**Beecroft Cricket Club**

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 12 December 1896, page 11**

Beecroft.

Sunday Cricket. — A number of locals journeyed on Sunday morning last to what is known as Dixie's land, along by the Pennant Hills Road, and there met a team of cricketers representing that part. The Dixie lands supplied a dinner, and suffered defeat by 20 runs.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 23 October 1897, page 10**

ALONG THE LINE.

Mr. Ernest Seale, son of Mr. John Seale, of Beecroft, was married to Miss Rose, daughter of Mr. James Spurway, of Ermington, on Wednesday. The wedding, a quiet one, was celebrated by the Rev. G. McIntosh, at the residence, of the bride groom's parents at Beecroft. The popular young cricketer and his fair bride have the best wishes and congratulations of The Argus. The new home is at Roseville, on the Milson's Point line.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 17 November 1900, page 10**

An Exciting Cricket Match. — The chief and in fact the only attraction at Beecroft on the holiday was an all-day cricket match between teams selected from the single and married men of the village and district. The contest took place in Mr. Mason's paddock opposite Mr. Charley's, and was witnessed by a large and interested gathering including a fair sprinkling of ladies. An easy victory was won by the benedicts, in whose ranks were found some brilliant wielders of the willow, notably Mr. Holcombe and Mr. Seale, who put up tall scores and were deservedly applauded.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 1 December 1900, page 10**

Beecroft.

CRICKET. — An interesting game of cricket was played on Saturday between the local

club and a team from Balmain, the visitors driving out in a drag drawn by four spanking bays. The Beecroft club won by 57 runs, and altogether a very pleasant afternoon was the result. The Beecroft C.C. was only formed this season, and, so far, its record has been a very creditable one, viz., two wins, one drawn, and one defeat out of a total of four matches played. Mr. Clyde Barnby is the skipper, Mr. R. Hammond of Epping the secretary, and Mr. F. Seale the treasurer. The club has an enrolment of 23 member.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 23 February 1901, page 12**

Beecroft.

Recreation Reserve. — At a meeting of the committee of the Progress Association hold on the 13th inst., it was resolved to petition the Minister for Lands to resume twelve acres for a public park at Cheltenham, to serve as a cricket ground for Beecroft and Cheltenham, the park at Beecroft being unsuitable for the purpose. It is understood that the owner of the land objected to the resumption.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 9 March 1901, page 10**

Beecroft.

Off to S.A. — A fashionable gathering assembled on the cricket ground at Beecroft on Saturday to witness the presentation to Mr. Sydney N. Barnby, of Cheltenham, who is about to proceed to South Africa as one of C Squadron, 2nd Regiment of Mounted Infantry.

 A cricket match was also played between the members of the Beecroft CO. (juniors) and the seniors. The juniors came off victorious.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 16 March 1901, page 10**

Beecroft,

Park for Cheltenham. - Very strong representations are being made to the Minister for Lands in the direction of securing a park for Cheltenham. There can be no question as to the suitability of the cricket ground as the site for this.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW : 1888 - 1950), Saturday 10 May 1902, page 10**

Beecroft.

Cricket and Football. - Our district has never distinguished itself in the pursuit of out-door games. Perhaps the want of a good cricket ground is responsible for the Iistlessness displayed in this direction, but if our young men were in earnest, a suitable piece of ground would soon be found. Cricket languished during the long summer mouths, and now that winter is upon us there is no talk of football, yet football is a grand game, especially if played in the old rough, manly way. Some people think it is too rough. Not a bit of it. It is full of danger and delight, and if a young follow is afraid of a kick on the shins, or a broken collar-bone, he had belter don petticoats at once and learn to play lawn tennis, for he will never be fit for much at any manly game. If the young men of Beecroft have any of the spirit of the old land in their hearts, they will set about organising a football club at once, for the winter months; and if they cannot pitch upon suitable ground, probably the Progress Association would assist in finding something that would suit them. But they must show that they really mean to make use of the ground before the Progress Committee will do more than it has already done to hold them in this matter; and the sooner the movement is made the better, for level ground will soon be unprocurable. It is not creditable that Beecroft should be unprovided with a ground for cricket or football.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 23 August 1902, page 11**

Beecroft.

Cricket. — Preliminary steps have been taken to re-form the Beecroft Cricket Club.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 29** November 1902, page 12

Thornleigh.

Beaten Again. - On Saturday last, the Thornleigh C.C. met, on their own wicket, a team from the Beecroft Cricket Club, and, as we stated in Tuesday's Argus, they, for the second time this season, sustained a crushing defeat.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 12 September 1903, page 5**

Beecroft Club.

