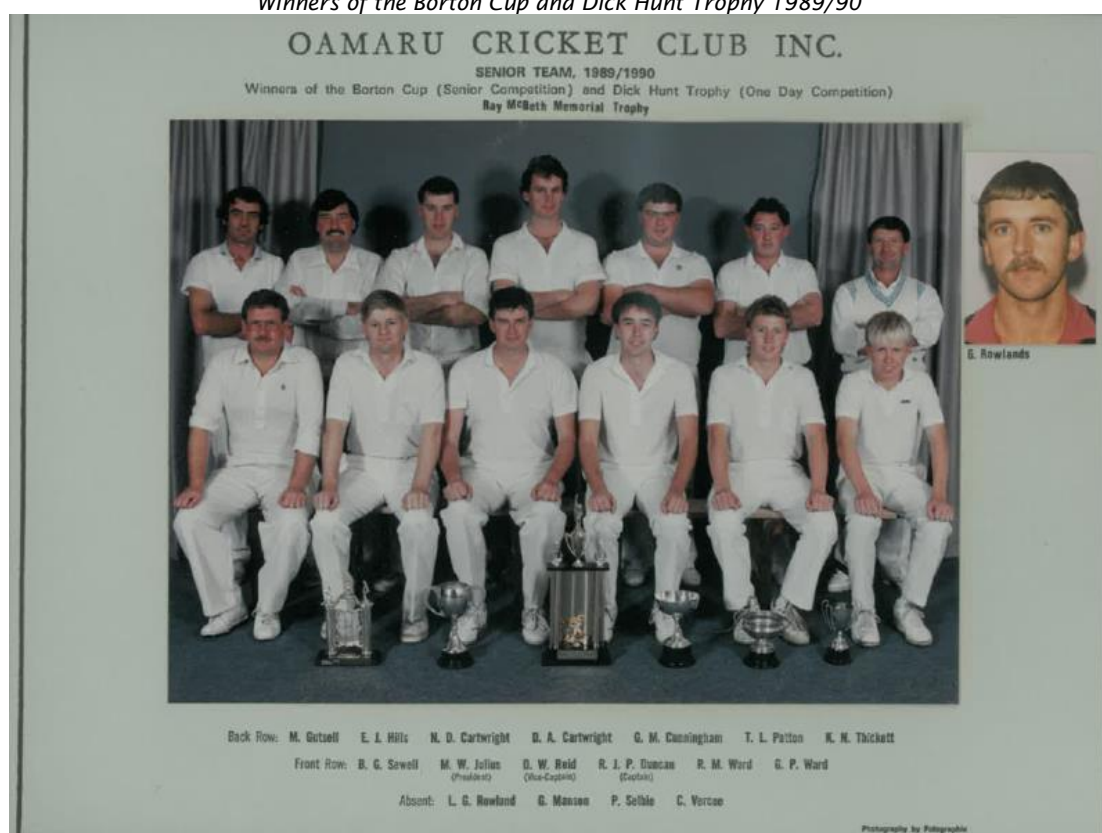
An unprecedented amount of cricket was played during this time with regular games on Sunday for the Dick Hunt Challenge trophy. Twilight inter-firm cricket was also played at Awamoa Park on two evenings a week under the guidance of the Oamaru club.

A player instrumental amount in guiding the club through the 1980s has been Ken Thickett who has been involved in all aspects of administration from building programmes to coaching schoolboys to preparing wickets. An off-spin bowler, Ken has also been a consistent wicket-taker over many years.

Other notable players during this period were Nigel and David Cartwright, David Reid, John Hills, Mark Julius, Bruce Sewell and Todd Paton.

A search of available records has failed to reveal an occasion when an Oamaru bowler has taken all ten wickets in an innings. Mark Julius almost achieved that distinction in 1987 when he captured the first nine wickets at a cost of 17 runs but Union declared its innings closed and deprived Julius of his opportunity.

*Oamaru Cricket Club Senior XI
Winners of the Borton Cup and Dick Hunt Trophy 1989/90*



CONTINUED SUCCESS

1990s

During the 1990s the club typically fielded a senior side, a senior reserve side, a junior side and a second grade side. Players who achieved sustained levels of success during this period were: Paul Selbie, an off-spinner who continued to pick up wickets with his flight, guile and variations (and handy runs); Robbie Duncan a technically correct batsman who accumulated many runs; Gerard Cunningham an opening batsman who could play both aggressively and take on the role of innings builder; the late Stuart Dean a top class all-rounder who played the game hard and was a true gentleman off the field; Craig Wilson a fine all-rounder; Michael Aker a prolific middle order batsman; Mark Julius one of the region's best seam bowlers and Aaron Dawe a compact top order batsman who possessed a wide array of shots.

Winners of the Dick Hunt Memorial Trophy in 1992/93



It should also be noted that during this period and up to the present day Mark Julius took on a leadership role within the club and at North Otago Cricket Association level and continues to be one of the game's best and most skilled administrators today.

