

THE UNITED CRICKET CLUB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1, 2010 - NOVEMBER 30, 2011

My Fellow Members, Ladies and Gentlemen:

What a privilege it is for me to proudly present to you the President's 14th Annual Report of **The United Cricket Club**. I thank you once again for the opportunity being your President; serving you is indeed a privilege.

Today, it is with great pride that I declare to you that this has been yet another successful year, not only in the promotion and enjoyment of the game of cricket, but because of our continued organizational vigor, financial stability and our respect among the immigrant and cricketing communities. We remain unmatched. We the United Family must be proud of ourselves and our achievements.

MEMBERSHIP

Our Membership today stands at **Sixty-one: 32** are Non-Players while **29** are Players. And I am always proud to mention the fact that our Members reside not only in Connecticut but also Massachusetts, New York and Florida and they hail from **Ten** different Countries: Jamaica, Guyana, Trinidad, Antigua, India, Pakistan, Suriname, Puerto Rico, South Africa and the U.S. We are proving to the world

that Diversity is not an impediment but a catalyst to unity and progress. I am proud of you and I am proud of our diversity because we are one for real.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

You certainly will recall that at the last Conference, you once again unanimously returned unopposed the following five Officers:

Arnold Arnajallum	-	President
Azam Rahamat	-	Vice President
Cecil Agimudie	-	Secretary
Lakeram Nankoo	-	Treasurer
Rajin Nanku	-	Team Manager

Mandated by our Constitution to appoint the Chair of our two Standing Committees, these Officers made the following re-appointments: Selection Comm. Chairman, McCarthy Punter and Disciplinary Comm. Chairman, Yadram Sumair to complement the Executive Committee.

It is my duty to report to you that the Executive Committee did yet another marvelous job. They answered my calls to duty, accomplished their tasks with distinction and fulfilled their mandates undoubtedly. I commend them for a job well done.

To provide assistance to the Team Manager, Rafique Abba was appointed Assistant Team Manager. I thank him for his assistance and for doing such an outstanding job.

At our customary Special Meeting held at the Hampton Inn, the veteran stalwarts, Veerasammy Virappen and McCarthy Punter were reappointed Captain and Vice Captain respectively. I am sure you will all agree that they did a splendid job once again.

MEETINGS

For the period under review, the following Meetings were held:

- One Annual Conference/General Meeting
- One Officers' Meeting
- One Special Membership Meeting
- Four Executive Committee Meetings and
- A few Ad Hoc Meetings

I must say that our Meetings were all conducted in a way that is worthy of emulation because of the cordiality, civility, order, thoroughness and democratic way.

FINANCE

We should also be proud of our financial situation, as it remains sound even amidst the struggling economy and the rising cost to do business. I now proudly report that for the Fiscal Year under review, our ***Total Income*** amounted to **\$4,321** while our ***Total Disbursement*** was **\$5,020**. This brings us to a ***Net Deficit*** of **\$699**. This Deficit is no surprise to us as it is justified by the cost of the new Matting which we purchased for **\$550**.

I am also happy to report that despite the increasing cost to play cricket which amounts to **\$173 per Player** for the year, your Executives voted to let the long standing fees of **\$22.50** per Non-Player and **\$45** per Player remain unchanged.

Today, with no bills to pay, our ***Closing Balance-at-Bank*** stands firmly at **\$4,454**.

Let us all say "special thanks" to: Bronze Sponsors Anderson's Auto

Electric and American Motor Lodge; and Donors: Alphonse Ladyga, Ryan Arnajallum and GT Sound Im-pusle for their support and contributions.

CITY MILLS PARK

Our Play Ground, The City Mills Park with its Clay Pitch, Bathroom facilities, Bleachers and the flat green Outfield, continues to receive rave reviews and is rated as one of the best if not the best in New England. Thanks to out-going Mayor Mike Jarjura, Director of Operations Joe Geary and Parks Director Jimmie Nemecek along with John Egan and Bob Gaitano for all of their help and support.

