



New Plymouth High School Old Boys' Cricket Club Newsletter



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Welcome to our newsletter.

Welcome to Issue 1 of the New Plymouth High School Old Boys' Cricket Newsletter. This newsletter is aimed at providing past and present club members with an insight into what is happening at the club. It will feature regular articles, and also act as a invite for any future functions and fixtures. We hope you enjoy it. Any feedback is welcome, please send to Matt Cleaver at cleavermatt@hotmail.com.

Major Changes to Infrastructure.

Over the last few years the club has undertaken some major changes to it's infrastructure. Through the hard work of committee members and club members both Western Park and Vogeltown Park are facilities to be proud of. 2011/2012 season will have a focus on the upgrade of the practice facilities, with completion of 4 new artificial nets that will be full enclosed and lockable. The TSB Community Trust donated \$15,000 towards this project, as well as \$3000 from the NZ Cricket Foundation.

Over the last few years there have been a number of additions to both Western Park and Vogeltown Park:

- Laying of a concrete artificial at Vogeltown Park (Now two surfaces to play on)
- Re Cladding of Western Park Clubrooms
- Refurbishment of Western Park Clubrooms, including new paint, carpet and kitchen
- Addition of a tractor and storage shed at Western Park
- Refurbishment of the changing rooms at Western Park, including new shower and toilet facilities.
- Four new Astroturf Cricket Nets at Western Park
- Addition of a new deck over looking Western Park playing field.

*"I just keep it simple.
Watch the ball and play it on merit"*
Sachin Tendulkar

Whoppa's words of wisdom
*"Put ya \$ on Souths to win the 2012 NRL
lads"*

Boris's bullshit
*"How long will it take to before we have
reverse the batting order to give 6, 7, 8, 9,
10 and 11 a bat?"*



Morrick Joins the 'Bees'.

Former Natal Fast Bowler Wesley Morrnick has signed a one year deal to play for the Premier side "killer bees" in the Taranaki Club Competition. Morrnick joined the club on the 9th October and will remain for the rest of the season. Morrnick is a Level 3 coach and is employed by NPOB to coach Junior and Senior Teams at the club. He will also help in developing a strong link between schools and the club, driving future recruitment of players into our club. Morrnick has already been a welcome addition to the bowling ranks having accumulated 22 wickets already, including a 5 wicket bag against FDMC and a 6 wicket bag against BHS.



Back Chat with Matthew Parr (2005-2007).



Each Issue we will catch up with a former club player, this issue we find out what Matthew Parr is been up to. Matthew was a former fast bowler who played two seasons with NPOB and also played Hawke Cup Cricket for Taranaki.

Where are you these days and what are you doing?

Back home in "quakechurch". Teaching at Christchurch Boys' High. I'm also living in the boarding house here with the wife and two kids. Things are going pretty good really. Busy, but good!

You still playing cricket, if so who for?

I had been playing cricket for a Senior side down here since I left New Plymouth. We won back to back titles at Halswell last season but this summer I am coaching the school 1st XI full time which means I have semi hung up the boots. Will see how itchy the feet get!

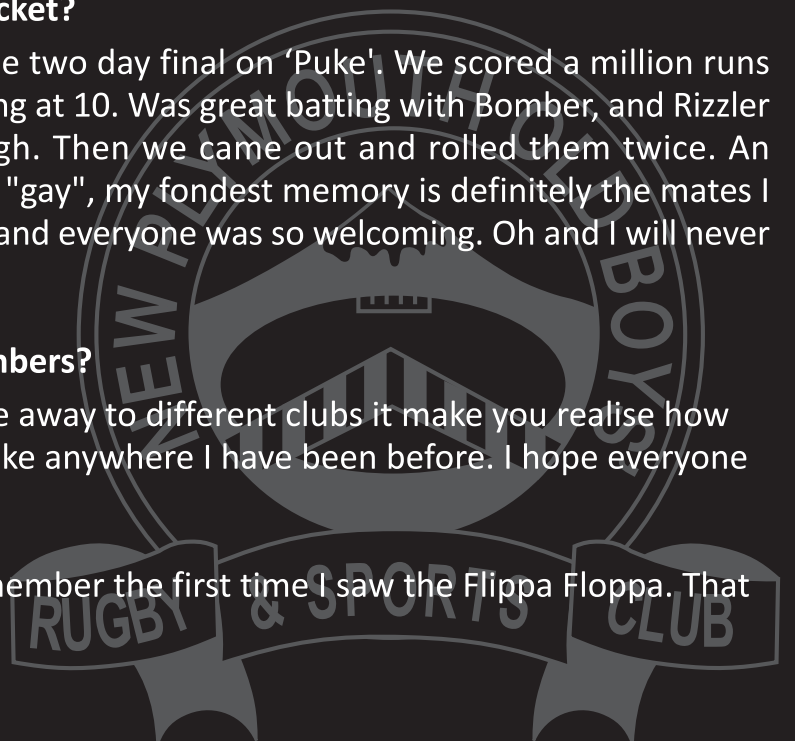
What is your fondest memory or NPOB Cricket?