The 1990s also saw the emergence of Gary Clearwater, a genuinely threatening swing bowler and of course David Sewell, one the greatest and most consistent players to ever represent the club. The 1990s saw the club win the Borton Cup twice in 1990 and 1991, the Dick Hunt trophy 4 times in 1990, 1991, 1995 and 1999 while also winning the newly commissioned trophy the Ray McBeth Memorial trophy (named for a respected and long serving member of both Oamaru club and Celtic club in Timaru who died suddenly and tragically in a car accident) once in 1998.

David Sewell who by now was establishing himself as not only one of North Otago's best players but as the opening bowler for Otago in first class matches, was selected to represent New Zealand in his only test in Zimbabwe with the touring side in 1997. Although that was to be David's only test, he went on to become one of Otago's great bowlers playing in 67 matches taking 218 first class wickets at 28.72 and 200 wickets for North Otago from 49 matches at 15.92.

D.G. Sewell bowling at King George Park in 2011



It seems inexplicable that David was not offered further chances to represent New Zealand for there has hardly been a more deadly exponent of swing and pace in the game during the last twenty years, particularly in New Zealand conditions, and one wonders if David had in fact been selected for his first test in New Zealand on a wicket which offered him something rather than the dry, dusty Bulawayo pitch whether his test career may not have been immensely successful.

Off the field, one of the club's leading administrators in recent years, Murray Munro, had a signal and long term beneficial impact on the club's profile and playing numbers. Murray, the principal of St Joseph's primary school at the time, had an extensive network of contacts which he used to increase the club's membership dramatically during the late 1980s and 1990s. As a result of this the club's junior and social teams flourished and Murray was a leading light in recruitment during this period.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

2000s - Present Day

The late 1990s and early 2000s saw a very talented crop of school boys from Waitaki Boys High in particular join the club after their final year including, as mentioned above, David Sewell. When available, he was joined by his brother Andrew Sewell, Julian Willetts, Tim Geeves, Matt Slater, Scott Simpson, Matthew Dawe, Brett McLeod and Mark Creighton. With established members of the team Stuart Dean and Paul Selbie, Andrew Sewell as captain led this team to a Borton Cup double win in 2002 and 2003 with many of its members being selected for North Otago honours.

The dispersal of the majority of that team who went on to study at various universities around the country saw the club enter something of a rebuilding phase, especially as far as the senior team was concerned. It also saw the arrival of Ben Coleman, a solicitor from Wellington, who, from a casual conversation with Stuart Dean as a spectator watching the senior side play, would go on to lead the club as captain of the senior side, as North Otago Cricket Association representative and as President throughout the next ten years.

*Members of Oamaru Cricket Club's Senior XI
David Sewell, Nathan Mitchell, Bevan Smith and Ben Coleman
running the Whitebait Patty Stall at Oamaru's Victorian Fête
in 2006 as a fundraiser for the Club*



During this time Coleman recruited a number of players who grew immensely in terms of skills, stature, commitment and passion for the club over a period of years until the culmination of the late 2000s saw the club win one of the best Borton Cup finals in recent memory by beating Valley with two wickets to spare and three balls left in the final over in 2008.

Some of the outstanding players and club members during this period were: Nathan Mitchell a gifted all-rounder who went on to represent North Otago many times; Brett McLeod who bowled left arm seam and picked up wickets constantly but who will best be remembered for his swashbuckling hundred against St Kevins in 2006;

Scott Wilson one of the club's best fielders and a fine all rounder; Mark Creighton who developed into an intimidating swing bowler and who formed a feared partnership with David Sewell; Joshua Gutsell who made gritty runs, took important wickets and was at his best when faced with adversity; Khalil ur Rehman the club's Pakistani connection who could turn a match with his aggressive yet measured batsmanship and fine seam bowling, one of the game's true gentlemen; the hard hitting Glenn Paterson; the continued excellence of David Sewell with bat and ball; the ever green Paul Selbie who picked up countless amounts of wickets with his off spin; Nicky Johnston the livewire all rounder; James Ferris the enigmatic and brilliant all rounder; Jordan Horrell an excellent left arm orthodox bowler and classical left hand batsman; social and events leaders Bevan Smith and David Rusbatch; Regan George one of the town's most naturally gifted batsmen and fielders who is now taking a leadership role within the team; Anthony Sewell a hard working opening bat and Ben Coleman with middle order runs and above all his perceptive, enterprising captaincy and strong leadership.