At the commencement of the season, we discovered that our Roller was stolen by some low life thief. But this did not hinder our progress; Azam personally designed a bigger and better Roller for us for free. Virappen, Suresh and Mike assisted in mixing and pouring the cement in the Roller. We specially thank Azam for his innovativeness and these boys for their help.

Early October this year Azam headed a group of dedicated Members to plough, level, reshape and roll the Pitch at City Mills. The group of guys who assisted were: Virappen, Mc, Terry, Nizam, Johnny, Lall, Yadram, Khan, Donovan, Bhavyen, King and Kishan. Azam and these dedicated Members deserve our praise and our thanks for a job well done.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The enforcement of our strict disciplinary policies was entrusted in the capable hands of The Disciplinary Committee comprising Chairman Yadram Sumair, Rafique Abba, Naraish Rampersaud with the The President and Team Manager. There is no secret that there were sporadic sparks that surfaced but which were easily quelled and hence

no major disciplinary issues. And for this we should be proud. I must say thanks to the Committee for such a great job and thanks to the Members for being so disciplined.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Under the Chairmanship of McCarthy Punter, The Selection Committee with Veerasammy Virappen, Yadram Sumair, the President and the Team Manager as Members, successfully completed their challenging task of Selecting twelve or thirteen Players from among 29 for each Game; and they did it with fairness and much deliberations. This year, I am happy to report, has been the smoothest and without much disenchantment; thanks to the maturity and understanding of our Members. And thanks to the Committee for another year of remarkable performance.

INSURANCE

We continue to hold Secondary Health Insurance for Members and Liability Insurance for the Club. This is very important to us as it protects us from suits and covers our Members from medical costs for injuries sustained in the course of play. These Insurance Protections are crucial and should always continue.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

To bring our Club in the public domain, we continue to operate our Website: <http://unitedcricket.2ya.com> through our Website Engineer Ryan Arnajallum who continued to do an excellent job.

Additionally, we were fortunate to have had an Article on us by “Waterbury Republican-American Newspaper” while Cafepress.com continues to showcase our “Club’s Emblem”. Our sincere gratitude to them all.

YOUTH PROGRAMME

Recognizing the importance of building a core of Cricketers for tomorrow, we continued to press on with our Youth Program. We had an attendance of 7 Youths, but I must single out Zaed Rahamat, Ethan Nanku and Kevin Rampersaud for showing exceptional promise in every aspect of the Game. Today they will be recognized for their accomplishments but tomorrow you will get to see them performing.

I am happy to report that Zaed and Kevin represented the North East Region in the Under-15 National Tournament in Hartford and we commend them for their participation there.

Let us all say thanks to Azam and Suresh for their dedication of time and effort to make this such a successful Program.

SCORING

Even though it is well known that Scoring is an important aspect of Cricket, we still experienced reluctance on the part of some Players to assist in Scoring. As a result, the burden fell on the shoulder of the Team Manager and I thank him for stepping up to this task, and for compiling the year's Statistics. I also thank the few persons who assisted him in the Scoring. In the coming year, I believe it should be mandatory that each Player assist in the Scoring at least in the Exhibition Games; and those who claim not to know how to score, must learn to do so.

REFRESHMENTS

In keeping with our tradition of good hospitality, we continued to provide refreshments after each Home Game, notwithstanding the

tough economic times. To this end we spent **\$973** and proudly so. Thanks to Members and their families who did the food preparation to make this all happen.

FANS

Our fans are always cherished by us; for they are an essential part of the day's play; and I must say that they are respectful and supportive at all times. And of course, we enjoy their cheers and their support. For our Home Games the average attendance was **105**, while the attendance at Away Games which were mostly in New York, averaged **15**. Let us thank our fans for standing with us all the way.

TOTARAM NANKOO

On April 29, 2010, one of our dearest fans TOTARAM NANKOO was called home to the great yonder. He was loved and he was respected. He cared for us and we cared for him too. On June 25, 2011, our Club proudly hosted the TOTARAM NANKOO MEMORIAL DAY to pay honor to this fallen comrade of ours. We thank our Members; the Nankoo Family and everyone else who contributed to make this a superb and memorable occasion.

