



2016 footy season launch

featuring the MCC president and former Demon champion Steven Smith



DATE: Friday, 18 March, 2016 (the week before Easter)

TIME: 12 noon for a 12.30pm start.

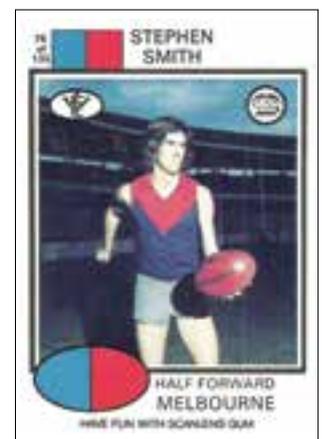
VENUE: The Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, 489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong.

COST: \$75 for members and members' partners; \$85 for non-members.

BOOKINGS: Bookings are essential. Bookings and moneys need to be in the hands of the ACS Administration Manager Wayne Ross at P.O.Box 4528, Langwarrin, Vic., by no later than Tuesday, 15 March, 2016. Cheques should be made payable to the ACS. Note: Payment by electronic transfer is acceptable. The ACS's Bank Account details are as follows: BSB 633-000 Account Number 143226314. If you are paying in this way please record your name and the names of any guests for whom you are paying. Wayne Ross's phone number is 0416 983 888. His email address is acs@asn.cricketvictoria.com.au.

OUR GUEST OF HONOUR

We are thrilled to welcome the Melbourne Cricket Club's President Steven Smith, the 200 game Melbourne forward/defender who played for the Demons between 1974 and 1985. During his career he kicked 138 goals and he won the Club's highest award, the Bluey Truscott Medal for the 1981 season. Steven, who is a partner at the Collins Street Law firm HWL Ebsworth, succeeded Paul Sheahan as President of the MCC during 2015. His inner sanctum insights into the running of one of Australia's most influential sporting clubs mixed with some favourite footy reminiscences from the days when he was a strong marking centre-half forward and, an accomplished, mobile full-back will both inform and delight his audience on the 18th March. We need to pack out the large dining room at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club for this first Society occasion for 2016.



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Future Activities & Events

A DATE FOR THE DIARY - OUR 49TH ANNUAL DINNER

This function will be one for the ages. The date of the Society's 49th Annual Dinner has been set for **Thursday, 23 June, 2016 at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club**. Our Patron **Ricky Ponting** has confirmed that he is available and that he will be with us on this special occasion. Ricky, is rated Australia's finest batsman since the Don. He says that he is looking forward to being our guest of honour on this important occasion in the Society's calendar. So put this one down in your diary and make a mental note to attend with your partner and friends. There will be more about this function in the Autumn edition of "Scoresheet" due out during May.

The President's Piesse

THE SUMMER OF 2015-16 - THE ADMINISTRATORS MUST TAKE THE BLAME.

It has been a totally unfulfilling summer, relieved only momentarily by the brilliance of Usman Khawaja across all three levels of the game.

The record Big Bash crowds and the successful staging of the inaugural Day-Night Test Match in Adelaide only mask the scheduling deficiencies which made the 2015-16 season an absolute farce - one which surely can never be repeated.

The inadequate opposition provided by both New Zealand (for a Test and a half) and the West Indies throughout their three Test series diminished the excitement we all should have felt at Australia's run at the world number one ranking in the late summer Tests in New Zealand.

James Sutherland and the Cricket Australia administration, coupled with the game's rulers at the ICC cannot afford another set of such one-sided encounters on a set of wickets so dead even the players complained about them.

Make no mistake. Test cricket is under siege and no amount of rhetoric from officialdom will convince me otherwise. Teams must insist on three meaningful lead-up games of red-ball cricket before taking on Australia on home wickets. Otherwise we will have to be prepared for more walkovers - and no one wants that.



The President's 2015-16 favourite: Usman Khawaja

The record early-season crowds for the day-nighter in Adelaide, half from this side of the border, will not automatically reappear next summer if they know Australia is going to win by an innings in three days.

