

Strathdale Maristians CC

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Welcome to issue 1 of the 2011/12 season. We are the reigning Premiers!

The New Clubrooms Open

The wait has been worth it!

After many years and months preparing submissions, drafts and plans the upgrade to the Wilf Cox Pavilion to house both soccer and cricket has been almost completed. The builders now just have to finish the change-rooms and Strathdale Maristians Cricket Club along with Strathdale Soccer Club will have fantastic facilities that we can all be really proud of.

Have a look at page 2 and see some of the pictures of the night.



Celebrations Continue!

After the Grand Final win cricket related many celebrations occurred. They

were all well overdue and the merriment went on for weeks.

Two other fantastic celebrations occurred with the marriage of Dom and Sarah and the arrival of Emma Paige - a daughter for Sean and Trish, a sister for Mitch and a granddaughter for Elaine.

Two of the victorious A Grade team also decided to ride their luck and ask the ladies in their lives to marry them. Luckily for Ben and Thorpy, Shellie and Marcene said "Yes"! All at the SMCC wish them the best for their future lives together.

Jake D also had his 21st recently which he held in the new clubrooms. Congratulations and best wishes!

New Players in the Club With the advent of a new season there are a number of players who have arrived at the club from many and varied places.

Whether from England, Weddeburn, Axe Creek or wherever, B Grade and C Grade are very hard to recognise! We have also welcomed a new player from Perth who looks to be a great addition to our A Grade team. A number of players have returned to the club and we wish them continued success.

We wish you all many runs, wickets and catches across this and seasons to come! Good luck to all those who played for us last season and won't be amongst the playing ranks this year - we wish you all the best with whatever you are doing.

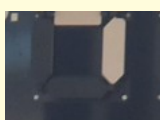
All is set for a huge year!

Go Suns!

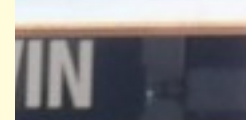
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The clubrooms, more celebrations and new players at the club!

What is this?



And here is another view!



Tweets



#sunpun

For all those tweeters amongst you, there will be a prize at the end of the season for the best pun to do with Strathdale Maristians.

Cam Taylor is winning at the moment with his tweet of:

“Hope the suns can shine this weekend!”

Get with it tweeters - use the hashtag #sunpun to be in it!

Follow us on Titter

Follow us on twitter by searching for **smccGoSuns** - 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!)

You will find many images of the



new redevelopment of our Clubrooms along with many social activities that the club has been involved with.

Check out the videos, especially of the Grand Final last season.

Find the newsletters online, if you don't get one in person, 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 much more!

<http://www.strathdalemaristianscc.com>

The Clubroom Opening



Some of the images of the opening of our new clubrooms

The John Brown Bar

At the opening of the new clubrooms, President Rich, along with John's family, unveiled a portrait that will be hung next to the new bar. It is of the famous John Brown who was a player and Captain of B Grade when most of our players were only twinkles in their fathers' eyes.

The other great announcement that went along with the portrait was that the new bar would be named after John.

The two images are of John bowling - and he had a very unusual bowling action - and him holding a ball after a great spell.

A ferocious competitor the RAO can remember playing against John and knowing that you were in for a bit of a spray while you were batting, but had someone who would enjoy a beer with you after the game.



The Strathdale Maristians Cricket Club is proud and honoured to have our new bar named after John.



Who Am I?

1. (easy) I have a Test average of 99.94 after being bowled for a duck in my last innings.
2. (harder) I played 96 Tests and finished with 5570 runs, took 84 catches and 4 stumpings.

'Quotable Quotes'



Across a season there are many times when funny things pop out of players' and supporters' mouths.

And sometimes, we have to give them a hand - like this newsletter. We would like you to give Chris D a hand with what he might be saying in this photo at our recent opening:



e.g. Is John on heavy coke?

If you have any ideas, contact the RAO for inclusion in the next newsletter.