At the annual meeting of the Beecroft C.C. the following officers were elected: - President, Mr. C. C. Tucker; vice-presidents, Messrs. Sargent, Herring, Lee, Holcombe and Alcock; secretary, Mr. W. Hunt; treasurer, Mr. W. Birkenhead; committee, Messrs. McCall, F. Seale, Barnby and Brown; captain, Mr. W. Birkenhead.; vice-captain, Mr. J. T. Forsyth; selection committee, Messrs. Birkenhead, Forsyth and Hunt. The club has been affiliated with the City and Suburban Cricket Association.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 13 August 1904, page 5**

Beecroft Club.

The annual meeting of the Beecroft Cricket Club was hold in Ogden's Hall on Saturday. There was a good attendance. Mr. C. C. Tucker presided. The annual report disclosed a very satisfactory state of affairs. Twenty-four matches had been played under the auspices of the City and Suburban Association, during the year, of which nine had been won, six lost and nine drawn. The batting average was won by Mr. Lamble, with 28.3 runs per innings, while the bowling average was carried off by W. Hunt, with 8.1 per wicket.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 26 August 1905, page 10**

Beecroft.

DEPUTATION. - A deputation from the Beecroft Progress Association, consisting of the President (Mr. C. Churchill Tucker), Messrs. H. 0. Holcombe, J.P., Slingsby (hon. secretary), Dobbie, Perdriau, Alcock, Twine and others, waited upon the Hon. B. B. O'Conor on Monday, with regard to several matters that had been brought forward at the last meeting, of the Progress Association. First, they asked him to use his endeavors to have the Red Hill Reserve set aside as a park for recreation purposes. Mr. O'Conor said he could not see his way to grant their request in this respect. Ho could not recommend that it be placed entirely in their hands as such, but he would endeavour to have it arranged that they should have permission to use it for cricket, football, etc., provided that, if it were wanted for observatory purposes, they would relinquish it.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 29 December 1906, page 10**

Beecroft.

CRICKET. - The cricket match, the married men of Beecroft against a team representing the bachelors, played in Mr. W. Chorley’s grounds at Cheltenham, on Boxing Day, was drawn. The married men succeeded in putting together 184 runs, and their opponents had seven wickets down for 79 when stumps were drawn.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 26 January 1907, page 10**

Beecroft.

WANTED, A PARK. - A public meeting convened at the instance of the Progress Association, by circular, was held in the School of Arts Hall, Beecroft, on Tuesday night, to consider the advisability of securing land as a cricket and sports ground for the district.

Mr. W. Nixon (president of the progress association) occupied the chair, and there was a large and representative gathering. The chairman said the object of the evening was a very laudable one, viz., to secure for Beecroft and surrounding district a cricket and general sports ground, which could be utilised not only for cricket and football, but for all kinds of outdoor amusements, as a rendezvous for the different gatherings of the district, public school sports, etc. The progress association had at various times brought before the people the advisability of securing such a reserve, but the difficulty had always been the securing of a suitable site. Now they were in a position to point to a site that was not only suitable, but procurable; and providing sufficient support could be obtained, the long-conceived project could at last be brought to a successful issue. This was about the first and only piece of ground the progress association has found as being in all respects suitable. Mr. Tucker said Beecroft had a park of 23 acres given them by the Government, but not a bit of it was suitable for cricket. It might be suitable for picnics and as a breathing spot, but the only form of sport that could be indulged in on it was chasing butterflies, or something of that sort. Recently the Government had given £1000 for a cricket ground for the Ryde district, and seeing that Beecroft and the centres adjoining provided more revenue than Ryde to the Railway Department, the Government might, if that were made as an argument, be induced to give them some assistance in purchasing this ground. They might give £ for £. He was thoroughly in sympathy with the movement, and would give it his hearty support. He moved, “That this meeting considers it advisable to obtain a cricket and sports ground for the district.” The motion was seconded by Mr. A. Slingsby, and was carried unanimously. Mr. J. I. Forsyth moved, “That the piece of ground, the property of Mr. Frederick Wilson, and known as Wilson's grant, comprising about, seven acres be purchased for a sum not exceeding £250, providing sufficient support be obtained.” This site was known to most of them, and their cricketers had been over it and found it most suitable. A great part of it had been cleared, and he thought the sum mentioned a reasonable amount. Up to the present they had tried to got almost every piece of ground worth calling level, but had failed. When it became known this was in the market, they had taken steps to stop the sale until it could be ascertained whether arrangements could be made for its purchase, for the purpose named. He thought they ought to purchase it. It was not far from the Railway station. A mistake had been made in the securing of the public park for Beecroft and they ought to rectify that mistake as soon as they could. If there was no other way, let them sell the Government Park and get this, which was worth a good many hundred pounds more than the present park — so far, at nil events, us snorts were concerned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Seale, who considered the land referred to would make a very suitable cricket ground. The chairman explained that Mr. F. G. Wilson had placed this land under offer at £250 from the 21st January, for one month. Mr. Tucker said the land was

