

St. Josephs



Cricket Club Geelong Inc

St. Joseph's Cricket Club

50 Years

1964 - 2014



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THE BUILD UP

- 1956-57** SJC enters a senior team in Gowty Shield. Practice nets on Shannon Ave end of main oval running beside and parallel to Shannon Ave. At this time the only Junior grade in GCA was u/15 in which SJC fielded teams on a Saturday. So senior cricket allowed students in Yrs 10 + to play cricket.
- 1958-59** SJC is allocated to Dist. 4ths comp but struggles with the age difference in senior cricket. Several u15 boys used to complete the numbers.
- 1959-60** SJC wins Dist. 4ths Premiership defeating St Peters. Scores SJC 439 def St Peters 90 and 22
- 1961-62** SJC again win the Fourths Premiership scoring 175(W.King 55, P.Phelan 31) and 6-138 def Geelong West 175 (N.Mullen 3/34) and 135.(N.Mullen 2/4) Team - N.Mullen, V.Grace(capt), W.King, B.McFarlane, P.Nadorp, L.Robertson, P.Kearney, T.Ward, J.Perry, R.McFarlane, P.Phelan
- 1962-63** SJC again wins the fourths premierships. SJC 165 (A.Mathieson 67no, P.Phelan 54) & 6/111(P.Phelan 52no, B.McFarlane 31) def Newtown captained by Bob Merriman 98 (P.Phelan 5/34, V.Niewiarowicz 4/39) & 176 (V.Niewiarowicz 6/36)
- 1963-64** SJC First team is promoted to the Solomon Shield again winning Premiership, SJC 171(B.McFarlane 63, W.King 46, Bro Howe 59, Bro Stewart 30) and 2/149(B.McFarlane 44, Bro Stewart 61no) defeating Australian Legion 171(P.Hasett 3/44, Bro Howe 3/60) and 2/244dec
- SJC fielded 3 GCA teams when South Barwon couldn't field a fourths team and SJC filled the gap. This proved to be the first step in the formation of a fully constituted Cricket Club.
- Bro K K Stewart encourages interested parents to form a Senior Cricket Club. Bro Stewart had joined SJC in 1962 was a strong cricket supported and along with Bro Howe was to play First XI cricket for the new club.

THE START

- 1964-65** Club begins Les Mathieson President, Robert Mathieson Secretary, Treasurer Les McFarlane, Noel Mullen Registrar, Chairman of Selectors Dr Bert Anderson. Other committee - Algi Pye, Greg Thorley, Joe Diamond, Neil King. Vin Hasett helped with part time coaching when his bowls team allowed. Captains were- Firsts: Noel Mullen, Seconds: Chris Morgan, Thirds John Law, Fourths Harvey Munday.
- SJCC admitted to GCA senior cricket with teams playing in all four grades. GCA becomes an 8 club competition for first time since 1950 by adding SJCC and Chanel CC with strict membership criteria with each club having not allowed to recruit district players and being restricted to students , family and staff of each respective college.
- Turf pitch prepared by volunteers who pulled a concrete roller. Boundaries are marked by thick hawsers "donated" via the Geelong Wharves.
- Afternoon teas were organised by Shirley Hasett with help from SJC Mothers Club and served in the Borders Dining Room which overlooked the oval.
- in Rd 1of season turf cricket is washed out and SJCC selects turf players to player week 2 in thirds and fourths which didn't please the hardwicket players.
- Rd 2 vs Chanel was the first time the club selected teams on merit. The teams were
- SJCC makes Dist. Firsts finals in first season but looses semi final scoring a competitive 287 but second day washed out and South Barwon went through to Grand Final.
- 1966-67** Club Fourth Eleven wins Clubs first GCA Premiership led by Ron Southall. SJCC 123 and 300 (B.Anderson 106, Bern McFarlane 64, R.Burns 30, T.Southall 31) def East Belmont 98 (B.Anderson 5/30) and 206 (Bern McFarlane 5/45 inc hattrick)
- Houses in the lane beside the oval were purchased by the College allowing the old wooden change room to be shifted at right angles to run parallel to the oval and allowed the oval to be widened.

Electric roller purchased to save the backs of those preparing the wicket. Russell Zampatti takes over to lead preparation of wickets and then begins work at SJC as fulltime groundsman.

Shane Fitzgerald wins first GCA Award for club as the Junior Cricketer of the year

1968-69

Noel Mullen becomes Club President.

Club Champion trophy started and named in honour of Ron Harris

GCA increases junior age grouping to u/16 and SJC wins its seventh consecutive junior pennant in Just/15 or u/16 age groups

1969-70

Dennis Davie takes 10 wickets (8/16 & 2/28) in a First XI match vs Chanel College.

