

# Strathdale Maristians CC

NEWSLETTER 2

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## 2015/2016 T20 Premiers

### Premiers again!

After a break of a few years, before which we won the first three in a row of the T20 series, we have once again won the Twenty - 20 final.

After batting first and on the back of a magnificent 112 (off 61 balls) from our marquee player, Andrew Chalkley, the team accumulated 5/187 in their 20 overs. Chalkley was helped by Nick Baker (26 off 23), Jayden Hicks (18 off 10) and Jono (14 off 12).

Bendigo were never really in the hunt and only made 9/121. Ryan Haythorpe was the best bowler taking 4/16 off his 4 overs.

Congratulations to the team and club as they continue to be involved in these big games.

Now we are moving into the pointy end of the season with the First XI and Under 18's on top, Third XI in the four and the Seconds knocking on the door.

Keep working hard and make very post a winner as the season rolls into finals.

### \$1000 Draw

The Australia Day long weekend this year again provided the annual \$1000 draw for the

SMCC. See a writeup about on page 2!

T20 Premiers, \$1000 draw, competitions and more!

### Social Club

A number of Social Club members have signed up both for the

sensational value of a free drink at every home game as well as great sporting apparel. If you would like to become a social member, please see a committeeman.

Bat and bowl in partnerships!

Go Suns!

*Right Arm Offie.*



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# Social Media

Social Media is one of the ways you can keep up to date with what is going on at the club, particularly if you can't get to the games on the weekend.

Over time, we have developed a number of different elements to our Social Media platform - we hope one of them works well for you!

## Twitter



Follow us on twitter by searching for **@smccSuns** - we are endeavouring to have someone tweet each weekend to keep you up to speed on games if you can't get to the game.

Twitter is also able to be seen on our website.

## Visit the Website

Visit our ever developing website (noted by many people as the best Cricket website around!)

Check out the videos, especially the ones of Grand Final glory in past seasons.

Find the newsletters online and look at all the Bendigo Advertiser articles the club has had written about it. There are many historical facts and figures, life member bio's, senior players and much more!

<http://www.strathdalemaristianscc.com>

## Visit our new Facebook Page

The club now has a Facebook page where you will find photos, news and so much more!



<https://www.facebook.com/strathdalemaristians>

# A Lot Has Happened



*Sophia accepting the winners cheque for Tony H. Coach David Bakes at the T20 final*

## The \$1000 Draw

As the tickets were pulled out and hopes for a win in the \$1000 draw dwindled, a noted celebrity nestled into the crowd at All Seasons Oval. As it came time for the draw for the final two tickets, Kevin Pieterse made himself known and took over the microphone!

To draw out the suspense, big Kev made it very clear that the next name drawn out would win the second prize and whoever was left would be the eventual winner.

Tony H was the eventual winner (with Cam and Sophie standing in nicely) with everyone enjoying a fantastic day once more. Thanks to all who helped out and made the day a success and realise a profit of just over \$4000 for the club.

## The Annual Legends Game

On Feb 28th 2016, the Annual Legends game took place at the beautiful All Seasons Oval. Unlike other years, the temperature was perfect at about 28 degrees. The wicket, oval and surrounds were all in tip top order. The Legends chased down 135 led by 45 from Hayden Polglaise and Mick Chalkley who got 30 odd. Jake and Dylan B batted well for the Youngsters.

## The Cricket!

At the time of writing, the 1st XI and the Under 18s sit on top of the ladder, ready for another crack at a Premiership, the 3rd XI are back in the finals race and the 2nds have had a tough year and will miss out this year. Many of our junior sides are also moving into finals mode.

Good luck to you all!



## Milestones and other interesting bits...

In January 2016, Ben DeAraugo played his 200th A Grade game for the club.



Image courtesy of the Bendigo Addy - full story here:

<http://goo.gl/eXUzRZ>

Across the Christmas break, the Bendigo Advertiser ran a series of survey questions, supposedly answered by A Grade players in the BDCA.

One particular question was, "What player from another team would you most love in your side?"

The RAO was completely flummoxed when the results of that question were some other player than the great Ben DeAraugo!

After 4 Taylor Walsh medallists (best in Grand Finals), it is impossible to have anyone else but Ben DeAraugo as the correct answer to that question.

Congratulations, Ben - we all hope there are many more to come.



The Social Media Page  
All the best stuff goes here



*Featured Tweets*

Strath-Maristians CC Retweeted  
Bendigo's - Fresh FM @BgoAddySport · 30 Dec 2015  
Day two of the @BendigoDCA Player Survey. Today the players rank the pitches in #Bendigo bit.ly/1mPLCtV



# All the real news is here!



## Editorial

As I sit here writing this newsletter, which, as it turns out, will be the last one written by the Right Armed Offie for the great Strathdale-Maristans Cricket Club, I have looked back at some of the previous newsletters over the years.

I would like to thank all those people who have helped me out with stories, photos and more that have usually made good reading, particularly in the last few years when I was no longer playing and as close to the club. Some of my favourites have been the day Mick took up two carparks so his scooter wouldn't get scratched, when we had a year of floods, and many others.

But, of course, the real highlight over the last 10 years or so (in the second stint of doing the newsletter), has been our on and off-field successes. The sight of our young cricketers on the ovals at the Reservoir Road complex is also a great achievement.

Thanks to everyone for all your help and support. I am extremely proud of the amount of downloads we manage to get each newsletter - In the last two years, there have been over 700 for each one, but previous to that there is not one under 1500 downloads!

The Right Armed Offie (Fitzy)

## An Interview with Andrew Chalkley

RAO: So Chalks, tell us about that knock in the T20 final?

AC: Beautifully paced, stunning shot selection and great support from team mates!

RAO: Was that you?

AC: No - James Seymour - he was reading his article on the way out!

RAO: How did you enjoy the added responsibility of marquee player?

AC: Nah, was good! I enjoyed being back at the mighty Suns again.

RAO: So how is life in the big smoke ?

AC: Good - love it. And dad keeps sending me all the food he isn't eating now!

RAO: Yep, he has trimmed up all right!

AC: Nearly half the man he used to be - he hasn't heard that much, I can tell you!

RAO: Last word?

AC: Go for it - don't die wondering!

**RAO: Thanks to all my 'interviewees' over the years - I am truly indebted!**



## Stats from the Official 'History of the SMCC'

*The best A Grade bowling figures in an innings is held by Percy Worship with 8/12 v. Harcourt.*

*The record for the highest A Grade score is 209 held by current captain, Linton Jacobs.*

*The highest partnership for any wicket at the club is held by Linton Jacobs and Jono Davidson with 277 for the 2nd wicket.*

*Two players have taken 9 wickets in an innings - Ryan Haythorpe and Peter Tonti.*

## Social Agenda 2015/16

DATE	EVENT
Sat 31st Oct	Gala-Launch-of 'Rising-Suns'
Sat 19th Dec	Christmas-Party @ Riser
Sun 24th Jan	\$1000-Draw
Sun 24th Feb	Legends-v-President's XI T20 Match
Fri 25th Mar	Senior Presentation Night @ Bendigo Club

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100 for Chalkley -- with Andrew Chalkley.

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*A very special hundred from the Suns marquee player in the final of the BDCA T20 competition.*

## Hassa's Joke



Each newsletter will have a special Hassa joke in honour of our long time supporter.

What do you call a cow with a twitch?  
Beef jerky.

What's at the bottom of the ocean and shakes?  
A nervous wreck.

Knock Knock  
Who's there?  
Olive  
Olive who?  
Olive you!

Thanks Hass!