COMMONWEALTH CRICKET LEAGUE

Our League, the Commonwealth Cricket League, under the Presidency of Mr. Leslie Lowe, continues to be the largest League in North America. It is a League with **78** Clubs with a mixture of Cricketers that hail from almost all cricketing nations in the world. Despite all the complexities of this League, our President came through again this year leading this League quite amazingly.

Let me take the opportunity, to congratulate him on the occasion of the League's 30th Anniversary this year. Let me also thank him for

the special attention he gave us, for the keen interest he paid to us, and for his many visits with us. We are indeed proud of him and proud of our League.

U.S.A.C.A.

We continue to be a member of The United States of America Cricket Association and rightly so. However, I must report to you that internal bickering continues to surface among the Leaders. I must say that this certainly hinders the progress of cricket in America. We can only hope that good sense will prevail and that the interest of US Cricket takes precedence over selfishness.

GAMES

A lot of Games were played this year. We played a total of 38 Games winning 27 and losing 11. This means that we won 71% of all Games played.

For the Exhibition Games we played 15, won 10 and lost 5 which is 67% of Wins. These numbers include the TUCC sponsored Triangular Competition which we lost to West Haven Cricket Club and who therefore took home the prestigious “Roy Nanku Trophy” sponsored by the Nanku family in tribute to the Armed Forces and their son **Roy** currently serving as a U.S. **Marine**. Our congratulations to West Haven on this achievement.

For the League Games, a total of 23 Games were played in varying categories. We won 17 and lost 6. This puts us to an outstanding performance of 74% total League Games won. As a result the following Trophies were clinched:

1. CCL President's 30 Overs Trophy
2. CCL President's Special 30 Overs Trophy

3. CCL Special 30 Overs Trophy
4. CCL Divisional 20/20 Competition

On the CCL Divisional 30 Overs Competition, we actually lost to Horizon but they technically lost through forfeiture because they played unregistered players. I must commend the League for being law-abiding and offered us the Trophy in accordance with the rules. We, however, declined to accept the Winning Trophy but suggested a replay of the Game but this did materialize.

I must say that our Boys not only performed outstandingly, but displayed great chemistry, camaraderie, discipline and unity. Together we lost gracefully and won humbly. Certainly, we cannot ask for more from our Boys. Our sincere gratitude and congratulations to them on their achievements. We are so proud of you.

INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Our Incentive Program remained unchanged. We still insist that it is the fairest way to go. The Program, perhaps the only of its kind, is two-fold: **70% is based on Batting, Bowling and Fielding** at both Exhibition and League Games and which is calculated as follows: One Run – 1 Point, One wicket – 20 Points, One Catch/Stump-out – 10 Points and Run-out/Assisted Run-out – 5 Points – and a maximum of 30 Points for being the 12th man; the remaining **30% is based on Discipline, Task Accomplishment and Team Work** which is awarded to players by the Executive Committee.

This year, in the interest of accuracy and integrity, The Captain and Vice Captain were both asked to audit the Final Statistics. With just a few adjustments it was certified to be true and correct. Apart from receiving a trophy, each player will be given his Score Card. This is done in order to be transparent; but we hope that we are not opening a

can of worms by doing so. While we are always open to correction, we cannot, we cannot, entertain any point of correction based on memory- leave that for my friend Kunkarran.

Today, Trophies would be awarded as follows: **Gold 1st - 5th, Silver 1st - 5th, Bronze 1st - 10th and 6 Achievement Awards.**

Congratulation to the recipients.

CONCLUSION

Ladies and Gentlemen, this year has been great, but next year can be even greater. Our Club has been strong, but yet it can be stronger. You our Members, Fans and Supporters have always been the best. And so it is with utmost confidence that I say: together, you and I will continue our Club's journey hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder and in the united way. Long live The United Cricket Club!

Respectfully Submitted,



Arnold Arnajallum

President

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