



NEWSLETTER



Three in a Row - Premiers and Champions!



On the 24th of March at about 1:15 pm, Eaglehawk conceded the Grand Final and it was official - our First XI team had won the past three Grand Finals and for this season, they were undefeated.

All at Strathdale-Maristians are extremely proud of the success our great club has enjoyed in the last few years, but we are also proud of the culture that has developed for the players and supporters.

Over the Grand Final weekend, SMCC had 4 premiers

and 2 runners-ups, but the real success was that many young people enjoyed the fantastic game of cricket across the 2012/13 BDCA season.

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Go Suns!

The Right Arm Offie

Club Champs
- as at 24/03/2013 -

Batsmen - runs

T King - 725 (A)
S McCann - 298 (B)
B Smith - 799 (C)
J Neylon - 316 (17)
L Tardrew - 325 (15A)
M Long - 227 (15B)
D Clohesy - 276 (13A)
W Boykett - 158 (13B)
S Conforti - 121 (11A)
J Barri - 134 (11B)
T Purcell - 75 (9)

Bowlers - wkts

B DeAraugo - 48 (A)
C Carter - 15 (C)
L Ross - 14 (17)
C Elliott - 12 (15A)
L Pieper - 13 (15B)
D Clohesy - 13 (13A)
D Ferreira - 12 (13B)
T Nally - 6 (11A)
G Graham - 8 (11B)
E Lovett - 19 (9)

BEN (SANGA) SMITH- LEGEND



Congratulations to the legend that is Sanga Smith, who this season became the first player in SMCC history to win a Premiership in the First XI, Second XI and the Third XI.

It is a fantastic effort for the club legend who has

played his career with our great club.





Ground Intruder

Recently, Jono Davidson was attacked by an elderly lady on the cricket field and he had to escort her off. He left her with Mick on the side of the oval. If you have seen this lady (pictured left) beware! She is dangerous and answers to the name 'Nonna'!

cricket equivalent of Black Caviar!



Third Straight Taylor-Walsh Medal

Ben DeAraugo is indeed the big game player! In the past three Grand Finals, Ben has top scored twice and then took 6 wickets recently.

It is the first time any player has won the medal 3 times consecutively - truly a unique effort. There was a suggestion that the medal be renamed the DeAraugo Medal. It is the

3rd straight Taylor Walsh

Ben DeAraugo playing a defensive shot during his unusually short innings.

In proof positive it wasn't a great wicket, Ben didn't make 80!

Plumb!

Ben D and Linno appeal successfully for an LBW against Matt White.



C GRADE ARE PREMIERS AGAIN

Congrats to all the guys, as well as Raccy and Kyle who were huge parts of the season

Where are all the girls? Some people say you need to be fit to sire girls!



Three times C Grade Premier - celebrated the win by going to see the Boss!

Who is the kid in the blue shirt?
(Oh, it's Brucie!)

The trophy which is in a much better state than the A Grade one!

AT LAST

After missing out last year, Jonny Bryers wasn't letting the shield go!



AN INTERVIEW WITH PAPPSY AND FITZY AFTER BATTING HEROICS IN GAMES

RAO: Hi boys - so how did it feel elevating yourselves to legend status just after Christmas.

GF: Yep pretty good - I had to wait till I was fifty to fulfill my boyhood dream - 1 ball - 2 to win and I crash a 4!

AP: 1 ball! I had to bat for 27! Not much runnin' tho! (At Huntly early Jan)

RAO: So describe your innings!

GF: I ordered one to drift into my pads so I could hit it legside - came just as ordered.

AP: I ordered licorice allsorts and that's what I got - they went to all parts. My best one was putting it in the score box and watching that bloke have to climb up the ladder to get it!

RAO: You must both have good pre-innings regimes.

GF: Yep, I just knew - this is my time!

