



Cricket Club Achievements

It's amazing what we have accomplished in such a short time:

- Construction of the new pavillion
- The development/refinement of the square as well as the outfield
- The growing fleet of equipment
- The improvemnet of the facilities
- The addition of the tennis court
- Hosting of numerous teams from the USA as well as Australia and Bermuda
- Staging two international matches
- Hosting the Canadian Trials
- Fostering a junior team
- Staging a successful charity match (\$70,000)
- Undertaking tours to:
 - Grenada
 - Guyana
 - St. Maarten
 - Cayman Island
 - England
 - St. Lucia
 - Sarasota
 - Philadelphia



There's more to come!

As much as we have done to date, the plans for 2006 are, to say the least, jammed packed. In discussion with some of you, we believe that we can execute our program, however, we WILL NEED ALL TO HELP (including our wives).



INVERHAUGH CRICKET CLUB

10th Anniversary Edition

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Introduction

Hey, can you believe it, we have completed ten years of cricket, lots of hard work but also lots of fun.

The club is more vibrant than ever. We now have the three teams (regular, junior and social). We have hosted many interesting teams over the past ten seasons and have also undertaken many overseas tours. Both hosting and touring has enabled us in establishing friendships across the globe. We have hosted overseas visitors as well as our regular local teams.

Although not confirmed at the time of writing, we are expecting touring teams from Australia and India this year, our 11th season.

This newsletter is a special edition to celebrate the completion of 10 years of cricket.

The following articles were penned by four people with different perspectives of Inverhaugh, yet there is a common theme. They all love playing at Inverhaugh.

Even though it's a lot of hard work, both Jan and I really enjoy this. But, we do need your help to keep it going.

A special thanks to our corporate friends who support our efforts.



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The Junior Section at Inverhaugh

John Metcalf, Junior Manager

The Junior section has been active at Inverhaugh for the last 5 years, from the age of 11 through to 19. Thanks to the efforts of Ravi Sathasivam, as well as Clive Porter, Bart Singh and Roy Singh, the Juniors have improved their fielding and general cricket skills, with coaching clinics being very popular with the squad.

As part of efforts by the club to improve facilities for the Junior team, the Inverhaugh Cricket Academy was incorporated in 2004. The Academy is a body to raise funds and provide for equipment and facilities specifically for the Junior section, and has made an application to the Trillium Fund to improve practice facilities, which was unfortunately rejected in 2005.

The Juniors have made their own efforts to continue training by renting school gymnasiums in Guelph, during the Winter. This training has allowed basic skills to be practiced, and new members to be brought

into the team over the Winter months. I am pleased to say that this effort has been run by the Juniors themselves, which shows a high level of dedication and application. It has also taught them that there is a lot of administration and negotiation needed in the running of a cricket team.

One challenge with the Junior section has been transportation to practices. Although some parents are prepared to make the effort and transport as many as possible, more drivers are needed. As a consequence of this we instigated a separate Junior practice at Margaret Greene Park in Guelph.

Margaret Greene is the home of Guelph Cricket Club. The facility is owned by the City of Guelph, and as it is part of a public park there is no restriction on use by our Junior squad. The practices in Summer 2005 were held at Margaret Greene on Sunday afternoon, except for those falling a week before a Junior match, where Bart and Jan kindly allowed us to practice at Inverhaugh.

This pattern of practices will be continued again this year (2006).

The hunt for new recruits continues, with our youngest having been gathered last year from a campaign at some of the Public Schools in Guelph. The initial interest was high. Although we do have the core of a future team (7 members are under 16), we need to maintain our search for new members. If anyone knows of youth who are interested, the best way to get in touch is through the website www.inverhaugh.com or at e-mail to enquiries@inverhaugh.com.

A special thanks to my predecessor, Hector Latchmansingh, who was instrumental in getting the junior program going.

Celebrating 10 years at Inverhaugh!

Forty Something Report

Roy Singh, Founding Member

Stepping onto a Cricket field can often bring about a tremendous amount of mixed emotions and excitement. It can also break your spirit and cause you to feel frustrated. Now you might ask how a Cricket ground can bring about such emotions. From one who has played a decent level of cricket and toured to several countries and played on all kinds of grounds, I can tell you that it happens.

The love for the game and the way it is

played and the conditions in which it is being played is very important. Especially when you have passed your prime and the excitement of youth has passed. There comes a time when you just think about giving up the game as it can be very frustrating to play on sub-par facilities

Inverhaugh, the ground, the way the game is played and the friendships that have been fostered has rekindled the spirit and has



Gentleman Farmer

Phil Nuttall, TCCSC

It was 1996 when I first visited Inverhaugh Cricket Club. Tucked neatly under the shoulder of the hill as you descend into the Hamlet of Inverhaugh and perched just above the flood plains of the Grand River. It was a trip well worth waiting for.

A tight beautifully manicured ground ringed with trees and a few seconds imagination away from any of the scenic village grounds that dot the English country side.