Bro. K K Stewart is honored by being made a Life Member of the GCA for his work in Junior cricket.

SJC Old Collegians Cricket Club disbands and several of their remaining members joined our Club. Those included Jim McKeag, David and Maurice O'Brien, Terry Shanahan, Mike McCoy.

1970-71

Fourths still with Ron Southall leading win second premiership for the club 233 and 125 def Thomson 110 (R.Southall 2/4) and 84 (K.Burns 3/32, R.Southall 3/12)

Carey oval opens for use but is not used for senior cricket till a Fifts team is started in 1995.

18 yo Shane Fitzgerald takes 8/43 vs North Shore then goes on to be selected for Victoria u/19 future stars team.

1971-72

First XI highest score set by Peter Hassett 169 vs Newtown

Club invests in seagrass matting for the floor of change rooms to cover old wooden flooring

Fourths win premiership again. 276 (T.Southall 148, T.Atchison 58, O.Snowdon 36) and 3/59 def Thomson 165 (K.Burns 3/65, T.Atchison 3/41) and 174

1972-73

Club Third Eleven wins first Premiership 257 (M.Zampatti 101, Dam. De Grandi 59) and 219 (T.Atchison 49, P.Kelly 48) def Geelong City 118 and 187 (K.Burns 6/68, R.Zampatti 3/34)

1973-74

Adrian Kelly takes 8/23 vs North Shore in First XI

Ron Southall wins Fourth Eleven premiership for the fourth time. Ron now 52 years young has captained the fourths since 1966. Joeys 110 and 210 (P.Hayes 35, R.Greenfield 56, K.Burns 37no) def Newtown 99 (S.Redden 4/9) and 150 (K.Burns 4/68, R.Southall 3/38)

Paul Whitehead becomes first club player to move on and play VCA cricket in his case for North Melbourne

1974-75

Ron Brunger appointed captain/coach of Club. First such appointment for club.

SJCC defeats East Belmont in semi final with Shane Fitzgerald hitting 6 in last over to win game and to reach first grand final in GCA Division 1 cricket

Club wins First GCA Division 1 Premiership defeating Geelong City by 202 runs. SJCC 246 (B.McFarlane 76, R.Brunger 38, B.Phelan 41) def Geelong City 44 (D.DeGrandi 6/19, A.Kelly 3/25)

SJCC wins first GCA Club Championship and Thirds led by Peter Dorling also win premiership 261 (P.Kelly 31, M.Southall 69, P.Dorling 32) def Leopold 138 (M.King 7/49)

1976-77

Bernie Morgan joins club after playing for Geelong City and being a member of the team which lost the 1974-75 GF to Joeys .

Major fundraising drive by club with Peter Preston and Noel Mullen selling apparel to local sporting clubs.

Peter Maloney becomes first SJCC player to make it to State level cricket playing for NSW against VIC on the MCG.

Adrian Kelly takes 10 wickets in a match for the third time in First XI games

1977-78

Club starts first u/13 Friday night games to attract and coach juniors players this lead to GCA to expand junior from the traditional u/15 age to both u/15 and u/13.