I feel incredibly sad for the plight of the West Indies right now. Once champions of the world, they are a fading drawcard. I can't see them being granted the glamour Tests in Melbourne and Sydney at peak holiday time again ...not in this decade nor the next. They'll be reallocated to the back blocks, with wintertime Tests in Cairns and Darwin, maybe even in Alice Springs...but never again at the MCG or the SCG.

The most meaningful internationals of our extended summer - I write this on Test eve from Wellington - could well be at the Basin Reserve and Hagley Park, Christchurch. But unfortunately only those with cable television will be able to see these matches which are ideally time-slotted for a peak audience in the eastern states of Australia. That needs to change too.

And Uzzie Khawaja? I'll walk across broken glass to see him bat. Let's hope that Rod Marsh and the selectors revisit their white ball selections and pick him at No. 3 for the World Twenty/20. Maybe then we will have a chance.

Ken Piesse - President

CRICKET SOCIETY LADS IN BOWRAL, 2016

It wasn't about winning and losing... just the vibe. The Australian Cricket Society ventured to Bowral in January for a game at the famed Bradman Oval and it was a truly wonderful occasion.

For those who haven't played a game with our Wandering XI or Over 60s, do yourself a favour - and get involved. We have so much fun.

ACS IN BOWRAL: Back row, left to right: Kel Anderson (ACS Tas), Nathan Hyde, Peter O'Donnell, Ian Hammet, Dick Stumbles, Peter Neville. Front - Adrian McKenzie, Clive Timmins, Mark Browning (c), Ian Fraser (SCA), Greg Johnson



Recent Activities & Events

THE DARREN BERRY LUNCHEON AT THE KELVIN CLUB -OUR 2015-16 SEASON LAUNCH - FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER, 2015

An excellent crowd of Society members and friends gathered at the Kelvin Club in the City on Friday, 30th October to welcome our guest of honour Darren Berry on the occasion of the Society's 2015-16 season launch. After our warm-up man Geoff Poulter had sent us into fits of laughter with a typically rumbustuous and hilariously funny round-up of jokes ACS President, Ken Piesse introduced our guest of honour, Darren Berry.

In a 138 game career with the mighty Vics Darren Berry made 4000 runs at an average of 22 with four 100s. Seven times during his career he was responsible for 40 or more dismissals in a Sheffield Shield season. His record of 557 first-class dismissals as a wicketkeeper is unequalled. 'Chuck' Berry's keeping over the stumps, especially to his mate Shane Warne, was sublime. The pair toured the West Indies together during 1990 with the Australian Academy side and in retirement they remain the greatest of friends. Berry bookended his career in two Victorian Sheffield Shield winning champion teams, one in 1990-91, his debut season, and the other in 2003-4 when he captained the Vics to the Shield in his final season.

Darren Berry

Darren began his talk by recalling his earliest cricketing years, first at Doveton in the Dandenong area east of Melbourne and then later with the Fitzroy-Doncaster Club in the Premier League. There, veteran Society member George Murray, who was present at the luncheon, had a great influence on his formative years. He recalled that at the tender age of 17 years he was called into the Fitzroy-Doncaster side to succeed the great Doug Rumble, upon his retirement.

Darren enrolled in the Adelaide Cricket Academy as a young player where he came under the influence of Head Coach,

Jack Potter. David Hookes, the captain of South Australia in the Shield competition, persuaded young Darren to try his hand at the game in Adelaide, and it was for SA that he made his first-class debut late in the 1989-90 season. The next summer he transferred back to Victoria. There the 19



President Ken Piesse with ACS guest Darren Berry

year-old was immediately welcomed into one of the strongest teams the Vics had ever produced. It included such distinguished players as Wayne Phillips, Darren Lehmann, Jamie Siddons, Tony Dodemaide, Paul Reiffel, and Damien Fleming. No wonder the Vics won the Sheffield Shield that season!