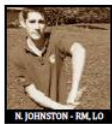
Paul Selbie bowling at KGP in 2011, Gerry Cunningham is at slip



*Oamaru Cricket Club Senior squad of the late 2000s – Winners of the Borton Cup in 2008,
Dick Hunt Memorial Trophy in 2009,
Ray McBeth Memorial Trophy in 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011
and the Wild Buck 20/20 Championship in 2010*

OAMARU CRICKET CLUB

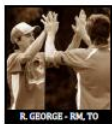
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N. JOHNSTON - RM, LO



J. GUTSELL (VC) - W, TO



R. GEORGE - RM, TO



N. MITCHELL - RM, MO



G. PATERSON - MO



B. COLEMAN (C) - RLs, MO



K. UR-REHMAN - RM, MO



D. SEWELL (VC) - LF, LO





R. HILL - TO



B. SMITH - LO



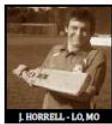
M. CREIGHTON - RFM, BO



P. SELBIE - BOS, BO



G. CUNNINGHAM - TO



J. HORRELL - LO, MO



A. SEWELL - MO



J. FERRIS - RFM, TO

Individual Honours:
2008: D. Sewell - N.O.C.A Best Cricketer
2008: D. Sewell - N.O.C.A Best Rep Cricketer
2008: M. Creighton - N.O.C.A Best Bowler
2008: N. Mitchell - N.O.C.A Best Rep On/Off Field Performance



Individual Honours:
2007: B. Coleman - N.O.C.A Best Captain
2007: D. Sewell - N.O.C.A Best Bowler
2007: J. Horrell - N.O.C.A Best Junior Cricketer
2006: J. Ferris - N.O.C.A Best Junior Cricketer

Team Honours:
2009: Dick Hunt Champions; 2008: Borton Cup Champions
2008/2006: Ray McBeth Champions
2007: Fayne Tempero Trophy Champions

During this period the second grade side has been led on and off the field by Andrew Brookes, a talented accumulating batsman and orthodox bowler. Andrew has done an incredible job over the years organising his team and deserves much praise and respect for his continued service.

Matthew Murphy has now taken over the reigns as captain of the senior side and is doing a fine job whilst Mark Julius (once again) and James Backhouse are taking prominent administrative and organisational roles.

At the time of writing the club has organised a visa for Francois Mostert, a very talented South African all rounder, to work in Oamaru whilst playing for the club. Francois has previously been employed as the overseas semi professional player at Moorside club in Manchester, England and has attended PHSOB cricket academy in South Africa. His professionalism, politeness and positive attitude is a good knit with the senior team.

*OAMARU CRICKET CLUB SENIOR XI
Winners of the Wild Buck 20/20 Championship in 2014*



Top row: Paul Botha, Anthony Sewell, James Backhouse, James Mallinson, Jonathan Graham, Jordan Bartlett, Paul Holmes

Front row: Francois Mostert, Matt Murphy (c), Stephan Grobler, Regan George

The club has won the Borton Cup 3 times in this period; the Dick Hunt trophy once in 2009; the Ray McBeth memorial 5 times against an always strong Celtic side and the newest club competition, the Wild Buck 20/20 tournament, twice, in 2010 and most recently this year in January just gone.

EPILOGUE

Oamaru Cricket Club enjoys the privilege of being one of the oldest clubs in New Zealand. In this brief summation of the past 150 years, it has not been possible to do justice to the hard work put in by so many members to keep the club functioning through both good and hard times. Only a few members have been mentioned by name; to those who were worthy of inclusion but who have been omitted, the strength of the club today and the strong spirit which exists is proper testimony to the contribution that they made.

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NORTH OTAGO REPRESENTATIVE STATISTICS

(Oamaru Cricket Club players highlighted in yellow)

BOWLING

	Name		Mch	Wkts	Runs	BBi	4WI	5WI	BBM	9WM	10WM	Av
1	Anthony G	Cartwright	75	232	4850	8/82	8	16	13/140	0	3	20.91
2	David	Sewell	49	200	3184	8/56	11	10	11/92	4	2	15.92
3	Merv	Sandri	52	158	3034	7/36	6	9	9/67	1	0	19.20
4	Chris	Taylor	50	145	2620	7/37	9	4	13/104	0	1	18.07
5	Robert	Mason	58	100	2742	6/43	4	5	9/71	1	0	27.42
6	Norman	McKenzie	71	98	2594	7/57	4	3	8/111	0	0	26.47
7	Neil	Rushton	40	86	2103	6/42	2	3	7/56	0	0	24.45
8	Ian	Chapman	25	80	1677	6/94	4	7	9/113	1	0	20.96
9	Carl	Zimmerman	28	77	1536	6/54	6	3	8/117	0	0	19.95
10	John	Crombie	28	68	1553	7/57	3	1	7/87	0	0	22.84
11	William	Cubitt	32	66	1464	4/54	2		5/64	0	0	22.18
12	Patrick	Bleach	30	65	1594	7/47	1	4	8/124	0	0	24.52
13	Craig M	Smith	20	56	928	4/41	5		8/45	0	0	16.57
14	Trevor	Robertson	47	53	1664	5/96		2	5/96	0	0	31.40
15	T	Hargraves	13	51	1031	9/44	1	4	9/44	1	0	20.22
16	Locky	Shea	19	49	1209	7/70	2	3	7/96	0	0	24.67
17	Ben	Cant	24	48	754	7/38	1	3	9/69	1	0	15.71
18	Micheal	Kennard	20	48	1106	7/51	2	2	9/74	1	0	23.04
19	Jordan	Horrell	25	48	1166	5/67	2	1	6/69	0	0	24.29
20	Fred	Ongley	15	47	698	8/35	1	5	11/60	2	1	14.85
21	Graham	Cowles	17	41	1033	7/62	3	2	11/99	0	1	25.20
22	John	Reid	6	39	277	8/24	1	5	13/51	0	1	7.10
23	H	Munroe	16	37	878	5/31		2	6/88	0	0	23.73
24	Russell	Paul	16	35	710	5/93	3	1	6/69	0	0	20.29
25	Ken	Thickett	15	34	817	5/106	2	1	6/128	0	0	24.03
26	Kevin	Ellis	15	34	630	4/49	3		5/61	0	0	18.53
27	Grant	Billcliff	16	34	819	6/38	2	2	6/61	0	0	24.09
28	John	Wilson	22	33	820	5/55	2	1	5/68	0	0	24.85
29	Keith	Murray	40	33	1029	3/71			4/54	0	0	31.18
30	David	Cartwright	12	33	696	6/51		2	7/52	0	0	21.09

