



NEWSLETTER



A Grade Undefeated at Christmas!



The first half of the 2012/13 season has once again seen our senior teams all performing well with A Grade unbeaten at Christmas time.

Although not setting the world on fire in the T20, the boys have been fantastic in the longer form of the game and are well placed to have another crack at the premiership.

Even though it is not the only indicator of success, a quick look at all the ladders at Christmas time, reveal all but two of our teams are in the top four!

Work hard and let's see how we go in the 2nd half of the year.

Photo below was from our very successful golf day - Benny D was obviously playing well!

Go Suns!
The Right Arm
Offie



IF YOU EVER NEED A DELIVERY BOY...

Our A Grade captain, Linton 'Linno' Jacobs has always loved healthy living and as this picture shows, he has a knack for stacking and delivering oranges and other fruity delights!

If you are in need of some delivered groceries, then call Linno and he will happily deliver from IGA in Eaglehawk and only add a small surcharge for petrol and personal necessities.



Club Champs - as at 23/12/2012 -

Batsmen - runs

C Taylor - 436 (A)
S McCann - 204 (B)
B Smith - 385 (C)
L Tardrew - 203 (15A)
J Coad - 111 (15B)
D Clohesy - 123 (13A)
A McDonald - 78(13B)
S Conforti - 91 (11A)
J Barri - 68 (11B)
W Elliott - 58 (9)

Bowlers - wkts

B DeAraugo - 27 (A)
C Carter - 10 (C)
L Ross - 7 (17)
C Elliott - 9 (15A)
L Pieper - 9 (15B)
D Clohesy - 9 (13A)
D Ferreira - 7 (13B)
T Nally - 6 (11A)
G Graham - 8 (11B)
T Purcell - 6 (9)

A NEW 1ST XI CAP AND YOUR FIRST SENIOR 50!

**First A Grade Game**

Recently, Zac Poole was selected to play in his debut A Grade game against White Hills.

As is the current policy, the newly capped player is presented with their cap by a past player who says a few words about the occasion.

Zac had his cap presented to him by Club Legend Ben 'Sanga' Smith.

Congratulations on your first A Grade game, Zac, and may there be many more to follow!

In the same game, Jack got to play alongside another club legend (and his dad!) John. Although they didn't get to bat together, it was a proud day for the Neylon family!



First Senior 50 Jack Neylon after making his 1st senior 50.



1st Cap Sanga Smith presents Zac with his new cap

First Senior Fifty

Jack Neylon played in a B Grade game recently where he opened the batting and made a patient and well compiled 50.

AN UMPIRING DEBUT - BEATLE BAILIE AT A RECENT T20 GAME

The other umpire, knowing the protocol of umpires walking out together, is asking, "What's this \$%^@#& up to?"



Nice new hat - keep the sun off OR hiding the SMCC cap!

What colour is umpire blue?

Opposition players - a necessary evil!

Black pants to keep those lily white legs safe from the sun!



THE BATSMEN APPEAR

Yes, that's how you do it - walking out together!

AN INTERVIEW WITH BENJAMIN 'SANGA' SMITH

RAO: Hi Sang, well you are the oldest legend still playing. How does that make you feel?

BSS: I feel great - I'm moving like a two week old deer and making runs like Michael Clarke!

RAO: That does sound like you are enjoying your cricket. How is your knee going? I know you had a small op during the off season.

BSS: The knee is nothing but dodgy. Still, there's nothing like making 100's on one leg - strengthens the other quad!

RAO: What do you credit your longevity in the sport to?

BSS: Having an uninterrupted run without injury. Keeps me fresh and vital - plus I want to keep playing until Jack and I can play together.

RAO: That will be a little way off yet - have you worked out how old you will be?

BSS: Only 64 I think - but I will be a young 64!

RAO: Well, I think young cricketers would love some words of wisdom from a living SMCC legend.

BSS: Know your limits, run hard when you are batting with me, and give me as much strike as you can. Better for everyone that way!

RAO: Thanks Sang!

BSS: No wukkas!



A Rule and A 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. There are free soft drinks if you can answer the quiz and tell the Right Arm Offie (but first you have to find him!)

Rule: Law 42 - Fair & Unfair Play

There are four parts to this rule - Ball Tampering, Distracting the Opposition, Unfair Bowling and Time wasting.

We know about most of these - but what constitutes Distracting the Opposition?

If a batsman is distracted by a fielder just prior to or when receiving a delivery - the umpire shall call 'dead ball' and it must be replayed. The batsman cannot be dismissed. The fielding captain is cautioned and if it happens again - the batting team is awarded five runs!

Quiz:

Current Senior Coach, Cam Taylor has a recurring nightmare about being given out 'timed out' and he is an opener! If a team appeals for a 'timed out' because no-one has entered the field of play in time, can the captain of the batting team choose someone to sacrifice (like the number 11), or does it have to be the next named batsman?



Are you using your social club membership when watching the cricket at Bell?



ALL THE GOOD OIL

Ben DeAraugo is congratulated here on being chosen for his 150th first XI game. Ben also went past John Neylon for the most A Grade wickets just before Christmas.

It's been a big season so far for Ben but the biggest development for our champion all rounder had nothing to do with cricket - he married the beautiful Shelley in late December. Congratulations to both of you from all at SMCC!

STORIES FROM THE CLUB

T20 Update

Normally the RAO leaves a whole page of the newsletter to tell the story of another T20 Grand Final win in the 2nd newsletter. Unfortunately, our team this year didn't make the finals - the first time another team has been crowned champion of the very short form of the game for FOUR years - an unbelievable effort by our boys.

C Grade Demolition

The game before Christmas against Bendigo brought an unusual stat for C Grade - not one

wicket was lost in batting through the 50 overs - the score of 0/220 was a superb effort with Fozz and Brucie both posting centuries.

The rest of the batting team, however, wanted their money back - watching and square legging isn't worth the money!

Bradmanesque!

It doesn't happen often, but the club coach has managed to hit 3 consecutive hundreds and a 48 not out in the last four knocks! A super effort - well done, Cam!



Who is this Hawaiian cowboy?

Social Calendar

October 21st, 2012

Golf Day - Bendigo Golf Club

See a committee member for details.

December 22nd

Christmas Party - Rising Sun Hotel

January 27th, 2013

\$1000 Draw - Clubrooms

March 31st

Senior Presentation Day

Bendigo Club

From the Last Newsletter QUIZ ANSWER

Darcy Bakes and Leo Holland were the first to let the RAO know that the most a player can get for leg byes is 4 - even if the ball flies over the boundary on the full. For being first, Darcy wins a free soft drink at the bar.

WHO WAS GETTING INTO THE DRINKS?



At the \$1000 draw last season, Mitchell McCann was

busy counting the drinks for his dad!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

As of Christmas, 2012, our current Social Club membership sits at 32 members. A fantastic effort in its initial year!

LATE NEWS:

Congratulations to Ash Baker and family on the safe arrival of Isabel on New Year's Eve.