Darren mentioned the sad and untimely deaths of John Scholes and David Hookes, both in tragic and unexpected situations, and the effect that these tragedies had on himself and his team mates. Finally in this regard, he referred to the sudden death of Phillip Hughes whilst playing for the SA



Darren Berry with his old mentor and friend George Murray

Redbacks whom Darren was coaching at the time, and the effect that these events had on him and his outlook on life.

Darren spoke in some detail and very perceptively about his coaching experiences, both with the SA Shield squad and with the Rajasthan Royals in the Indian Premier League (IPL). There he again worked closely with his old mate Shane Warne who was captain of the Rajasthan Royals at that time. Having resigned from his post as senior coach of the SA Redbacks after a successful four year stint, Darren said that he was happy to return to Victoria where he has bought a property on the Mornington Peninsula, not all that far from where our President Ken Piesse lives.

Ken Piesse thanked his good friend for taking the time to come and talk to us and in so doing made a presentation to him containing a number of Society artefacts. Darren left us with the applause from a grateful audience ringing in his ears.

Calypso Magic - A Film Night Celebrating the Brilliance of West Indian Cricket - Monday, 23 November, 2016 at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

There was another excellent attendance at this gathering at which our good friend Glenn Gibson showed various film clips which reminded us of the great contribution West Indian cricketers have made since their entry onto the Test cricket scene eighty-seven years ago.

However, before Glenn began his film program we were interested to hear a short report from Bryce McGain about the activities of the Elite Cricket Academy of which he is the principal coach. Bryce mentioned a number of the training drills and activities which the youngsters in the Academy were put through. In particular he reported on the progress of our ACS

scholarship holders, all of whom are doing well. He thanked the Society for its valued support of the Academy and its students.

Glenn Gibson began by showing some footage taken from the West Indies first ever tour of Australia in 1930-31. We also saw quite a range of film taken during the 1951-52 series in Australia when the Caribbean spin twins Ramadhin and Valentine made such a favourable impression. That was followed by extensive footage taken from the Australians' tour of the West Indies in 1965. These film clips gave us glimpses of such famous players as Sobers, Hall, and Gibbs on the West Indian side, and Lawry and Simpson in action for Australia.



West Indian captain and legend Sir Frank Worrell with his Australian counterpart in 1960-61, Richie Benaud

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In the second half of Glenn Gibson's fascinating program we were privileged to watch a film tribute to two of Australia's greatest Test cricketers who had recently passed away - Richie Benaud and Arthur Morris. It most certainly brought back vivid memories of these two great Australians in

action, along with brief glimpses of other fine cricketers from their eras. Glenn even threw in right at the end of his presentation film of the great Jack Hobbs batting.

In conclusion, our President Ken Piesse thanked Glenn for putting together such a fine collection of films depicting so many

of the great players of yesteryear in action. This had been a most worthwhile Society occasion. We are fortunate that in Glenn Gibson the Society has such an assiduous and devoted collector of cricket film upon whom we can draw upon for an excellent evening's entertainment.

THE ACS'S BOXING DAY TEST MATCH DINNER AT THE KOOYONG LAWN TENNIS CLUB ON 27 DECEMBER, 2016 - CHRIS ROGERS AND FAZEER MOHAMMED

There were about fifty or so cricket devotees and their friends and partners present at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on the evening of Sunday, 27 December to take part in the Society's annual Boxing Day Test Match Dinner. There, we focus on the cricket and the cricketers from whatever nation is touring at the time. On this occasion we were pleased to welcome Fazeer Mohammed, who has succeeded Tony Cozier as the Voice of West Indian cricket. He was undertaking his sixth tour of Australia with a West Indian touring team. The program also included Chris Rogers, Australia's Man of the Series during the 2015 Ashes Tour of England. Rogers upon retiring from Test match cricket at the conclusion of that disappointing Ashes Tour has moved seamlessly into the commentary box where he now provides expert commentary as part of the ABC's radio coverage of the season's Test and limited overs cricket.