- 1978-79** New clubrooms opened on current site. Built by Oxford Homes with foreman Reg Dean. Designed and all working drawings by Peter Semianiw and Les Port. Bro Tuck organised the necessary finance through the College. Consideration had been given to moving the club in with SJFC at Drew Reserve but this was rejected.
- Fourths continue the strong history at the level with another Premiership but this time Reg Dean is the victorious captain. SJCC 241 (D.Buckley 78, R.Dean 44, W.Purcell 61) def East Belmont 222 (J.Hayes 7/63, L.Port 3/83)
- GJCA introduce u/13 cricket age group in a move pushed by SJC Delegate Stan Anderson who also acted as GCA Junior Chairman. SJCC wins first u/13 pennant with Ron Harris coaching the 13As and Chris Dolley looking after the 13Bs
- Les McFarlane Trophy is started to recognise the most improved turf squad player and is one by Paul Kearney.
- 1980-81** SJCC wins first Second XI Premiership again led by Ron Brunger. Joeys 113 (R.Brunger 35, J.Hayes 36) and 5/114 (M.Harris 49) def Leopold 105 (P.Preston 3/46, Bern.McFarlane 4/81) and 33 (J.Hayes 4/9, P.Preston 2/11)
- Hard wicket practise nets moved from Noble St to Carey Oval as Adams Centre is built
- Club continues the Sportsmans Night functions to raise funds with a big event at Geelong City Hall to hear Ian Chappel, and other previous events at GFC included Kevin Sheedy, Paul Sheahan, Keith Stackpole and Rod Olsen.
- 1981-82** Fourths win Premiership 6/230 (W.Fawkes 48no, G.Von Beck 41, D.Buckley 47, M.Appleford 28, L.Stow 27) def Thomson 221 (C.Hayes 4/41)
- David Harris named GCA Junior Cricketer of Year and also selected in the Victorian Future Stars team.
- 1982-83** Damian DeGrandi takes 66 wickets in First XI season for a club and GCA record
- 1983-84** Second XI led by Bernard McFarlane and Third Eleven Captained by Wayne Lowery win premierships. Seconds 8/247 (P.Dorling 70, M.Harris 41, A.Collins 35) def Newtown 65 (T.Powell 5/32, P.Hayes 4/22) Thirds scores not recorded in Geelong Addy.
- Damien DeGrandi takes 2 hatricks in same season for first XI vs Geelong West and then against Geelong City
- Bill Mithen named GCA Junior Cricketer of Year
- 1984-85** Terrence Powell becomes the 100th player to play District Firsts at SJCC
- Fourths win Premiership 3/120 (S.Mullen 26no, M.Anderson 21, T.Casanelia 21, M.Hayes 21no) def East Belmont 116 (D.McNamara 6/54, M.Anderson 3/6)
- 1985-86** SJCC plays 250th GCA Game and enters a fifth XI team into GCA cricket for the first time.
- Thirds under Rob Tozer win premiership 2/188 (C.Davie 129no, C.Hayes 31) def Leopold 187 (Dom De Grandi 3/39)
- Damien Ford wins first Junior Cricketer of the Year a trophy named in memory of Bill Mithen
- Backstops group started to support the club
- Clubs first big Christmas function starts on the last match Saturday before Christmas. The event has occurred every year since.
- 1986-87** Shane Mullen plays in Firsts as player 107 and the first Father/son player to reach the standard. Noel also played in the game.
- Thirds this time led by Paul Kearney win their third premiership in four seasons.9/250 (J.Connoley 41, M.Gallagher 58, C.Dolley 34) def North Geelong 227 (C.Siegnor 4/71, I.Hayward 4/33)
- Noel Mullen steps down after 19 years as Club President and Dennis Davie takes the seat for the first time.

- 1987-88** Club wins GCA Club Championship for the fourth time in 5 seasons and Fourths win Premiership with Barry McFarlane captain
- Fourths win Premiership 3/195 (S.Dean, A.Mithen, P.Kearney, B.McFarlane, all scored well) def East Belmont 193 (P.Smith 2/29, J.McKinnon 3/21, B.McFarlane 3/30)
- 1988-89** Club wins second First XI Premiership led by Peter Mahon. SJCC 6/258(M.Harris 76, G.Beaumont 78, P.Appleford 52,) def North Geelong 218 (D.DeGrandi 3/55, P.Mahon 3/61, D.Davie 1/37 and J.Madden 2/62)
- 1989-90** Damien DeGrandi takes 10 wickets in a match 12/82 vs Leopold in First XI
- Daniel Lowery named GCA Junior Cricketer of the Year
- 1991-92** SJCC wins GCA One Day Competition. SJCC 244 (J.Connoley 45, P.Howarth 31, D.Fanning 80, G.Beaumont 28) def Lara 171 (P.Howarth 4wks, G.Beaumont 3 wks)
- In last game of season Joeys have to defeat City in Firsts, Second and either Thirds or fourths to avoid relegation. The result was gained and Joeys record of never being relegated to Div. 2 continues.
- 1992-93** Fourths win Premiership 182 (M.Hayes 53, A.Hayes 32, M.Elkington 35) def Newtown 118 (L.Ling 5/27, J.McKinnon 2/2, C.Hayes 4 stps as wicket keeper)
- 1994-95** Change rooms moved to bluestone building so the clubrooms can be used solely for social purposes
- SJCC assumes responsibility for all Junior teams from SJC
- Barry McFarlane takes over preparation of turf wicket and then all mowing of the sports fields at SJC.
- Fourths win Premiership 9/213 (C.Bollard 47, A.Betz 30, B.McFarlane 50) def North Geelong 145 (A.Hayes 6/68, W.Lowery 4/75)
- 1995-96** In a sign of the growing SJCC, the Fifth Eleven wins the premiership for the first time with Pete DeGrandi the Captain. Joeys 283 (S.Fitzgerald 104, M.Goonan 60no) def Leopold 184 (M.Goonan 3/58, P.DeGrandi 4/45)
- Fourths Win premiership 6/239 (B.Adamski 88no, J.Stein 52, G.Nelson 36) def Grovedale 195 (G.Nelson 5/34)
- 1996-97** Scott Dean makes 238no in fifths game vs Geelong Cement. Total was 4/500 in a team including - Harry Grace, Gary Landers, David Buckley, Wayne Lowery, Michael Slater and Anthony Miner
- Damian DeGrandi named in the GCA Team of the Century. Full team was Jack Sing (c), Len Metherell, Bill Anderson, Harry Heard, Michael Bowtell, Stan Young, Gordon McKay, Bert Brown, Jim Roberts, Vic Taylor, Damian DeGrandi and Greg Wells (12th).
- 1997-98** Milo cricket program introduced and Club program is run by Russell Zampatti and Barry McFarlane
- Fourth great premiership record grows 150 defeating Bell Post Hill 124 (A.Hayes 4/46)
- 1998-99** Balcony is built to create much needed social space. Cost was \$17,000 and funded via a loan from Commonwealth Bank where Michael Slater was Manager.
- Bryce Foster makes 112no on debut to become the highest first XI debut score
- 1999-2000** Ex SJCC players Daniel Lowery (University) and David Harris (Richmond) are opposing captains in VCA Div. 1 Game a unique achievement for the club.
- SJCC named it's Team of the Century - R.Brunger (Capt), D.Breheny, G.Foss, G.Beaumont, P.Hassett, D.Davie, S.Fitzgerald, A.Kelly, Dam DeGrandi, B.Phelan, N.Mullen
- Club volunteers install watering system on Zampatti Oval led by Russell Zampatti.
- 2000-01** Fourths are Premiers and Champions with Chris Dolley as Captain. Joeys 8/229 (A.Lourey 79, J.Stein 38) def Newtown 158 (T.De Grandi 4/71, W.Lowery 2/43, G.Fitzgerald 3/54)
- Barry McFarlane and Russell Zampatti are awarded the Australian Sports Medal for their services to cricket. The medal was struck by Federal Government as part of the Olympic year celebrations of