In terms of an on field moment, it has to be two day final on 'Puke'. We scored a million runs and I scored my most memorable ton batting at 10. Was great batting with Bomber, and Rizzler batted brilliantly at jack to get me through. Then we came out and rolled them twice. An absolute pumping! Also, without sounding "gay", my fondest memory is definitely the mates I made. NPOBCC has a fantastic club culture and everyone was so welcoming. Oh and I will never forget, or replicate, those hat tricks!

Any words of wisdom for fellow club members?

Appreciate the little things. Once you move away to different clubs it make you realise how good it is at NPOB. The off field stuff is unlike anywhere I have been before. I hope everyone is still buying into it!

Remember the time.....I will always remember the first time I saw the Flippa Floppa. That image is scorched into my memory banks!



Premier Player Profile.



Name: Riley McGregor
Nick Name: Rizler
Years at NPOB Cricket Club: Entering 7th season at the mighty Killer Bees
Personal Cricketing Highlight: Five-for in the one day final against Hawera (personal); winning 7 2-day titles in a row (Team/Club).

If you could be a certain cricketer for the day, who would it be and why?

Shane Warne - he's engaged to Liz Hurley!

Worst sledge? Playing for FDMC 1st XI Andrew Benton yells at top of his lungs "That was easier to pull than an African Whore!" (Best or worst I'm not sure)

Worst lie you have heard and believed it?

"I beat Joe Van Nien Kirk in a 100m at school, back home in South Africa" - why not believe it?!

Secret Skill? Irish Jigging

Biggest Regret? Not learning to play the guitar until the ripe old age of 25.

Someone you like and you really shouldn't - why?

Mike Tyson - the epitome of what a person should not be like, abusive, dangerous, mentally unstable, yet so Mean!

Senior Player Profile.



Name: Mark Leuthard
Nick Name: Captain America
Years at NPOB Cricket Club: 10 years plus
Personal Cricketing Highlight: 6 for 30 against Woodleigh, opening the bowling innings with Off-spin at Western.

If you could be a certain cricketer for the day, who would it be and why?

Shane Warne..... Liz Hurley is still hot! I'd like to "flipper"?

Worst sledge? You cheating c##ts! (N. Andrews, pot-kettle-black)

Worst lie you have heard and believed it?

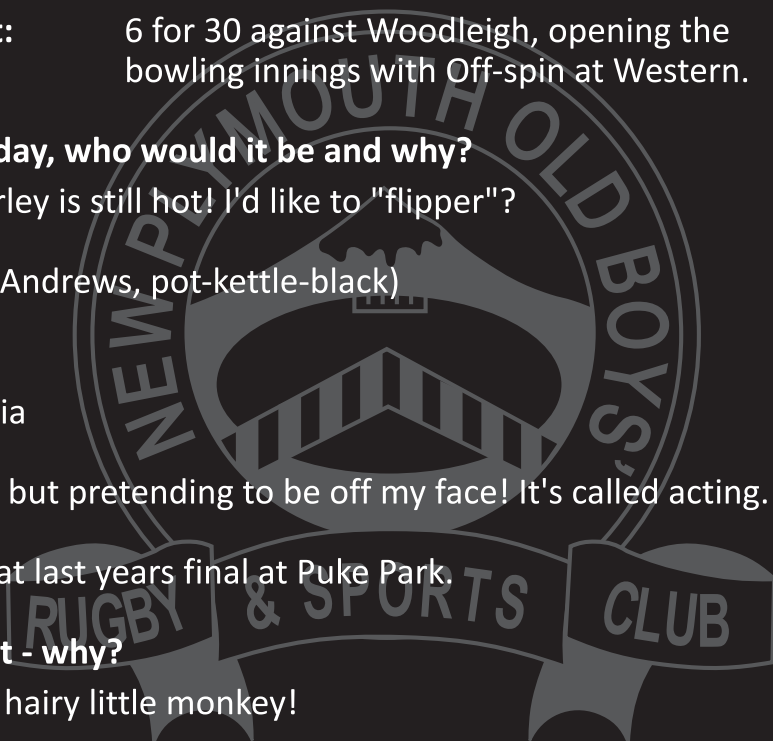
Ruan is going to Australia

Secret Skill? Not drinking very much but pretending to be off my face! It's called acting.