This Dinner took place at the end of the second day's play in the Boxing Day Test match at the MCG. Even then it was already apparent that there was a significant disparity between the two teams. At that stage the West Indies were 6/91 following an Australian declaration on 3/551. This did not prevent our West Indian guest Fazeer Mohammed from participating in some rollicking, good humoured exchanges with Australia's recently retired opening batsman Chris Rogers. The occasion was presided over and expertly guided by our Society President Ken Piesse. Ken made sure that we all enjoyed ourselves in a hectic and mostly light-hearted question and answer session where members of the audience at times chipped in with their own queries or points of view.

The following is the conversational tour de force between our two guests and our President who guided the conversation along chosen paths:

Ken Piesse (KP): Fazeer, we know that you come from the lovely island of Trinidad. Tell us why a Society touring party in your part of the world should visit Trinidad.

Fazeer Mohammed (FM): You should all come to Trinidad and its neighbouring island Tobago because the country is desperately poor and urgently needs the tourist dollar to be spent in large amounts in the island nation to boost its struggling economy. This is particularly so now that the price of oil and natural gas, the country's largest export



Ken Piesse with Chris Rogers and his father, John, at the ACS Boxing Day test match dinner.

industry, has fallen so low. If you came to our part of the world we would promote our "Carnivale" and our cosmopolitan community which consists of people from just about every part of the known world. We cricket lovers think of the cricket-playing islands when we think of the West Indies, but in addition to Trinidad, Jamaica, Antigua, and the Windward Islands where cricket is played there are Dutch, French, and Spanish territories where three or four different cultures can be seen in a very small space of time and area of land.

KP - Who were your heroes as a young man when you were growing up? Who gave you your love of cricket?

FM - I always wanted to play cricket for the West Indies, but a few games with the Trinidad team convinced me that I wasn't nearly good enough, so I decided to devote myself to the next best thing - writing about cricket and broadcasting the game. Andy Roberts was my greatest hero as I was growing up. He was at the forefront of the West Indies pace bowling battery at

the time. He succeeded in taking wickets in every part of the world where cricket is played, most particularly in India, which had hitherto been a graveyard for fast bowlers

KP - So Bucky, (as the President turned his attention to Chris "Buck" Rogers, our second guest) how are you enjoying your commentating duties with the ABC now that you are retired from actually playing Test cricket?

Chris Rogers (CR): Very much indeed. It's a real pleasure to work with Jim Maxwell (who I once thought was a grumpy old man) and Gerard Whateley, who is just as good at describing cricket as he is at describing football and racing. And I've been listening to Fazeer complaining over the last couple of days, but he does a good job too.

KP - I think I speak for all cricket lovers when I say that I think that you are the recruit of the year to the ABC, but you know, you could have been part of the Test cricket scene still. You retired when you were at the top of your game.

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CR - Yes, I could have carried on a bit longer, but the time comes when you've got to give over and give some thought to the rest of your life. I like cricket to be an even contest between bat and ball, and it was that during the Ashes series in England last winter. It will be better when the Aussies go to New Zealand. Their pitches are more like English pitches. The Kiwis very nearly won in Adelaide. They will give us a good run for our money when we go over there and start playing on their pitches. These West Indians look as if they don't care, but I'm sure they do. When you retire you remember the times when you played as a team and you won. The whole team shares in the glow of victory. As a youngster at Wesley College in Perth I could have chosen tennis. I liked the game and I was a bit like Hewitt as a nuggetty little red head, but I preferred cricket because it was a team game in which you shared your experiences with other members of the team. That's what I liked best about playing cricket

KP - Fazeer, what was the most memorable day's cricket you ever saw?