about half a mile from Cheltenham, and a little over half a mile, from the Beecroft station, so that it was fairly central to both. It was partly cleared, too, and would not cost much to level and otherwise prepare it for cricket, etc. This motion, on being put, was also carried unanimously. Mr. Alcock moved, “That this meeting pledges itself to support the proposal, and that a committee, of 12 residents he appointed to give it effect.” This was seconded by Mr. Wachsmann. and carried. A committee was then appointed, viz., Mr. W. Nixon, president; Mr. O. C. Tucker, vice-president and treasurer; Mr. A. Wachsmann, secretary (all ex officio members of the committee, Messrs Henry Little, H. Sargent, Wilde, Andrews, Chorley, Alcock, Slingsby, O. Seale. S. Barnby, jun., Shorter, Quodling, and McCoy. Mr. Shorter next moved, “That subscription lists be issued, and that the holders canvass the district, and if in the opinion of the committee sufficient support is promised, they be empowered to raise the balance of the money up to £350 for the purchase and improvement of the land, either on mortgage or on debentures, as they may think fit. This was seconded by Mr. Johnston, and carried. Mr. Shorter promised to do all the legal work in connection with the matter free of cost. Mr. Alcock moved that the president, vice-president, the secretary, and Mr, W. Chorley be appointed trustees. Upon this an amendment was moved by Mr. Shorter and seconded by Mr, Fearnley, that the trustees be the president and vice-president. The amendment was carried.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 26 October 1907, page 10**

Beecroft.

 CRICKET GROUND. — Messrs. Sonter and Bevan are making satisfactory progress with the work of clearing the new cricket ground, which is situated on the Cheltenham side of Beecroft.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 14 December 1907, page 10**

Beecroft.

CRICKET CLUB. — At a meeting of the committee of the Beecroft Cricket Club, on Wednesday evening, it was decided to accept a tender for putting down an asphalt pitch on the club's ground.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 28 December 1907, page 6**

Beecroft.

THE NEW SPORTS GROUND. — The new recreation ground was opened on Boxing Day with a cricket match — Married v. Single. Mr. W. M. Nixon, President of the Shiro Council, in a few appropriate words, declared the ground opened, and bowled the first ball on the new wicket. The match was won by the married men. Scores: Married, 86 (E. Seale 37, Garrett 13, Herring 10, Carr 10); Single, 44 (Taylor 17, E. Seale 8). McCall, Taylor, and E. Seale did the bowling for the Single, and J. Seale and Forsyth for Married. Refreshments were handed round during the afternoon by the kindness of the ladies. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent, and votes of thanks were given to Messrs. Wachsmann and Tucker for the work done to make the ground fit to play on. In time the ground will be a very suitable one for cricket, picnics, etc., and will prove a great boon to the district.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 4 January 1908, page 10**

Beecroft.

CRICKET. — A two-innings match was played on the newly-formed recreation ground on New Year's Day, between the married and single gentlemen of Beecroft, of 13 a side, resulting in a draw in favor of the single gentlemen, who required seven runs to win when time was called, and still having 11 wickets in hand. An asphalt wicket has been laid down, and was in line condition. About 125 spectators were present. Mr. Edward Seale captained the married side, and Mr. O. S. Seale the unmarried. Mr. W. M. Nixon, president of the trustees of the recreation ground, entertained the players right royally at luncheon, during which several toasts were drunk. Mr. Nixon toasted “The King,” which was drunk amid much enthusiasm. Mr. Alcock gave “Our host and hostess,” and mentioned the progress made in forming the pitch and field. Mr. O. Scale gave that of the various workers who had given their time and energy in improving the ground, especially Mr. Frank Seale, who was most painstaking in the erection of the pavilion. Afternoon tea was provided and Mr. Alcock proposed the health of the visitors and Mr. Holcombe responded. Mrs. Nixon was indefatigable in her efforts for the comfort and enjoyment of all present. It is proposed to form a cricket club in Beecroft, which, from present showing, will not lack exponents worthy of the game.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 18 January 1908, page 10**

Beecroft.

CRICKET. — Preparations are being made on a large scale for the annual cricket match, Married v. Single, which is to be played at Beecroft on Anniversary Day.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 22 February 1908, page 8**

Beecroft Progress Association.

The Annual Report.

Progress of the District. — The year had been one of considerable activity all round, and at the present time we believe there is not a vacant house in Beecroft. All the various clubs seem to be flourishing, find at last Beecroft can say it has a cricket ground of its own. The members of our association have tried several times to secure a ground, but at last, through the initiation of Mr. A. E. Wachsmann, a piece of ground has been secured - about the last suitable piece available in the district. The sum of about £137 has already been subscribed, and, after forming the pitch, and sundry expenses, there is a debt of £150 remaining. Three matches have already been played on the ground, and a cricket club formed, which we hope will have a prosperous future before it, and assist in wiping out the debt on the ground.