The Grounds at Inverhaugh are a testament to the Love and devotion (not to mention the money) that has been spread across them by Bart & Jan Singh.

It is not uncommon to have at least 4 Singh's in the line-up, while Jan toiled to provide teas for 30-40 visitors every week. That's every Saturday from Mid May to early September.

I first met Bart from about 22 yards as I had the task of bowling to him for Toronto Boks. After playing and missing twice, a hard snick glided through slips and he jogged a single

with a wry smile that made the shot seem quite deliberate.

A Fiercely competitive Cricketer, Bart looks after the Cricket grounds the same way he plays the game, the result is one of the few Turf facilities for Cricket in Canada. Perhaps even more remarkable is that you know every blade of grass on the ground has been personally tended to.

Over the past 10 years the addition of covers, sight screens, a scoreboard and a bar and patio area have seen the ground mature into what it is today. Be it player, spectator or just curiosity, Inverhaugh is a wonderful place to play or enjoy a summer Saturday afternoon.

Always counting on the availability of a few guest players, Inverhaugh Cricket Club will always be a tough fixture.

I look forward to this season knowing as we drop down the hill into the Hamlet and spy a glance of the lush outfield centered by those

allowed me to continue playing the game I truly love. Many of us have had the unfortunate luck of playing on some poor grounds with grass averaging 5 inches, with poor pitches that make non bowlers, bowlers. Inverhaugh with its grass pitches and manicured field is truly a pleasure to play on. The pitch is fair for both batsmen and bowlers but if your technique is poor it will quickly show your faults, when you make a lovely shot you are rewarded with runs (when you bowl poorly you will be beaten). The pitch can change during a match and often times become easier as the game progress but you have to be patient to benefit from this. There is nothing that beats playing on a grass pitch, the way the game is meant to be played. Inverhaugh is one of only a few facilities that allow you to do this.

I would be remised if I don't talk about the friendships that have been forged playing in Inverhaugh, especially when there can be such a mix of people from all walks of life, age, race and even sex can come together and forget about every thing but the love of the game.

tell tale signs that only cricket leaves.....today will be a real game, on a real cricket field.

Bart, Jan, Family and Friends.....may we continue to share your great commitment for this game of cricket and, though often unspoken, our thanks for your hospitality.



Foreign Correspondent

Fazal Karim, Tour Coordinator

About 12 years ago after a cricket match at the Guelph Cricket Ground, Bart took us to the site that is now the home of the Inverhaugh Cricket Club. We arrived at the location and he started telling me about the plans to revive what used to be a cricket field back in the 60s. He said he was going to build a home on the cottage site but will incorporate portions of the cottage into the new building. He then started telling about his plans for the silo to be used as the changing room with the scorers at the top of the silo, where the square would be and the spectators sitting. At the time I thought he had been out in the sun a little too long or that he had one too many beers.

Two years later, he asked if I could bring a team from the USA to play an inauguration cricket match against what is now the Inverhaugh Cricket Club. I rounded up players from Connecticut, New York, Florida, Maryland and Virginia. When we arrived there we were pleasantly surprised to see how the field was transformed. Bart had a square laid out with three pitches and players changed in the silo with ample seating for spectators. Looking back I am not sure what the outcome of that game was, but I am sure he will say they won the game. However, the icing on the cake was the fireworks display at the conclusion of the game.

Over the last 10 years I have had the honor of playing every year at Inverhaugh. Improvements around the facility since the inception have been tremendous. The "new



cottage" is in place with a nice view from the master bedroom overlooking the cricket field. The facility boasts one-of-a-kind steps to the top of the silo, the new grass tennis court; covered seating for the spectators and a deck for those interested on working on their tan. Bart has also collected quite a few cricketing memorabilia, which is displayed very nicely in the bar located in what was the basement of the "old cottage". The landscaping of Reverend Clive Porter on the facility must not be overlooked. He did an outstanding job working his magic with the flowers and foliage.

The one thing that stands out in my mind in the past decade was the hosting of Don Bradman's home team Bowral Cricket Club from Australia. The highlight was not because I scored 64 runs against them, but when their coach pulled up on the side of the road and 40+ passengers (players, wives &

supporters) disembarked. Batting first they made 160+ and Bart came over to me and said I hope you don't mind, but I have you batting at number 6. I said it does not matter where I bat, because I was there to have a good time. In the space of 8 overs we lost 4 wickets for less than 30 runs but we ended up winning the game. After the game, the team that had been playing cricket throughout Canada that summer said the best time they had on the tour was when they played at Inverhaugh. It was not just the cricket, but the fantastic hospitality they received.

I know Bart, Jan, Barry, Ian, Roy, Clive, John and many others have put in quite a lot of hours to make Inverhaugh Cricket Club what it is today. I would like to wish you all a Very Happy 10th Anniversary, and many more in the years ahead.

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