FM - The last day's play in the third Test match between the West Indies and Australia in Bridgetown, Barbados in 1999. Steve Waugh's Australians had made a first innings score of 490 in which Steve himself scored 199. The West Indies had replied with 329. The long and the short of it was that when the last innings of the match started the home team faced the daunting task of making 307 for victory. Eventually the West Indies won by one solitary wicket with our last batsman Courtney Walsh - no great shakes as a batsman you'll all agree - at the crease with his captain Brian Lara who was on 153. At one stage in their second innings the Caribbean cricketers were struggling at 105/5. It looked all over bar the shouting. But that day Lara was superb. He played the most sublime innings I've ever seen. Bravely assisted by stout resistance from the West Indies lower order he saw the team home to victory. He was dropped twice - once a hard chance to Warne, and once a missed chance to Healy the 'keeper. Undoubtedly these two

dropped chances cost the Aussies the game. This was cricket at its most glorious.

KP - Was Lara the best batsman you've ever seen?

FM - Lara was from Trinidad my home country. I admired him greatly. He was a giant among pygmies from a batting point of view. Undoubtedly, however, Viv Richards was the greatest batsman I have ever seen. On all wickets and in all conditions he was a giant among giants. He played at a time when the West Indies had many fine batsmen, but he was the best of the best.

KP - Bucky, who was the batsman who you admired the most?

CR - Justin Langer. He was different from any other player whom I played with or against. He had a combative fighting spirit which I grew to admire greatly as I was learning my own cricket over in the west. By the way, Ken. I'll tell you a funny story involving Murray Goodwin, a WA cricketer who subsequently played Test cricket with Zimbabwe. During the World Cup in England in 1999 Goodwin happened to be in the West Indian dressing room when their group was introduced to the Queen and Prince Phillip. Coming along the line Prince Phillip shook Goodwin's hand observing in a matter-of-fact sort of a way that Goodwin didn't look much like a West Indian. To which Goodwin replied: "No, I'm not a West Indian, but I wish that I was hung like one!" Prince Phillip nearly keeled over with laughter before moving along the line of cricketers who were being presented to him and the Queen.

The President invited questions from the audience. One question from one of our Life Members, Colin Barnes was of sufficient interest to merit mention in this report. It was a question to our West Indian guest about the problems in the administration of West Indian cricket caused by what was widely seen as a dysfunctional board of governance.

Fazeer Mohammed's told us that there was a complete breakdown of trust between the West Indies Cricket Board and the players. There have been three reports on the problems facing West Indian

50 YEARS IN CRICKET

ACS members Graham Brewer, Peter Flack, Ian Crawford and president Ken Piesse have been honoured with 50 year Appreciation Awards from the Victorian Cricket Association for their contributions to cricket.



Ken and Ian (pictured above) played together at Prahran in the early 1970s, the club Ian was president at into a third decade. They received their awards at a recognition ceremony from CV chairman Russell Thomas at the MCG during Victoria's last 'home' match for the season at the MCG in early February.

cricket in the recent past. All of them have recommended that the Board should dissolve itself and a new board should be set up with a different structure and relationship to the players. But the WIBC has refused to endorse this basic recommendation so the problems besetting West Indian cricket persist and don't look like being solved in the near future.

In conclusion our President Ken Piesse thanked our two guests of honour for their contribution to what had been a very happy and successful function. He made a presentation of Society artefacts to both our guests who were gratified by the applause which greeted them at the Dinner's conclusion.

The ACS at the Hobart Over 60s Australian National Championships - November, 2015

The ACS competing for the tenth time at this level, had a most successful Over 60s Carnival in Hobart only to fall at the final hurdle when a rule which allows teams to reintroduce retired batsmen resulted in a final over loss.

As all except Division 1 games were played on synthetic wickets, runs were plentiful. The ACS had one of the better results in bowling oppositions out.

The ACS Squad consisted of the following players: Blyth, Bryce, Dummett, D. Gibson, I. Gibson, Hammet, Jenvey, Lloyd, Neville, O'Meara, Robertson. Smith, and Stockdale.

Round 1: The ACS 5/208 - Dummett 35 ret. Stockdale 35 ret, Robertson 35 ret. v New Zealand 172 - O'Meara 3/24, Neville 2/21, Blyth 2/22. Match Won.