BATTING

	Name		Span	Mch	Inn	N O	Runs	HS	100	50	0s	Av	4s	6s
1	Robert	Wilson	1968-1987	71	117	8	2775	167	2	15	10	25.46	181	6
2	Norman	McKenzie	1962-1990	70	112	9	2276	104	1	10	11	22.10	195	9
3	Duncan	Drew	1994-2013	63	101	2	2263	102	2	9	19	22.86	196	11
4	Russell S	Payne	1960-1974	56	92	3	1846	98	0	9	11	20.74	205	6
5	Ivan	Geddes	1949-1975	56	94	9	1845	142	2	7	10	21.71	169	7
6	Mark	Wilson	1990-2002	53	88	9	1731	114	1	8	10	21.91	170	15
7	Anthony G	Cartwright	1959-1976	75	114	15	1624	62	0	4	20	16.40	174	7
8	Brian R	Papps	1958-1972	39	63	6	1423	136	1	6	6	24.96	171	0
9	William	Uttley	1911-1935	37	54	5	1422	112	2	8	3	29.02	26	1
10	Carl	Zimmerman	1921-1937	28	39	3	1385	145	3	9	4	38.47	53	10
11	Chris	Taylor	1966-1985	50	70	15	1219	76	0	3	12	22.16	72	0
12	G	Johnson	1957-1993	52	78	2	1140	75	0	4	13	15.00	81	5
13	Kelvin	Mansfield	1987-1998	37	56	6	1131	101	1	4	8	22.62	87	14
14	Neil	Rushton	1993-2005	40	59	12	1097	100	1	1	4	23.34	118	11
15	Glynn	Cameron	1995-2013	50	74	4	1029	55	0	3	11	14.70	112	4
16	Scott	Simpson	2001-2012	27	43	2	943	92	0	6	4	23.00	100	1
17	Ben	Cant	2009-2013	24	38	1	891	87	0	5	4	24.08	109	10
18	Arthur E	Berry	1948-1970	27	42	4	865	117	2	4	6	22.76	60	6
19	Robert	Bowman	1965-1981	41	64	5	832	50	0	1	11	14.10	78	4
20	Grant	Billcliff	2000-2003	16	27	3	812	98	0	7	1	33.83	93	1
21	Keith	Murray	1954-1970	40	63	4	790	110	1	1	12	13.39	69	5
22	Robert	Mason	1963-1978	58	83	8	763	55	0	1	18	10.17	45	1
23	Graham	Ballantyne	1980-1991	32	48	3	737	71	0	2	10	16.38	53	0
24	Jarrold	Waldron	2005-2007	9	16	3	673	171	2	3	0	51.77	60	6
25	Wulf	Kerr	1957-1964	25	42	4	669	65	0	2	7	17.61	39	0
26	John	Crombie	1987-2003	28	40	6	668	59	0	3	4	19.65	49	3
27	Ian	Pitches	1968-1985	27	40	3	653	63	0	4	7	17.65	44	1
28	Trevor	Robertson	1976-1993	46	70	17	647	68	0	1	6	12.21	34	0
29	Sean	Eathorne	2009-2011	11	15	2	628	172	3	0	1	48.31	72	7
30	Merv	Sandri	1949-1975	51	70	16	622	59	0	1	12	11.52	48	13
31	Stuart	Blakely	1974-1978	19	30	1	620	70	0	3	1	21.38	78	1
32	Patrick	Bleach	1988-1998	30	43	5	613	84	0	2	8	16.13	50	5
33	Keith	Gardner	1997-2000	16	23	4	588	75	0	4	2	30.95	59	0
34	Lindsay	Robertson	1980-1985	16	23	0	516	103	1	3	2	22.43	20	1
35	R	Grant	1960-1968	24	39	5	500	43	0	0	6	14.71	40	1
36	Jim	White	1956-1960	14	25	0	475	64	0	4	3	19.00	55	5
37	David	Reid	1979-1993	22	33	6	474	130	1	0	3	17.56	37	0
38	William	Cubitt	1960-1972	32	53	13	471	41	0	0	8	11.78	48	2
39	Jo	Wright	1973-1977	19	31	0	470	46	0	0	3	15.16	56	1
40	Max	Wheeler	1969-1975	24	38	10	470	79	0	1	9	16.79	46	2