Biggest Regret? Giving away my wicket at last years final at Puke Park.

Someone you like and you really shouldn't - why?

Nathan Butler.... he's a hairy little monkey!



Lower Grade Player Profile.



Name: Dean Magon
Nick Name: Dog
Years at NPOB Cricket Club: 1 year
Personal Cricketing Highlight: Watching the growth of Mark Urwin, he's the best Chinese leg spinner in the country.

If you could be a certain cricketer for the day, who would it be and why?

Jimmy Carr - I want to be able to spin the ball as far as Jimmy does.
Very deceiving. He should be playing prems.

Worst sledge?

Watching Jimmy & Doherty saying get out of my face, or it might get whacked.
Very intense moment. They should be signed up for the next round of Cage fighting.

Worst lie you have heard and believed it?

Running quick singles are good for you. Boris told me that one.

Secret Skill?

My Home Cooking, been compared with Gordon Ramsay

Biggest Regret?

Not being able to snaffle a 10kg snapper YET.

Someone you like and you really shouldn't - why?

I don't like. But an old Footy coach use to say - **Pain is Your Friend** (when I was doing some weights, which was only a couple of times, then followed it up with. Hate the Bar) Inspirational words, which did fall on deaf ears.

Sedge says

"A 9 out of 9 Girl for me is 3 x 3 girls".

Ruan Replies

"9 is too low for me, I only go for 10".



Jimmy says

"I reckon we would beat the Prems in a T20 game"

Rizzler Replies

"Maybe if we give you 100 runs".



Afternoon Tea at Western Park.

The 2011/2012 season will see the reintroduction of Afternoon tea served during the break in the cricket. Players and umpires will be treated to the traditional cup of tea and light food, and all past and present members are invited to attend this traditional fixture. Below are the dates of play where afternoon tea will be served, and the bar will be open to enjoy a drink on the deck while watching the last session. Tea will be served from 3:30pm.

- Jan 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
- Feb 18th, 25th
- March 3rd and 10th

Club Draws 2011/12 Season.

PREMIER

10/12/2011

17/12/2011 Inglewood Premis vs NPOB Premis Karo Park

7/01/2012

14/01/2012 NPOB Premis vs Timberco FDMC Western Park - NPOB

21/01/2012

28/01/2012 NPOB Premis vs Stratford Premis Western Park - NPOB

4/02/2012

6/02/2012 Hawera Premis vs NPOB Premis King Edward Park - Hawera United

18/02/2012

25/02/2012 NPOB Premis vs Woodleigh Premis Western Park - NPOB

3/03/2012

10/03/2012 NPOB Premis vs NPMU Premis Western Park - NPOB

SENIOR

17/12/2011 - Barries Hawera Seniors vs NPOB

7/1/2012 - NPOB Seniors (BYE)

14/1/2012 - NPOB Seniors vs Sandfords Auroa Seniors Vogelstown Park

28/01/2012 - NPOB Seniors vs Aim Demolition Woodleigh Vogelstown Park

4/02/2012 - Inglewood Seniors vs NPOB Seniors

11/02/2012 - Mangorei Seniors vs NPOB Seniors

18/02/2012 - NPOB Seniors vs Hawera Hi Towers Vogelstown Park

25/02/2012 - NPOB Seniors vs Barries Hawera Seniors Vogelstown Park

3/03/2012 - Fitzroy Seniors vs NPOB Seniors Peringa Park

LOWER GRADE

17/12/2011 - 1:00pm NPOB Combined vs Fitzroy Black A

7/01/2012 - 1:00pm NPOB Combined vs Inglewood

21/01/2012 - 1:00pm NPOB Combined vs NPBHS 3rd XI

28/01/2012 - 1:00pm NPMU Blue vs NPOB Combined

4/02/2012 - 1:00pm NPOB Combined vs Merrilands Combined Grade

11/02/2012 - 1:00pm Stachurski Motors FDMC 2nd XI vs NPOB Combined

18/02/2012 - 1:00pm NPMU White vs NPOB



A Summer Been and Gone.