Round 2: The ACS 2/122 - Jenvey 36 ret, I. Gibson 35 ret v Tasmania 120 - Jenvey 4/6, O'Meara 2/11, Lloyd 2/16. Match Won

Round 3: The ACS 4/254 - O'Meara 38 ret, Jenvey 37 ret, Stockdale 35 ret, Robertson 35 ret, Smith 33 v Victoria 182 - Robertson 2/21. Match Won.

Final: The ACS 3/245 - O'Meara 37 ret, Hammet 36 ret, Stockdale 36 ret., I. Gibson 35 ret, Robertson 35, Neville 27* v. NSW 9/246 - O'Meara 2/40, Neville 2/48. Match Lost - **Peter Flack**.

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SCORES AND BEST ACS PERFORMANCES IN MATCHES PLAYED BY THE ACS'S WANDERING XI AND THE ACS'S OVER 60s XI DURING CRICKET SEASON 2015-16

Wandering XI Fixtures

1 November, 2015 - The ACS v. The Ringwood Possums The ACS - 0/62 when rain halted play - Semertzidis 36 ret v the Ringwood Possums 8/152 - McKenzie 3/13, Scotland 2/25, McNamara 2/29 Match Drawn.

23 November, 2015 - The ACS v. a Pakistani Asylum Seekers' XI The ACS 9/138 - M. Delaney 39 ret, Semertzidis 24 v the Pakistani Asylum Seekers XI 175 - Parker 3/27, V Delaney 2/12, Browning 2/30. Match Lost.

13 December, 2015 - The ACS v a Ballarat XI The ACS 5/142 - V. Delaney 39 ret, McKenzie 35 v a Ballarat XI - 9/113 McKenzie - 4/15, Hyde-3/4. Match Won.

9 January, 2016 - The ACS v. a Bradman XI The ACS 6/174 - O'Donnell -41 ret, Timmins 37 ret, Johnson 27 v a Bradman XI 2/217 - Anderson 2/19. Match Lost.

24 January, 2016 - The ACS v. the Lords Taverners The ACS 5/149 - Leggett 35 ret, Quayle 28 ret, V. Delaney 24, M. Delaney - 20 ret hurt v the Lords Taverners 9/121 - Quayle 2/18, Clay 2/21. Match Won.

Over 60s Fixtures

11 October, 2015 - The ACS v. Yarra Valley The ACS 6/127 - G. Johnson - 32 v Yarra Valley - 2/143. Match Lost.

18 October, 2015 - The ACS v. Hobsons Bay The ACS 7/164 - I. Gibson 42 ret, P. Robertson 42 ret, Hammet 30 ret v Hobsons Bay 7/202 - R. Hopkins 2/20. Match Lost

25 October, 2015 - The ACS v Gippsland The ACS 7/189 - Stockdale 49 ret, G. Johnson 43 ret, Neville 27 ret, I. Gibson 25, D. Gibson 25 v Gippsland - 6/191. Match Lost .

4 November, 2015 - The ACS v Casey The ACS 148 - O'Meara 38, I. Gibson 29 v Casey - 7/130 - Rhodes 2/18, Jenvey 2/29. Match Won.

November, 2015 - The National Over 60s Championships in Hobart - See Separate Column Above.

6 December, 2015 - The ACS v Geelong The ACS 4/211 - I Gibson 43 ret, Dummett 40 ret. Lloyd 37 ret, Clarkson 31 v Geelong 9/129 - P. Robertson 3/4, Lloyd 2/21. Match Won.

20 December, 2015 - The ACS v Warrandute Match Abandoned due to the VOSCA Heat Policy.

17 January, 2016 - The ACS v Iona. The ACS 3/276 - Dummett 43 ret, Stockdale 42 ret, I. Gibson 41 ret, Clarkson - 40 ret, Robertson 40 ret, Smith - 39 v Iona - 4/197 - Blyth 2/41. Match Won.

31 January, 2016 - The ACS v Ringwood The ACS - 10/160 - Robertson - 43 ret., Dummett - 27 , I. Gibson - 26, Stockdale - 22 v. Ringwood - 4/165. Match Lost .

