



PRESIDENTS REPORT SEASON 2009/2010

The 2009/2010 season came to a close and once again it was time to sit back and reflect on a season just gone, but not for some. The finishing touches were made to what was a very successful New Zealand Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association Conference. Many thanks to Peter Gasston and Tony Gillies and their partners for the many hours of work they put in to ensure things went without a hitch. The Executive Committee also had their work cut out as it was time for a name change. It is often said that the umpires and scorers make up a third team in a game of cricket and it was time to bring them into our fold and change the name of our association. I would like to welcome all scorers and I hope this change strengthens our relationship on and off the field.

Umpire numbers are still on the increase and an incredible 1077 umpire appointments were made during the season, an increase of 147 from 2009. Ten new umpires joined us at the beginning of the season and 2 former members returned. A further 27 people have already expressed an interest to umpire next season and training will be provided for those people during the winter.

Annual exchanges are always a highlight for those selected to represent our Association in other districts, and Cricket Victoria. Kerry Dawe went to Wellington, Kath Geaney and Ian McCormick went to Central Districts. Tony Gillies was selected to represent us on the exchange to Cricket Victoria and the reports received back were excellent so I congratulate you all for representing us so well.

Congratulations to Barry Frost - ACA Umpire of the Year, Fred Nathras – Club Umpire of the Year, Jason Hoyte – Novice Umpire of the Year and Simon McNamara – Most Club Umpiring Days

On behalf of our association I would like to thank the ACA for all their help during the season, especially Chris Lander who has supported us so well for many years.

In conclusion I would like to thank every member of our association, both umpires and scorers for their work on and off the field. The winter is a time to reflect on the good and the bad from last season and I am confident the Auckland Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association with the support of the ACA will grow stronger and provide an even better service in the seasons to come.

Peter Spall
President