

Strathdale Maristians CC

NEWSLETTER 1

SEASON 2015 - 2016



Welcome to issue 1 of the 2015/16 season. We are the reigning Premiers!

Welcome to Season 2015-16

Premiers again!

After a few short months, the cricket season is back. At Strathdale-Maristians Cricket Club, this means once again offering a safe and supportive environment for your son or daughter to come along and play the magnificent game of cricket.

As you may be aware, last season marked the fourth First XI Premiership in the past 5 seasons! Whilst in other parts of the club, we favour participation and competition over winning, the senior teams certainly look forward to being the best in the BDCA.

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. We welcome them, and wish them all the best for the year and for many more to come.

We wish you all many runs, wickets and catches across this season! Bat and bowl in partnerships and the results will follow!

Social Club

Those of you who are coaching, parenting or just plain

supporting, we hope you will consider becoming a social club member. There are various levels with many benefits - not the least, being a part of the best club in the BDCA.

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!

Right Arm Offie.

First XI Premiers, some new faces, new competitions and more!



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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, 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>

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>

The History of SMCC



Darren Rodda's history of the "Rising Suns"

The Launch

Over the last few seasons, Darren Rodda has been busy researching, compiling and producing the History of the Strathdale-Maristians Cricket Club called "Rising Suns".

At the recent Gala Evening the book was launched and over 250 people were in attendance. There were players from all the periods of the Suns history, in particular the club had gathered as many players as it could from the Premiership years - with each group presented to the crowd onstage.

The crowd were addressed by journalist Gideon Haigh, a cricket tragic who was insightful and entertaining. He was also able to answer a number of questions, the one that had the right armed

offie most concerned was that you shouldn't buy tickets to the third day of the Boxing Day test!

Shortly after this, with more presentations of successful Strathdale-Mahristians teams, the crowd became hushed as the comedian Andrew Startin took centre stage. Andrew took us on a journey which included poking fun at many celebrities, and a couple of sensational horses, courtesy of Gerard Whately. 'Away!!!'

A sensational night, claimed by many to be the best function to ever be held by SMCC, ended with the distribution of the book. The RAO took his home, read for a couple of hours and found that he couldn't put it down!

Addy Article - <http://goo.gl/jPeFoW>

Milestones and other interesting bits...

In February, Richard Murphy passed Kevin Crawford's long held record of 371 games for the Club.



Image courtesy of the Bendigo Addy - full story here:

<http://goo.gl/IsxBkZ>

Early in the Season, Ben 'Sanga' Smith played his 250th senior club game. His nearly 7000 runs are only second to Banga Crawford, although his 14 centuries are a club record.



Congratulations Sang!

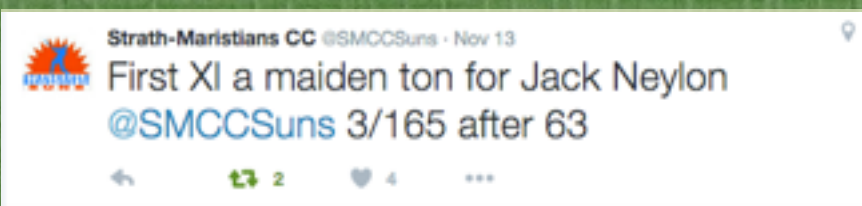
Image courtesy of the Bendigo Addy - see the full article here -

<http://goo.gl/2c5zkm>

Strath-Maristians CC @SMCCSuns - Oct 13
The MILO in2CRICKET kids sang Happy Birthday to new Englishman @charlie_mitchel on his 18th birthday tonight!



The Social Media Page
All the best stuff goes here



Strath-Maristians CC @SMCCSuns - Oct 31
Newly crowned life member Linton Jacobs



Strath-Maristians CC @SMCCSuns - Oct 23
2nd XI have gone down in a thriller, bowling Kangaroo Flat out for 122. Richard Murphy turned back the clock with 5 wickets #go_suns

Featured Tweets

Strath-Maristians CC Retweeted



Kevin Sheehan @AFL_Shifter · Oct 31

Proud to be one of the 28 captains in the 63 year history of Strathdale Maristians cricket club - met many of them



All the real news is here!



Editorial

As the pink ball has graced our screens lately in the first ever Day-Night Test, the RAO was considering the great game of cricket and what it means to various people.

As someone who doesn't really regret things in life, there is something that I have regretted not doing, and that was making the time to go to England and play cricket in some form over there.

The images in my mind of small cricket grounds with white picket fence surrounds and the ball hooping all over the place still makes me smile and wistfully be jealous of those young men from our club who have managed to spend time over there, enjoying the sport we love.

So, why is it that so many of our club would like this opportunity? For me, it has always been about the romance of England being the home of cricket, for the reverence the game is held in over there and the ongoing competitive nature of wondering if you can handle completely different playing conditions.

So, the RAO will quietly listen to the stories of the young men who have made this journey, not for the night-life or the travel tips, but for those little snippets that enhance the images my mind has dreamt of - a dream I haven't yet given up on!

An Interview with Sean McCann

RAO: So Sean, how is the early season form?

SM: Not great - a couple of LBs and a run out robbed me of some pretty good scores!

RAO: So, as President, how is the off-field progression of the Club?

SM: Fantastic! We are in great shape - sensational committee and a growing supporter base!

RAO: You are known as a very positive person.

SM: I am - I think so! There are some who don't agree and that's fantastic, isn't it?

RAO: Ah...yes. So, Sean, what's your secret for longevity in the game?

SM: Are u having a crack at my height?

RAO: No, just how long you have been able to play the game at this level.

SM: Are yes, it is a great game, a great club and things can only get better!

RAO: Last word?

SM: Stay positive! We're all about men's health!



Stats from the Official 'History of the SMCC'

Kevin 'Bangar' Crawford (now a sometimes cricket umpire) has compiled the most First XI runs for SMCC with over 7000!

The record for the most Second XI wickets is currently held by Mick Bourke with 296

There are only four First XI bowlers to have taken a 5 fa (or better) 8 times - John Neylon, Shane Higgins, Ben Irwin and Ben DeAraugo

There is only one player to ever play 100 Third XI games - Travis Ledwidge

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 Jan	Legends v President's XI T20 Match
Fri 25th Mar	Senior Presentation Night @ Bendigo Club



More images from the 'Rising Suns' Launch



Hassa's Joke

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

Q: Why was 6 afraid of 7?

A: Because 7, 8, 9.

Q: What do you call cheese that's not yours?

A: Nacho cheese!

Q: How do you make a tissue dance?

A: You put a little boogie in it.

Q: What do you call an alligator in a vest?

A: An Investigator