The Editor is indebted to both Peter Flack and Ian Hammet for the supply of the above match details.

General News

THE ACS'S SCG BOOK EMPORIUM

The Australian Cricket Society ran a highly successful bookstall despite all the rain at the Sydney Test Match in January. We signed a dozen new members who were delighted to receive our "Pavilion" magazine that included a feature story on Syd Smith Jnr. the father of NSW cricket.

Everyone enjoyed the new and old titles on offer, especially the signed books from our Patron Ricky Ponting, whose Ponting Foundation we are again proud to support this year.

Glenn McGrath and Curtly Ambrose were among those to stop at the marquee and sign their books for the appreciative SCG members.

For the first time we had some beautiful shelves to display the books, and with the help of Senior Committeeman Dave McNamara we raised enough money to make \$1,000 donation to the Ponting Foundation as part of our commitment to one of the great Foundations, supporting the parents of children with cancer.

Our biggest selling book was "The Grade Cricketer". Other top selling titles were Ricky's own autobiography (signed), "Reggie" by Ric. Sissons, and the specially priced "Don Bradman" gift sets (\$95 worth of value which we sold for \$30).

Our thanks go to big Dave and Peter Lloyd, one of our interstate members, for their generous support. Also Ross Barrat and Leah Domanski from the SCG Trust, for making it all possible.

Several of the international players from both teams enjoyed browsing among the books. Dev Bishoo (WI), Scott Boland, and Adam Voges took away copies of our "Pavilion" magazine for a further read.

It was great to spread the word about the ACS and our caring for cricket program to a wider community.

Ken Piesse - President.



Adam Voges; Yet another fan of Pavilion

West Indian leggie Dev Bishoo enjoys 'Pavilion' at the SCG Bookstall.

General News

Our new ACS tie

Stocks of our brand new Australian Cricket Society tie from master tie-makers Rembrandt's have arrived. They are \$40 at our functions or \$45 posted. Cheques payable to ACS c/o Wayne Ross please at PO Box 4528, Langwarrin 3910. (or use our EFT facility, see p7).



The Scholarship Program of the Australian Cricket Society

Late last year the Society's President, Ken Piesse and our Administration Manager Wayne Ross held a meeting with Bryce McGain, the Principal of the Elite Cricket Academy (ECA) about the ACS's continuing engagement with and support of the ECA. This is an abridged and edited version of Ken Piesse's report to the Committee:

Bryce reported that the kids in the Academy are receiving good tuition and care over a wide spectrum of skills and habits. These relate to diet, to the correct use of gymnasium equipment and strength training as well as the more specifically cricket-related skills. There are three girls (including our two scholars) among the squad of about 20 youngsters. The Committee endorsed a recommendation that The Society should, subject to the necessary funds being available, sponsor another 2,3 or even 4 more 12 year olds to the ECA. The Society will develop a website presence for the ECA



and Bryce will also develop an advert for our use in "Scoresheet" and "Pavilion". Wayne will follow up with the co-ordinators of the Mitchell Shield and the Victorian Junior Metro Union to help promote the availability of the scholarships among the relevant target audience. In addition Bryce will invite our junior members to a

clinic on an appropriate day in 2016. The clinic would hopefully be addressed by someone like Chris Rogers.

Cricket Related Awards Announced in This Year's Australia Day Honours List

The Editor is indebted to the Society's long-standing member Dr. Greg McKie for the following information extracted from this year's Australia Day Honours List: **AO** Michael Ball – for the promotion of cricket history. **OAM** Stephen Pascoe – for services to cricket in the Warrandyte, Ringwood and Norwood area of outer eastern Melbourne. **Graeme Scannell** – for services to cricket in the Geelong area of Victoria

We congratulate these men on their awards and wish them more happy years of service to the game of cricket.