Source of statistics: North Otago Cricket Association

OAMARU CRICKET CLUB – THE HONOURS LISTS

LIFE MEMBERS

1893	W Sumpter
1894	G Sumpter
1896	G F Francis
1900	R Hewat
1900	W McDonald
1906	J S Holmes
1910	C W Cooke
1936	G Proctor
1952	F Jones
1952	W M Uttley
1958	C Zimmerman
1961	I A Bolton
1975	W J Cubitt
1980	J S Bee
1980	W G Bee
1982	R Dick
1984	A Cartwright
1988	K N Thickett
2001	M Julius

PRESIDENTS

1864	E W Roxby
1865	R Campbell
1866	M J Miller
1868	R L Livingston
1869	B P Bayley
1873	E A Julius
1874	G Sumpter
1875	J Lees
1876	E W Roxby
1877	H J Miller
1878	G Bolton
1879	H J Miller
1880	J Allan
1881	G Sumpter
1882	G I Millington
1883	G S Holmes
1884	J Bolton
1886	G Sumpter
1888	A A McMaster
1893	J S Holmes
1907	R C Hewat
1911	C Nichols
1915	J G Nichols
1918	I A Bolton
1923	G M Proctor
1936	H S Orbell
1937	J C Kear
1939	W H Burndell
1945	W M Uttley
1948	H P Kent
1950	W M Uttley
1953	J D Herron
1957	R M Bean
1958	G J Kyles
1962	R M Bean
1963	C Zimmerman
1966	R R Dick
1967	B R Papps
1971	W J Cubitt
1974	K N Thickett
1975	G T Young
1977	K N Thickett
1983	M J Clarke
1984	R E McBeth
1986	W D Vercoe
1989	M W Julius
1995	P Selbie
1998	G Cunningham
2000	M Munroe
2003	S M Dean
2004 – present	B K Coleman

ALEX KEITH TROPHY - PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1985	M Julius
1986	R McBeth
1987	N Cartwright
1988	J Hills
1989	D Cartwright
1990	T Paton
1991	D Cartwright
1992	R Duncan
1993	R Senior
1996	G Clearwater
1999	D Sewell
2000	V Tonkin
2001	A Sewell
2002	D Sewell
2003	D Sewell
2004	S Dean
2005	N Mitchell
2006	B McLeod
2007	D Sewell
2008	D Sewell
2009	N Johnston
2010	D Sewell
2011	D Sewell
2012	D Sewell
2013	R George

**W UTTLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY
- MOST WORK FOR THE CLUB**

1969	W J Cubitt
1970	K Thickett
1971	W J Cubitt
1972	W J Cubitt
1973	S Lockhart
1974	S Gunby
1975	K Thickett
1976	B Nutall
1977	A G Cartwright
1978	K N Thickett
1979	K N Thickett
1980	G Rowland
1981	S Kendal
1982	R McBeth
1983	M Clarke
1984	R Wilson
1985	R McBeth
1986	W Vercoe
1987	K Thickett
1988	D Cartwright
1989	B Sewell
1990	M Julius
1991	R Duncan
1992	G Cunningham
1993	R Duncan
1995	P Selbie
1996	G Cunningham
1997	M Munroe
1998	M Julius
1999	M Munroe
2000	G Cunningham
2001	M Munroe
2002	B Day
2003	B K Coleman
2004	B K Coleman
2005	B K Coleman
2006	B K Coleman
2007	B K Coleman
2008	B K Coleman
2009	B K Coleman
2010	B K Coleman
2011	B K Coleman
2012	A Sewell
2013	M Murphy

Sewell stars in Choccos' final win

By Brendon Egan

DAVID SEWELL delivered on plenty of occasions for Otago during his illustrious first-class cricketing career.

In Saturday's thrilling Borton Cup final he again rose to the challenge, using all of that experience, and big-match temperament to play a starring role in Oamaru's final over two-wicket win over Valley.

Sewell took two key wickets in the opening overs of the match, before finishing with three for 19, and then struck a vital 13 not out to see the Choccos home to their first championship since 2002/03.

Oamaru captain Ben Coleman was full of praise for the one-time New Zealand international.

"He's shown what he's made of, not only with the ball but also the bat in these two finals matches. In both games he's been there at the end. He's a crucial member of this team."

Chasing 168 from their 45 overs, Oamaru were on the back foot at 127 for seven in the 30th over, when James McAuslin was caught of Valley spinner James McNally.

The Choccos never panicked in the tense times though.

Khalil ur-Rehman, batting way down at number eight, showed immense poise and concentration as he built a key 17-run eighth-wicket partnership with Bevan Smith. When Smith fell to Hamish McKenzie with the total at 144, Oamaru still had plenty of work to do, as Sewell came to the wicket still requiring a further 26 runs off seven overs. The pair quietly went about their business, not taking any risky gambles, but due to tight Valley bowling still needed five runs from the final two overs of the game.