Sport.

Final payment is made on the loan for the Balcony build

2001-02

Ian Courtney appointed captain - coach for Club

Second XI wins premiership 171 (L.Kukac39no, J.O'Brien 23, D.Ford 29) defeating Newtown 158 (L.Kukac 3/44, B.Vincent 3/41, A.Carmody 3/31) and Fourths are Premiers and Champions thus have not lost a game for 2 seasons. Chris Dolley Captain.Fourths 8/229 (A.Lourey 79, J.Stein 38) def Newtown 158 (T,De Grandi 4/71, W.Lowery 2/43, G.Fitzgerald 3/54)

Jarrold Moore named GCA Junior Cricketer of the Year

2002-03

Club wins GCA Championship but loses Div. 1 GF to Bell Post Hill. Fourths win Premiership.

Anthony Lourey takes 8 wickets plus a direct hit run out then scores 100 runs vs Geelong City fourths. Only 10th player ever in GCA to achieve 8 wkts and 100 runs in same game.

Fourths again undefeated Premiers 2/94 (M.Shawcross 43, B.Lowery 20no) def Newtown 90 (A.Lourey 6/27, G.Shawcross 1/19, J.Shawcross 1/21, A.Vaughan 1/19)

Club annual presentation night is held on a Sunday afternoon in marquee built on the club balcony

2003-04

Best individual performance in a first XI game set by Sam Loftus against Lara when he scored 158 and then took 7/44

Sam Loftus wins GCA Jack Sing Medal a first time win for SJCC with 503 runs @ 45.73 and taking 32 wkts @ 11.28

For the second year SJCC wins GCA Club Championship but is defeated in Div. 1 GF by Grovedale

Fourths win fourth premiership in a row and in 3 of those seasons are Champions as well as Premiers. Thus the fourths have lost only 1 game in 4 years and that was a Grand Final. SJCC 8/251(S.Taylor 51, M.Jaques 47no, S.Fitzgerald 36) def Geelong City 84(Dom De Grandi 2/41, T.De Grandi 4/29)

GJCA change junior age groups to u/17,15, 13 and 11

2004-05

Felicity McFarlane becomes first lady to be awarded Life Membership of the club.