AP: I just thought - what time is it? Then I stride out and play myself in. After 1 ball, I'm in

RAO: Pappsy, 75 of 27 balls places you in an elite category - how does that make you feel.

AP: Yeah, not bad - I might grow a beard.

GF: You'd look good in a beard

[In hindsight, Fitzzy would like to retract this statement!]

RAO: Ok, batting freaks, time to get going - hope you boys keep whacking them around!

GF: Over to you now Papps, my bat has been permanently retired!

AP: Yep, no worries! All over it!

RAO: Last word?

GF: Go Suns!

AP: Yep, that's good!



the score as 1. Which was correct?

(Answer on the last page)

THE RULES OF THE GAME AND THE QUIZ



This part of the newsletter in the 2012/13 season will be where we learn a little more about the rules and have a cricket quiz.

Rule:

Law 7 of cricket is about the pitch - it states that the umpires are the sole judges on the fitness of the wicket for play.

It doesn't state anything about the council or the Board!

It does say that if they believe it is unfair, they can change it during the match! Apparently, there was a perfectly good track going begging at Bell!

Quiz:

In the first over of Sri Lanka's 2nd innings at the MCG during the Boxing Day test recently, the opener completed one run, but then turned back for another but stopped, went back but was run out. The scoreboard had his score as 0, but the paper the next day had

A very satisfied President - Sean McCann - after two senior Premierships



What better way to spend a Saturday afternoon than watching the Suns at Bell Oval?

ALL THE GOOD OIL

**Accepting the trophy**

One of the great privileges of being captain of a premiership winning team is the honour of accepting the winning shield. Here Cam Carter and Linno and Cam Taylor show the joy of lifting the shield.

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**Changing the Momentum**

Saturday in the A Grade Grand Final was an unbelievable day with 16 wickets falling for 185 runs, with the wicket under-prepared.

After having to sit through the inevitable lower order fightback from Eaglehawk, we watched as Cam and Linno worked really hard to get to 2/50. Then it all went pear shaped and we lurched to 5/54 and started the last over at 6/75 - enter Nick Baker! Tibby was bowling the final over and Nick took 10 runs off it to grab the momentum back. An hour into the next day with Nick, Howie and Papps getting the score to 149, it was over.

The last over day one was significant and the two fours Nick creamed helped us all sleep a little easier!

Congratulations to All!

As we complete another successful season, the Right Arm Offie would like to congratulate a few people - all players who represented our club and made us proud - well done! To the committee who worked so diligently throughout the season, to Geoff O'Shea who prepares the best wicket in Bendigo, to all the new social members and the families who support us all.

Stay safe in the off season and we will see you all again in October!

Social Calendar**October 21st, 2012**

Golf Day - Bendigo Golf Club

December 22nd

Christmas Party - Rising Sun Hotel

January 27th, 2013

\$1000 Draw - Clubrooms

April 7th

Senior Presentation Day
Bendigo Club

STORIES FROM THE CLUB

Junior Teams

A number of our junior teams had very successful seasons with all players able to enjoy a bat and a bowl in every game. We had two teams premiers, two runners-up and another made the finals and made sure that team rules were followed and ALL members of the team participated.

Winning isn't everything and we believe the culture of our club is such that people just want to play for Strathdale-Maristians CC.

The Committee hopes all players continue to represent SMCC in the coming seasons.



Fozz hitting a four in his Grand Final innings

**QUIZ FROM
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If there is an appeal for 'timed out', the captain can elect to sacrifice any incoming batsman. Well done to - no-one! And, Cam hasn't had that dream lately.

WHO WAS THIS COW-BOY?

It was the triple Premiership player - Travis Ledwidge who obviously spent a lot of money on a dress-up costume!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Next season will see another level of membership added to the highly successful initiative. You will be able to buy a Social Shirt on its own (along with first drinks free etc.) - Look out for it.

QUIZ ANSWER FROM P.3

The correct answer is that the batsman made 1 - the paper was correct.