John Blakely, who bowled superbly all afternoon and finished with

three for 29, only went for two runs off the 44th over, which meant three further runs were required off the final over to be bowled by Hamish McKenzie.

Khalil ur-Rehman picked up a single off the first ball of the over, then Sewell calmly grabbed another run off the next delivery to tie the scores. Ur-Rehman made sure of victory off McKenzie's third ball, lofting one for four to secure Oamaru's 51st Borton Cup title.

Coleman said his team were a bundle of nerves watching the final overs of the match.

"As a captain, it's not good for your health. There were plenty of heart palpitations – the heart was racing all the time. There's nothing you can do though, you've got to rely on your team-mates out in the middle."

The Choccos had been in trouble previously in their run chase with opener Nick Johnston struck in front of his stumps by John Blakely with the score at 11. With the very next ball, Regan George was clean bowled for a golden duck. Josh Gutsell, who had been in impressive form with the bat in recent weeks, then had his stumps ruined by a ripper from Mark Patterson, leaving the Oamaru top order in tatters at 17 for 3.

Desperately needing a partnership to get the innings going, Oamaru found one as Nathan Mitchell and Glenn Paterson combined for a 50-run stand.

Just when they looked to be taking the game away from Valley, the dangerous Mitchell knicked one through to wicketkeeper Geoff Mansfield for 30.

Ben Coleman, who has struggled for runs this season, played probably his most pivotal innings of the year, putting on 43 for the fifth wicket, until Paterson was well held off by James McNally's bowling by substitute fieldsman Neil Gilbert.



Champions: The victorious 2007/08 winning Oamaru Borton Cup cricket team. Back: (left to right) Stu Dean (manager), James McAuslin, Josh Gutsell, Nathan Mitchell, Gerard Cunningham (assistant manager), Khalil ur-Rehman, Mark Creighton, Glenn Paterson, David Sewell. Front: Regan George, Ben Coleman (c), Bevan Smith, Nick Johnston, James Ferris.

PHOTO: BRENDON EGAN

Coleman then went shortly after, but not before he had taken 17 runs off rival captain Mark Patterson's fourth over, including one exquisite six onto the bank.

Coleman said Mitchell and Patterson's partnership was one of the keys to their victory, considering the dreadful start.

"Nath (Nathan Mitchell) did what he has done all season, and got the team into a position to go ahead. I couldn't be prouder of Glenn (Patterson). He curbed all his natural instincts, and was just seeing off every single ball. He is a serious talent."

Earlier in the day, Valley did well to get up to 167, after being 108 for seven at one point.

Their innings got off to the worst possible start with Kelvin Mansfield given out leg before wicket to David Sewell's bowling on the first delivery of the game. A few overs later, leading run-scorer Nick Webster was caught in the gully by Glenn Paterson off Sewell's bowling also.

Geoff Mavor and Mark Patterson looked to be steering Valley out of danger and towards a respectable total, putting on 43 for the third wicket. They had seen off Oamaru's weakened bowling attack, without instrumental off-spinner Paul Selbie, but then Mavor fell, thanks to a stunning one-handed dive catch by Nick Johnston in the slips.

Patterson, in his final game for the Weston-based club, then chipped one back to Nathan Mitchell off his own bowling in the very next over, and Valley had all of a sudden lost their momentum.

Patterson admitted it was a crucial time to lose two important batsmen who both got starts.

"We knew they didn't have the depth they usually do in their bowling."

"I felt if we could get through their two leading bowlers (Sewell and Mark Creighton) and got down into their lesser bowlers, and preserved wickets, we could have made a fair few more."

Valley got up to a defendable total in the end though, due to a brilliant knock from all-rounder John Blakely, who clubbed six fours and a massive six in his 46, and useful lower-order contributions from Scott Young, James Lovelock, and Geoff Mansfield.

Oamaru were let down by their accuracy with the ball, bowling a whopping 35 wides in total. Patterson was disappointed his side could not get over the line, but was proud of his team's determination and effort.

"It was an epic encounter that ebbed and flowed all day. We threw everything we had at them. They held their nerve and the little things added up. I couldn't ask any more from our players, it was a

great game and I'd like to think we helped contribute to it."

Valley

K Mansfield lbw Sewell 0; N Webster c Paterson b Sewell 4; G Mavor c Johnston b Creighton 18; M Patterson c and b Mitchell 21; J Blakely c and b Johnston 46; B Neale c Gutsell b McAuslin 10; H McKenzie run out 0; J McNally c Gutsell b Creighton 6; S Young b Johnston 7; Lovelock b Sewell 9; G Mansfield not out 7; Extras (35w, 2lb) 37; Total (42.1 overs) 167.

Bowling: D Sewell 9.1-1.19-3, N Mitchell 10.0-41-1, M Creighton 10.1-27-2, J McAuslin 5.0-24-1, R George 6.0-43-0, N Johnston 2.0-10-2.

