

DCCC Annual Banquet a Phenomenal Success

The DCCC banquet held at Holiday Inn, Plano East, on the 19th of January received an overwhelming response with over 130 people showing up to enjoy a fun filled evening. The party which started at around 7 pm went on until the wee hours of the morning with DJ Alex mixing up HipHop and Indian music. The open dance floor from 11 pm to 4 am was huge hit with the inebriated members that lingered on to rock like PartyStars!!!



Behind every successful club are its women

The evening was well orchestrated thanks to the diligent efforts of Suhas, Arun, Peter, Pradeep, Sumit and several other members who worked hard to ensure that everyone would have a good time. People started pouring in from 7 pm from not only DFW but some drove in from as far as Midland and Austin for this event. Appetizers and an open bar (Thanks to **Peter Mclarty**, there was enough alcohol to quench the thirst of an entire stadium) was set up until dinner (**Pradeep Sharma** outdid himself by providing both Indian and well as Thai cuisine creating a huge dinner spread) was served at around 8:30.



Food, drinks, awards, music, dancing = great celebration

After dinner, everyone got seated for the main event, the awards. **Sumit Ralli** was the MC for the evening. He went through the club's [season summary and accomplishments](#). Then **Sandeep**, a veteran member from Austin, shared a few anecdotes from his playing days for DCCC. Some [comical awards](#) were presented by Kartik and Shailin (aka Bob Marley) reviving memories of some incidents on the field in 2007 that had everyone in splits.

Then came the season defining performance awards.

Dennis Vengala – 74 runs against Plano Cubs in the 25 over final

Gopal Pabari – 76 runs against Colonial CC in a must win game for DCC2

Kartik Vittala – 2 wickets and 29 not out against Carrollton CC in the 25 over QF

Vinod Shankar and Sudharshan Chavva – Last catch and Last wicket against Cubs to win the Premier League encounter by 1 run.

Charan Gowda – 59 runs and then 3 wickets for just 11 runs in vital Premier League match against Cubs.

The two captains **Rahul Kukreti** and **Naved Aftab** received awards for leading their sides admirably in a season that saw DCCC scale heights that one can only dream of.

The captains then presented “**The Captain’s appreciation awards**” for contributions that went above and beyond what was expected from the teammates. **Vishwa Rajput** and **Anand Dawurulu** received these awards from Rahul and Naved respectively.

Then came the awards for the most consistent players of the season.

Best Batsman

Dennis Vengala – 592 runs at an average of 37.00

Gopal Pabari – 808 runs at an average of 42.53

Best Bowler

Carl Thomson – 22 wickets at an economy rate of less than 4 runs per over

Tarang Sethia - 25 wickets at an average of just 18 runs per wicket

Best Fielder

Richard Thalluri – 13 catches and 2 runouts

Shailin Naik – 7 catches and 2 runouts

Best All-Rounder (MVP)

Adil Malik – 535 runs and 31 wickets

Kartik Vittala – 379 runs, 25 wickets, 19 catches and 3 runouts

Finally the **cricketer of the year** was presented to **Vinod Shankar** by Suhas Naik and Arun Vittala for his contributions on and off the field to help take DCCC to the next level.

The award ceremony concluded at 11 pm and then the party had just started. Members went on to celebrate **Shail Bhatt**’s birthday and then the 1 year wedding anniversary of **Halpesh** and **Anila Patel**.

The club camaraderie and unity was the showcase of the evening. Everyone went home either very satisfied or very drunk or both. The bar has been set by the DCCC class of 2007 and it will be a challenge to repeat the performances in 2008. But if what was displayed on the evening of the 19th is anything to go by, it does look like DCCC is heading in the right direction to fulfill the 2008 goals.

Go DCCC!!!!