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Australian Test Grounds - A Regular Feature

Facts about the Adelaide Oval

Established in 1871; Bradman scored the highest Test score of 299* against South Africa (31/32); 50,962 is the largest single day Test crowd during the bodyline series; and the greatest single innings return by a Test bowler is Australian Albert Trott who collected 8/43 on debut against England; David Hookes hit a 43 minute, 34 ball century vs Victoria (82). The highest day score is 5/400 (Aus v India (03)

Concerts that have been held there Some of the great acts that have played the Adelaide Oval are: David Bowie (78/83); KISS (80); Paul McCartney & Madonna (93); Michael

Jackson (96); and, lately, Wolfmother and ACDC (2010)

Developments The Scoreboard was first used in 1911 and still stands today; most stands have been demolished and rebuilt; The stands have been named after many famous players - Giffen, the Chappells, and Don Bradman; The Hill was created in 1898 with earth from the banks of the Torrens River.



All the real news is here!



All the fun of the fair!

The last wicket (A Grade v. Sandhurst) was Andy Sheehan who strode out to the wicket very slowly. The first ball he knocked out to a short fielder and the batsman at the non-striker's end charged down to the end with Andy and they both stood there at the same end. The ball went to the other end and Fish was reluctant to take off the bails until he was forcibly told to - so he did. But Fish knew that Andy had a runner and not too many others had noticed it. Very funny to see everyone on the ground in fits of laughter when they realised.

One of our English recruits has had his first lesson on beer in his new country. He has now realised that the word 'light' does not refer to the colour of the beer! Not only is the beer very pale, but it makes you go to the toilet a lot and doesn't seem to give you a headache!

When you get the chance to serve in the canteen, make sure you thank the committee who agonised over the pricing structure for the season. When you have to add up only 50c or even dollars, you can be very thankful!

Keep watching our cricketers as they try to work out how to make the numbers on the new scoreboard - makes for a good laugh sometimes.

An Interview with Eliza Ledwidge

RAO: So Eliza, is daddy enjoying being Captain?

EL: I don't know. He has more beers on Fridays now.

RAO: Is he better at batting or bowling?

EL: He says he is the best player. I have been doing sums on his scores and I haven't needed my toes yet.

RAO: What does he play at home with you?

EL: Just cricket. He bats, mum bowls and I have to field with the dog.

RAO: What is your favorite book?

EL: Wisden's Test Cricket Year Book 2010. I get a new one every year. Dad reads it to me. He also reads this book called 'Trav's Stats' but I don't like it much. He stops and smiles a lot, like he is remembering Christmas or something.

RAO: What do you like doing best?

EL: Going to the cricket with my dad. It's fun and I get lollies and stuff. I like my 'bribes' - that's what they are called. Mum told me.

RAO: Thanks Eliza, it has been very enlightening!

EL: No worries - catch ya!

Social Agenda 2011/12

DATE	EVENT
Sat 19th Nov	Dinner/ Drinks @ Riser
Sun 27th	Golf Day @ Royal Axedale
Sat 19th Dec	Christmas Party @ Riser
Sun 22nd Jan	\$1000 Draw
Sat 11th Feb	Dinner/ Drinks @ Riser
Sat 25th	Trivia Night @ Bendigo Club
Fri 23rd Mar	Senior Presentation Night @ Bendigo Club



Major events are the golf day and Trivia Night



Scoring is a much easier occupation these days with our new state of the art scoreboard.

The scoreboard is our mystery item from the front page!



GRADE	Runs	Wickets
A	C Taylor 96	C Taylor 8
B	M Arnott 127	M Prowse 5
C	B Shepherd 94 B Fletcher 94	K Fraser 4
U 17	Z Poole 103	Z Poole 3 A Meade 3
U 15 A	X Walsh 85	I Miller 7
U 15 B	C Elliott 55	B Price 3 M Wilkinson 3
U 15 Blue	L Ross 55	M Fasso 3
U 13 A	M Long 25	T Boykett 2
U 13 B	J Schischka 25	Heaps on 2
U 13 Blue	J Vlaeminck 48	S O'Farrell 5
U 11 A	N Walker 31	B Barri 2
U 11 B	I Murphy 16	N Walsh 3 W Purcell 3
U 9	C Hogan 34	J Barri 4

Top Performers as at 4/11/2011