Oamaru

J Gutsell b Patterson 3; N Johnston lbw Blakely 3; R George b Blakely 0; N Mitchell c G Mansfield b Blakely 30; G Patterson c sub (Gilbert) b McNally 26; B Coleman c Blakely b Lovelock 25; J McAuslin c Lovelock b McNally 6; K ur-Rehman not out 12; B Smith c K Mansfield b McKenzie 7; D Sewell not out 13; Extras (5nb, 27w, 9lb, 5b) 46. Total for 8 wickets off 44.3 overs 171.

Bowling: J Blakely 10.2-29-3, M Patterson 4.0-23-1, J Lovelock 10.0-27-1, H McKenzie 8.3-0-32-1, G Mavor 6.1-22-0, J McNally 6.0-17-2.

Oamaru win by two wickets.

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Except from the Oamaru Mail 2008

Khalil ur-Rehman taking a break during an innings v Union at Centennial Park in 2010 (left)

Joshua Gutsell playing straight against Union at KGP in 2011 (right)



Excerpt from *The Oamaru Times*

In 1889/90 detailing the Club's AGM, election of Officers and seasons statistics

OAMARU CRICKET CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Oamaru Cricket Club took place on Saturday night when a number of members were present. Mr Sumpter took the chair and called upon the secretary to read the annual report, which was as follows:

Your committee in presenting the report for the season 1889-90 have again to congratulate the Club upon the very successful season ended in March last. First-class matches resulted in the Club winning six and losing four: Combined Schools v. the Club, won by 60 runs; Oamaru v. Timaru, won by 52 runs; Eleven v. Twenty-two, the latter won by 24 runs; Phoenix (Dunedin) v. the Club, the Club won by 166 runs; Carisbrook (Dunedin) v. the Club, Carisbrook won by one run; Warehousemen (Dunedin) v. the Club, the Club won by an innings and 33 runs; Waimate v. the Club, the Club won by 137 runs; Eleven v. Twenty-two (return), Eleven won by seven runs; New South Wales v. the Club, New South Wales won by an innings and 55 runs. The match against Timaru was lost principally through the fact that our men had been practising on damp wickets, and then getting a wicket at Timaru much too fast for them, Mr Cooke being the only batsmen in the first innings who did anything at all. The Dunedin trip at Christmas was a very enjoyable and successful one. The Club succeeded with rather a weak team in giving the Phoenix a Roland for their Oliver of the previous year. The Carisbrook match will be long remembered as being the most exciting contest ever experienced in the annals of Oamaru cricket. Having two wickets down for 60, eight wickets to fall, and only 46 runs to get, it was almost a moral, and when the last two men were in and three to win, the excitement was too intense for some of our team, who went inside the pavilion lest all their nails should be bitten off. Everyone will remember how the New South Wales fellows came, saw, and conquered, but no doubt they showed us something which we can profit by in coming contests. It will be seen from the list of batting averages on the table that most of the members have decent averages, double figures being the rule. It is hard to individualise, as many good innings were played during the season, but Messrs Hewat, Fish, and Ivon Borton, in the Dunedin matches, should perhaps be especially mentioned. Of the bowling feats of the season Mr Hewat's five for three against the Phoenix, and Mr Walls' six for nine against Waimate, were good performances. Mr Walls, for the town, also took the whole 10 country wickets in the second match. Mr Martin also bowled well for the Club upon occasions. The bat given by the captain for best bowling in first eleven matches goes to Mr Hewat with a fine average of 4.8. Mr Dawson having expressed the wish that his bat should be given for the best batting average in all Club matches the trophy goes to Mr Borton with an average of 19.6.

Notwithstanding the heavy expenses of the season, consequent on the sum given to the New South Welshmen, etc., the finances of the Club are in a satisfactory state, as will be noted from the treasurer's report. Your committee having received an offer from the Masher Minstrels to give a performance in aid of the Club's funds, decided to accept same with thanks, and the entertainment came off on Thursday last, and was a complete success, as no doubt you are aware. The Club's funds will be benefitted to the extent of £14 or £15, and your committee consider that the best thanks of the Club are due to the Mashers for their trouble in getting up the entertainment.

With regard to preparing wickets, Mr Heywood's tender for levelling, stripping, and re-turfing 25 yards square for the coming season, has been accepted, and the work will be proceeded with at once. It is, however, necessary that members should personally take an interest in the efforts of the committee in trying to get a good wicket for the coming season by turning up to roll, etc.

The fact that the Dunedin teams do not seem inclined to return our visits has caused us to look further afield for matches, and it is now proposed to take a team this year to Christchurch, returning the Ashley County visit of 1888-89, and also playing another club, probably Lancaster Park.

The terms on which the ground had been granted for the ensuing season by the O.R.G. Company was then explained, after which the voting for officers was proceeded with, and resulted in the following gentlemen being elected: President—A. A. McMaster, Esq.; vice-presidents—Messrs Sumpter, Dawson, Borton, and Chasley; captain—Mr G. F. Francis; vice-captain—Mr W. McDonald; hon. secretary—Mr A. W. Murdoch; hon. treasurer—Mr H. Meek; general committee—Officers (ex officio) and Messrs Cooke, Borton, and Walls; match committee—Captain, vice-captain, and Mr Walls. Mr Creagh proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the gentlemen who composed the Masher Minstrels for their hard work in connection with their recent entertainment. The vote was passed enthusiastically. Favorable opinions were expressed as to the good management of the Club last year, Mr Meek being especially mentioned for his successful management of the Club's finances.