Second XI wins premiership scoring 148 (C.McFarlane 44) defeating East Belmont 130 (S.Kenny 6/50)

Fourth XI Batting Average named Wayne Lowery Trophy to recognise Wayne's contribution to the club since he first came as a player in 1975-76 thus 28 years playing

James Fitzgerald named GCA Junior Cricketer of the Year

2005-06

Sam Loftus sets new highest score for Firsts with 176 in semi final win against top side Newcomb

Thirds win premiership after 20 year drought Joeys 8/171 (R.Gannon 43, M.Shawcross 46, P.Cramp 34) def Lara 8/170cc (S.Driscoll 4/53, P.Cramp 2/27) this becomes Peter Cramp's first cricket premiership ever.

2006-07

Extended clubrooms opened incorporating player change rooms, improved social rooms, kitchen equipment and bar with cool room. Project completed with the support of Club Donors, SJC and much volunteer work from members and supporters. Project value was \$200,000.

The Club mourns the tragic loss of Fourth Eleven player Peter O' Donoghue (father of Jack) who collapsed whilst bowling at Bell Post Hill and was not able to be revived when ambulance members arrived. The game was respectively abandoned by both teams.

GCA season is reduced due to drought conditions. Home and away games are all one day games and finish at the Christmas break and finals are played in January.

Fourths go onto a Premiership in a season to always be remembered. In a strange irony for the drought reduced season, the grand final is rain affected and Joeys win as the higher placed team. Joeys 1/47 (S.Bourke 36no) def Grovedale 7/203 (A.Lourey 3/62, M.Lloyd 2/30)

2007-08 SJCC plays 500th GCA Game

SJCC vs Torquay, Club's 5 teams combined to score 1797 runs the most in a single day by the club

Shane Fitzgerald Club created as a recognition for players with over 250 senior games for the club. Initial inductees were Noel Mullen, Barry McFarlane, Dennis Davie, Shane Fitzgerald, Wayne Lowery, Marshall Harris, Chris Dolley, David Buckley, Mark Gallagher, Tim DeGrandi, Dom DeGrandi, Jason Stein, Chris McFarlane, Shaun Bourke, Peter Cramp, Michael Jaques

Milo cricket program reaches 160 participants at SJCC now take 2 ovals as well as the tennis courts, Club also has 11 Junior and 6 Senior teams playing each week.

David Harris and James Fitzgerald set a club record all grades partnership of 335 for 4th wicket in Second XI game vs Bell Post Hill

2008-09 Second XI 6/215 (B.Harmon 48, A.Shawcross 42*, C.McFarlane 41) wins premiership defeating East Belmont 213 (A.Shawcross 4/52, T.Bye 3/37)

2009-10 Second XI 7/136 (B.Wemyss 56*) wins consecutive premierships defeating Grovedale 132 (A.Tozer 4/41, A.Shawcross 3/29)

Daniel Fanning wins Jack Sing Medal for a season with 666 runs @ 47.57 and taking 28 wickets @ 18.39

2011-12 Trent Walerys takes over as Captain Coach and wins Jack Sing medal in his first season. Scoring 137 runs @ 19.43 and taking a GCA high 42 wickets @ 12.57 with a best of 8/33

2012-13 AJ Davie makes First XI debut as the 207th player and the 9th Father/Son combination. Father & Sons are -

2013-14 Club supported by SJC builds new turf practice area on Zampatti oval with 2 quality hard wickets, 7 turf wickets and new storage for equipment. Goodbye to the old containers

Felicity McFarlane passes 15,000 rounds of sandwiches and 17,000 cakes she has made for club afternoon teas over a 13 year period

SJCC plays North Geelong for the 65th time the most games against any Club

SJCC enters February 2014 having played 588 First XI Games with a 57% success rate, won 7 Club Championships in 46 years ranking 4th among all clubs. Of the 196 possible team premierships SJCC has one 31, a ratio of 1:6 when playing in mostly a 12 team competition.

50 Yr Dinner held at Geelong FC Captains Room on Feb 22, 2014

First XI win Premiership defeating South Barwon before large crowd at Stinton Oval, Queens Park. Great win in 50th season

Scores Joeys 5/194 (L.Kentish 75no, D.Fanning 32) def South Barwon

191 (Trent Walerys 8/46). Trent 8 wicket haul was the second best all time in GCA First cricket

2014-15

Firsts 8/228(L.Kentish 60, J.Foss 50) go back to back defeating North Geelong 128(L.Kentish 4/16, T.Walerys 3/24) at Queens Park.

First XI Debuts for junior Brandon Purcell and longer player David Jelbart

2015-16

Fourths win last ball victory to defeat favourite Geelong City in fourth XI grand final

2016-17

Hodgson debut

Sam McTaggart appointed Club coach and Trent Walerys Captain. Jack

2017-18