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## NET PRACTICES ENSURE OUR CRICKETERS ON RIGHT TRACK

Our club's cricket scribe has described their season as 'grand' as they managed to bowl over most of their opposition.

As he recovered from the rigours of the sub-section's annual dinner he was able to relate the most improved player award was won by Tony Westbrooke. Other trophies went to.- Andy Clear (bowling); Brian Irving (fielding); Kevin 'Doggie' Woolston (batting); Greg Corban (sportsman of year).

Elected officers were Richard Clark (president), Peter Ward (secretary), Craig Morrison (treasurer), Scott Ryan (captain), Craig Ryan (vice captain) with Terry Ryan the cricket section representative on the main club committee.

An invitation from the Rotorua CT Club to play them in Rotorua was duly accepted.

The players, fresh and eager to go after some serious net practices in the club, left on Go Bus at 12 noon. When they reached Tirau a road block meant they had to detour via Okoroire Hotel. "Oh, darn. What a shame!" was the call, but the team showed real spirit and decided to make the most of the unplanned visit.

After they had cleaned the locals out at darts and helped profits, the team carried on to

Rotorua. They stayed at the Four Canoes Motel. The next morning the bus driver was told in no uncertain words that it was not 'PC' to park his vehicle in front of the gates of a marae.

The weather was uncertain as the game against Rotorua started. By over five the rain came in, but the Year Book correspondent on tour with the team, reported with considerable pride that our conscientious lads braved the conditions and notched up their first victory of the season.

The Wednesday night businesshouse matches went well with our team winning two thirds of their games. They ended up in the top four, a notable effort. Well done, guys! It just proved once again what can be achieved through serious net practice.

The annual chartered clubs' tournament was held in Tauranga where our team was opposed by the Tauranga Citizens Club, Waipa Club, Glenview Club and Hamilton Cosmopolitan Club.

After their original bus struck back end trouble, the team

ended up with a mini bus with a trailer with 14 cricketers in a 13 seater!

To prove his knowledge of history and other worldly habits, one member decided to tell all who cared to listen as they made their way to Tauranga that the Waikato River used to flow along the Hinuera flats. Our correspondent reported there was no interest in that revelation and would like to point out to Tony that the river now runs out to the ocean at Port Waikato.

The bus just made it to the top of the Kaimais so a stop was made to give it a rest.

The team stayed at the Bureta Park Motor Inn and found it a great place to spend a couple of days. The cricket

was not flash as the team lost two games and had the bye in the third. However, all was not doom and gloom and our correspondent reported the team would like to thank the local police, the Tauranga nightlife and the Tauranga Citizens Club for providing the ingredients for staging a good tournament.

To top off a fine season the team played its annual game against Otahuhu. Hamilton batted first and scored 255 for three wickets (we repeat, 255 for three wickets!) in 30 overs with two players making 50. Otahuhu only managed 195 all out. The Hamilton player of the day was Greg Corban who scored 50, took three catches and two wickets to finish his season off in style.

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