A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the proceedings.

	No. of Runs.	No. of Innings.	Average
H. M. Crawford	110	6	18.2
I. Borton	65	4	16.2
R. Hewat	195	14	13.9
O. Borton	120	9	13.3
Laing	65	5	13.0
Francis	182	15	12.2
McMaster	142	12	11.9
Fish	113	10	11.3
Cooke	72	7	10.2
Fergusson	28	3	9.1
Walls	114	14	8.2
Creagh	34	4	8.2
W. McDonald	66	9	7.3
G. Macdonald	29	4	7.2
Procter	41	6	6.9
G. Sumpter	51	8	6.5
Jones	26	4	6.2
Mitchell	23	4	5.9
Meek	30	6	5.0
Earle	26	5	5.1
G. Borton	34	7	4.8
Graham	8	2	4.0
Ogilvie	4	1	4.0
D. Hewat	15	4	3.8
Baker	12	4	3.0
Roxby	4	2	2.0
Martin	5	3	1.6
Smith	2	6	0.3
Roberts	0	4	0

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	Wickets.	Runs.	Average
Jones	9	25	2.9
Martin	20	84	4.2
W. McDonald	10	48	4.8
R. Hewat	61	300	4.9
Walls	33	206	6.2
D. Hewat	29	192	6.6
Crawford	7	55	7.9
Francis	8	70	8.7
Cooke	11	134	12.2
O. Borton	10	128	12.8
G. Macdonald	13	109	13.0
Ogilvie	1	13	13.0
Mitchell	2	29	14.5
Fish	1	56	56.0



In response to a request from the Otago Daily Times, the club has named an all-time Oamaru Cricket Club First XI as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations.

The team is well represented by players from throughout the club's entire history and the basis for selection took into account cricketing skill; commitment to the club; representative selections; attitude and character.

The prolific opener of the 1920s and the man whom the club's most coveted trophy is named after, Life Member Bill Uttley, takes his place at the top of the order alongside Brian Papps, a highly skilled opener who played in the 1960s.

First drop and captain is, of course, the indomitable John Reid. Reid, one of the country's best ever all rounders, has a test record which speaks for itself: 3,428 runs at 33.28 including 6 hundreds and 22 fifties together with 85 wickets at 33.35 including a best analysis of 6/60. Described as a "super all rounder" by cricinfo.com, Reid is one of the club's true legends.

The middle order is comprised of the elegant Bob Wilson, the lynchpin of the club's batting line-up in the 1970s who still holds the record for most runs for North Otago; Life Member Carl Zimmerman who played in the 1920s and 30s, one of the most destructive batsmen the region has ever seen who once hit scores of 212, 113 and 151 in successive innings and Life Member Tony Cartwright, the club's greatest and most enduring all rounder of the 1950s, 60s, 70s and 80s.

Wicketkeeper is Life Member Fred Jones of the 1920s and 30s. Jones was highly skilled, resolute, fearless and ultra competitive. Jones was a wicketkeeper of the highest order and was considered good enough to have played for New Zealand. He also gets the nod as vice captain.

The bowling places are taken by David Sewell, one of Otago's best ever seam bowlers who has shown extraordinary commitment to not only Oamaru Cricket Club, but North Otago Cricket as well whilst raising his young family with his wife. David's first class record is among the best in the country and his pace, aggression, swing and seam have captured countless important club wickets throughout the 1990s and 2000s.

He is joined by Life Member Bill Cubbitt, one of the club's most hard working and respected men and a fine bowler of the 1950s and 60s.

The final two spots go to Life Member Robert Hewat the premier bowler of the 1880s and 90s who took 61 wickets at 4.9 in the 1889/90 season and Life Member George Sumpter, one of the club's original founders in the 1860s, who had hauls of six wickets in each of the innings of the match against Dunedin in 1865 and returns of 8/12 and 5/54 against Dunedin the following year.

The twelfth man is the late Stuart Dean, a true club man who was unselfish in the extreme but also a player with grit, determination, skill and flair.

Presenting the Oamaru Cricket Club all-time First XI on its 150th anniversary:

1. Bill Uttley (1920s-30s)
2. Brian Papps (1960s)
3. John Reid (c) (1950s)
4. Bob Wilson (1960s-80s)
5. Carl Zimmerman (1920s-30s)
6. Tony Cartwright (1950s-80s)
7. Fred Jones (w) (vc) (1920s-30s)
8. David Sewell (1990s-2010s)
9. Bill Cubitt (1950s-60s)
10. Robert Hewat (1880s-90s)
11. George Sumpter (1860s)
12. Stuart Dean (1990s-2000s)

John R Reid into some work on the back foot



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