



Victoria and District Cricket Association



Dear VDCA Members,

What a term this has been as president. I wish I could tell you that it has been nothing but a pleasure, but I respect some of you too much to lie about that. I will call this a covid presidency. One that was necessary but not one that has left much in the tank to continue. I ask that you please refrain from using the Winston Churchill comparisons, you'll make me blush. I only hope that the past two years have steered the VDCA towards a point where can again work collaboratively and keep cricket at the top of our agenda's. I will, now and at the end of this report wish the incoming and continuing executive nothing but the best in their roles and will make myself available to assist them wherever I can. *Pause for emotion and applause*

After applause ends. It is a great pleasure to see people in the pavilion for an AGM again for the first time since 2019. Processes have run very differently since that time and I think much have been lost with the reduced face to face opportunities. I am happy that my final address can be to a group of VDCA members in the same room.

I'll start with all things cricket. It was another successful season! We have had many important developments, ranging from the approval of a new field in Saanich to putting down an asphalt surface at Metchosin. There have been some developments with University field availability and we are aware of how we can actually book Qualicum next season. We have had a significant increase in teams within both Division 2 and Division 1, and saw another successful year for junior and women's cricket. The season was unaffected by covid and we were able to gather and associate with one another in a much more normal manner, be it good or bad. Afterall, cricket is about a lot more than the actual game, which may have been forgotten in recent years.

As far as on field performances go for cricket this year, it was relatively one sided. Congratulations to Albion and Bronco's for their victories in Division 1 and Division 2, respectively. It is always great to see passionate cricketers achieve success and I hope that other teams have gained motivation to come back stronger next year.

The love of the game and the community has brought many volunteers in for various projects this season that continued the successful season. We may not have had VISAS but we had a pre-season T20 and the first installment of the tri-cities tournament between Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle. These competitions continue to improve our cricket and helps us gain exposure in the community. I'd like to that all the volunteers who made those events possible.

On that gratitude note, I would like to express my gratitude to all the folks who have affected me in my role as president over the last two years. Some have had very positive effects and others have been great learning experiences. One thing that is apparent through all interactions is the love, or infatuation, that people have for cricket. It is a cruel mistress that can drive you to insanity and leave you wondering just how you ended up wherever you are. It is a sport that brings so many different personalities



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together and forces them to spend a whole day together on the weekend. For some to spend 8 hours with me on a Sunday, well, that calls for serious love of the game. *pause for laughter*...*no laughter, comment on lack of laughter*

I will dispense with individual accolades, as I have the pure of heart belief that people do not sacrifice their time for recognition. Everyone who impacts this sport in our community is well aware of their contributions, and generally the community is as well. I implore each of you to take note of the various happenings in the VDCA and realize that there is a significant amount of work that goes into every aspect of the game. Without volunteers and vital relationships this organization does not exist. Thank you to all who continue to give up your time.

So, it with a very light heart that I conclude this term and wish Alphonso Franco all the best for the next two years.

Sincerely,

Izak Brussow
President of the VDCA