Keeping In Touch With the Australian Cricket Society

The ACS's webmaster Anthony Hall is working hard on the transformation and updating of our website. We apologize to any members who have been experiencing difficulties in using the website lately. Whilst the website is in transition some problems have been inevitable. We assure members they are only temporary. The Society's website address is australiancricketsociety.com.au, whilst our email address is info@australiancricketsociety.com.au

News of Members

Julian McDonald - a Member and a Valued Sponsor of the Society

Julian McDonald is a Director of the Family Law Firm Westminster Lawyers who are one of the Society's valued sponsors. Every time the Society holds a function Westminster Lawyers helps us to meet the costs of running that function. We are most



grateful to both Julian and his senior colleague Michael Le Febvre for their continued support of the ACS. Julian has been good enough to supply the Editor with the following outline of his interest in and support of the Society:

- I've been a Director of Westminster Lawyers since 2007 after commencing with the firm in 2004.
- I was accredited by the Law Institute as a Specialist in Family Law in 2007.

- I was educated at Xavier College and then at Deakin University.
- We decided to sponsor the Australian Cricket Society after attending one of the regular lunches.
- I have a great love of cricket, particularly Test cricket and have thoroughly enjoyed our involvement with the Australian Cricket Society.
- During the winter months I am a keen supporter of St.Kilda in the AFL. I enjoy following almost all sports.

New Members

Since the last issue of "Scoresheet" was published during November the following members have joined the Society: **Mark Sturgess, Bill Furmedge, Vincent Delaney (Junior Member), Peter Leggett, Kevan Carroll (rejoining), Luke Redfearn, James Bazzo, Alan Hands (rejoining), Alan Henn, Peter Freckleton, Andrew Trotter, Tim Brooks, David Beames, William Holder, and Richard Handscomb.**

In addition, the following have joined up during the recent Sydney Test Match: **David Abernethy, Robert Adby, John Hamilton, Wendy Morahan, Rhys Morrison, John Robb, Pat Rogers, John Ryan, David Solomons, Paul Sproules, and Don White.**

We welcome these new members into the Society. Any change in address or email address should be conveyed to the ACS Membership Officer Adrian McKenzie at the Society's official address at P.O.Box 4528, Langwarrin, Victoria, 3910, Phone 9479 2663. Email Address: adrianmckenzie@netspace.net.au

The deadline for the inclusion of material in the Autumn edition of "Scoresheet" is Friday, 22 April, 2016. The Editor's home telephone number is (03)9876 3909. His email address is dmaning8@bigpond.com.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET SOCIETY

CRICKET SCHOLARSHIPS



**3 YEAR SCHOLARSHIP
VALUED AT \$5,000**



WE TEACH ASPIRING YOUNG CRICKETERS WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME FIRST-CLASS CRICKETERS.

The Australian Cricket Society Inc. is now seeking applications for its 2016 Scholarship program at Bryce McGain's Elite Cricket Academy (ECA). Victorian cricket's elite finishing school.

Bryce McGain, an ex-Australian Test player, heads an expert band of specialist coaches who are accelerating the performance of tomorrow's stars today. The advance training skill set and game-sense practice programs are unique for this aspiring age group. Each scholarship runs for three years and is worth almost \$5,000.

The Elite Academy program includes two three-day camps, in-depth education advancement, a master-class and an annual Academy tournament.

In addition to coaching the participants, the Elite Cricket Academy provides complete Cricket Coach development and unique opportunities for young aspiring coaches to work with experienced

International Level coaches such as ex-Australian Dav Whatmore and Level 3 accredited coaching staff including Bryce McGain, Peter DiVenuto, Peter Buchanan and ex Glamorgan and Warwickshire county cricketer David Hemp.

Applicants must be aged 13 or under at 1 January 2016. To apply, please send your name, address, date of birth, the club you represent, your 2014-15 record, a reference from your club coach, and also a paragraph telling us why you would like to be part of the Elite Cricket Academy in 2016 to:

**Australian Cricket Society,
ECA Scholarship program,
PO Box 4528,
Langwarrin, 3910, Vic**
Or email: info@australiancricketsociety.com.au

Application deadline: 27 March 2016.

The successful applicant will be notified by mail during April.

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