Reorganising Taranaki's cricket competitions immediately after World War Two was difficult for local cricket administrators because of limited resources and man-power. New Plymouth Old Boys', because of very active administrators, was one of the first clubs to reform and provide facilities for cricketers, many of whom were returning from overseas. By 1947 the North Taranaki senior competition was fully underway. Old Boys' was playing and so was the new Waitara Club.

One of the very early matches between the two clubs was a Senior Grade (the then equivalent of today's Premier Grade) game at Waitara's Camp Reserve on December 7 and 14, 1947. The match was played on a matting wicket and the Old Boys' team of the day featured two of the club's post-war stalwarts, wicketkeeper and opening batsman Norm Leighton and middle-order batsman Ted Meuli.

Old Boys' was leading the competition going into the match but, batting first, they were bowled out for a low 105 on what was a particularly slow pitch causing the batsmen to mis-time a lot of shots. Several batsmen were caught forward of square hitting the ball on the up as they played too early at the ball.

Waitara's response demonstrated their better knowledge of the pitch and at the end of the first day's play they were 126 for 5, Stan Betts on 80 not out. Stan was the father of future Old Boys' player Maurice Betts.

The second day's play saw a very conservative Waitara team bat on to kill the game, Betts scoring 131 not out, and try to make the first innings win and competition points safe with 211 for 9 declared.

Leighton and Meuli weren't going to let the match dawdle along however and decided to attack the Waitara bowling, score quickly and see what might happen. The club's history is replete with examples of the team attacking the opposition to try and turn a result in our favour. In an afternoon's batting Leighton hit 111 before retiring and Meuli partnered him in scoring 103.

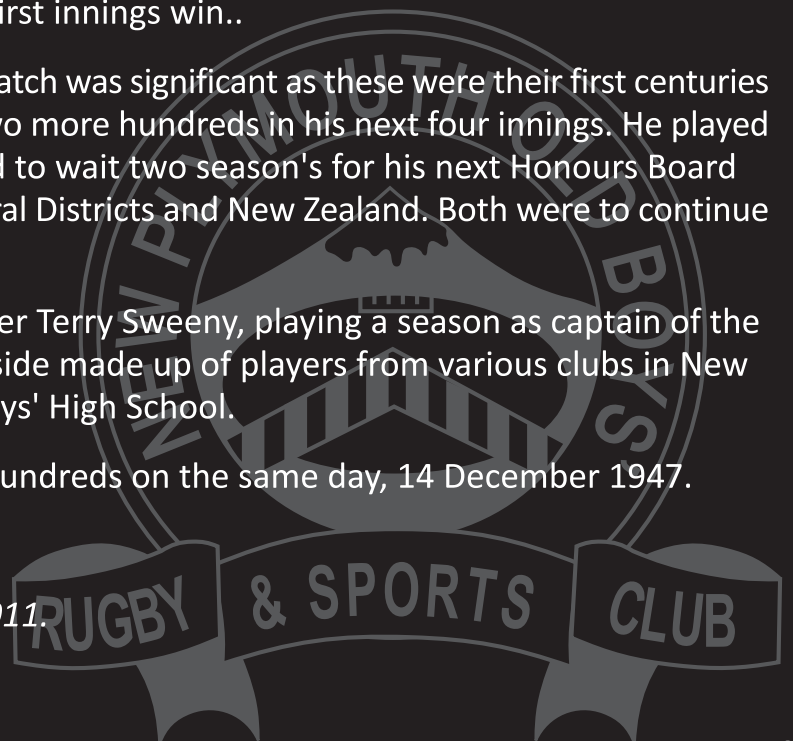
Unfortunately it was to no avail. Ultimately stumps were drawn early in the match and an unimaginative Waitara team claimed the first innings win..

But for Norm Leighton and Ted Meuli the match was significant as these were their first centuries for Old Boys'. Leighton went on to score two more hundreds in his next four innings. He played for Taranaki for several seasons. Meuli had to wait two seasons for his next Honours Board performance, but went on to play for Central Districts and New Zealand. Both were to continue playing for the club until the 1960s.

Incidentally, on the same day Old Boys' player Terry Sweeny, playing a season as captain of the Association team which was a composite side made up of players from various clubs in New Plymouth, scored a century against the Boys' High School.

So three Old Boys' club members scored hundreds on the same day, 14 December 1947.

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