



CALYPSO MAGIC

Celebrating the brilliance of West Indies cricket

Monday 23, November, 2015 at 6.30pm for a 7pm start at Kooyong



DATE: Monday, 23 November, 2015

TIME: 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start.

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

COST: \$25 per head for members; \$30 for non-members

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, tea, coffee and finger food will be served

BOOKINGS: Bookings are essential. Bookings and moneys should be in the hands of the ACS Secretary Wayne Ross at P. O. Box 4528, Langwarrin, Victoria, 3910 by no later than Wednesday, 18 November, 2015. Phone:0416 983 888.



FOCUS OF THE EVENING.

Our film expert Glenn Gibson has some wonderful delights for us with 45 minutes on Australia-West Indies Test Cricket from 1930-31 to 1968-69. This will be followed by a 30 minute tribute to four recently departed Test greats in Frank Tyson, Richie Benaud, Arthur Morris and Lindsay Kline.

Flashback to '65: Frank Worrell and Garry Sobers with Bobby Simpson and Bob Parish

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Future Activities & Events

BOXING DAY TEST MATCH DINNER - SUNDAY, 27 DECEMBER, 2015 AT KOOYONG

The important details of this gala Society function are as follows:

DATE: Sunday, 27 December, 2015

TIME: 7 pm for a 7.30pm start

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

OUR GUESTS: Chris. Rogers & Fazeer Mohammed

COST: \$100 for members & members' partners; \$110 for non-members.

BOOKINGS: Bookings are essential. Bookings and moneys should be in the hands of the Society's Secretary Wayne Ross at P.O. Box 4528, Langwarrin, Victoria, 3910 by no later than Tuesday, 22 December, 2015. EFT payments are fine. Cheques should be made payable to the ACS. Wayne's phone number is 0416 983 888. His email address is acs.asn.cricketvictoria.com.au.

OUR GUESTS OF HONOUR

CHRIS ROGERS

Chris Rogers needs no introduction to cricket fans in this part of the world. Although originally hailing from the west, he eventually made Victoria his home state where he played as an opening batsman before being recalled into the Australian Test team late in his career. From that point on his batting was a revelation. He made



a specialty of getting the Australian innings off to a sound start in a number of encounters against the Old Enemy in Ashes Test matches. His extensive experience for various counties in England stood him in good stead. His final Test match series in England before he announced his retirement from Test cricket earlier this year saw him averaging 60 runs an innings. His total aggregate of 480 runs in the five-Test Ashes series included his highest Test match score of 173. In this his final Test series Chris was awarded the crown as Australia's Man of the Series. Chris has already spoken to us once before in a visit sandwiched between cricketing commitments in England and the United Arab Emirates in October 2014. We look forward very much to hearing from him again as our honoured guest at this year's Boxing Day Test Dinner.

FAZEER MOHAMMED

Fazeer Mohammed has become the much-loved Voice of Cricket in the Caribbean. He has taken over the mantle which was occupied so well for so long by the revered Tony Cozier. Fazeer hails from Port-of-Spain in Trinidad where it didn't take him long to discover as a youth that he was no great shakes as a player. Essentially, he built up a love of the game by reading as much as he could about the deeds and personalities of some of the great West Indian players of the past, including Clive Lloyd, Garry Sobers and Gordon Greenidge. He got his chance as a cricket broadcaster in 1992 when the South Africans visited the Caribbean, and his career hasn't taken a backward step since. He has become a sounding board on the public airwaves and in the press for all things connected with West Indian cricket. His opinions about the game in the Caribbean are widely sought after and highly respected. Fazeer has a well developed sense of humour and a pretty thick skin - two qualities which are much in demand by all those who follow the game and have the best interests of West Indian cricket at heart in these difficult days. Members and friends of the Society will find Fazeer Mohammed an entertaining and thoughtful after-dinner speaker when he comes to adorn our Boxing Day Test Dinner on the 27th December next.



ACS Cricket Book Sale - Sydney Test Match, 3 - 7 January, 2016

The Trustees of the Sydney Cricket Ground were so impressed with the way the Australian Cricket Society conducted its first cricket book sale at the SCG Test against India last summer that they have invited the ACS to offer a similar service to patrons attending the Third Test Match between Australia and the West Indies next January.

Once again the Society's President Ken Piesse will be heading north with a car loaded with cricket books which he will be selling during the popular New Year Test. Any members also planning to attend the SCG Test and who are available to help staff the book stall for any amount of time are invited to make their interest known to Ken on 0419 549 458 or email kenpiesse@ozemail.com.au

The ACS again hopes to make a sizeable donation from the anticipated profits to the Ponting Foundation, run by our ambassador Ricky Ponting and his wife Rianna.

The ACS Supporters Tour of New Zealand - 11 - 29 February, 2016

Our President, Ken Piesse and his wife Susan are hosting an ACS supporters tour of New Zealand between February 11th and February 29th next year. The specific purpose of the trip is to enable touring members and friends of the Society to witness play in the two Test matches Australia is scheduled to play against New Zealand. The first is at the Basin Reserve Ground in Wellington beginning on the 11th February and the second begins on the 19th February and will be played at Hagley Park in beautiful Christchurch. At the conclusion of the Tests the touring party will be given the opportunity of visiting some of NZ's famed beauty spots, including Blenheim, Mt. Cook, and fabled Queenstown before returning home to Melbourne on Leap Year Day. Tickets to the Test matches are guaranteed. The overall cost of the Tour is \$4,999 per person twin share. There are still several places on this fabulous tour available. Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Ken Piesse on 0419 549 458 or email him at kenpiesse@ozemail.com.au. The tour has been specifically designed for ACS members by our Gold Sponsors Events Worldwide Travel Group.

The President's Piesse

BRING ON THE KIWIS

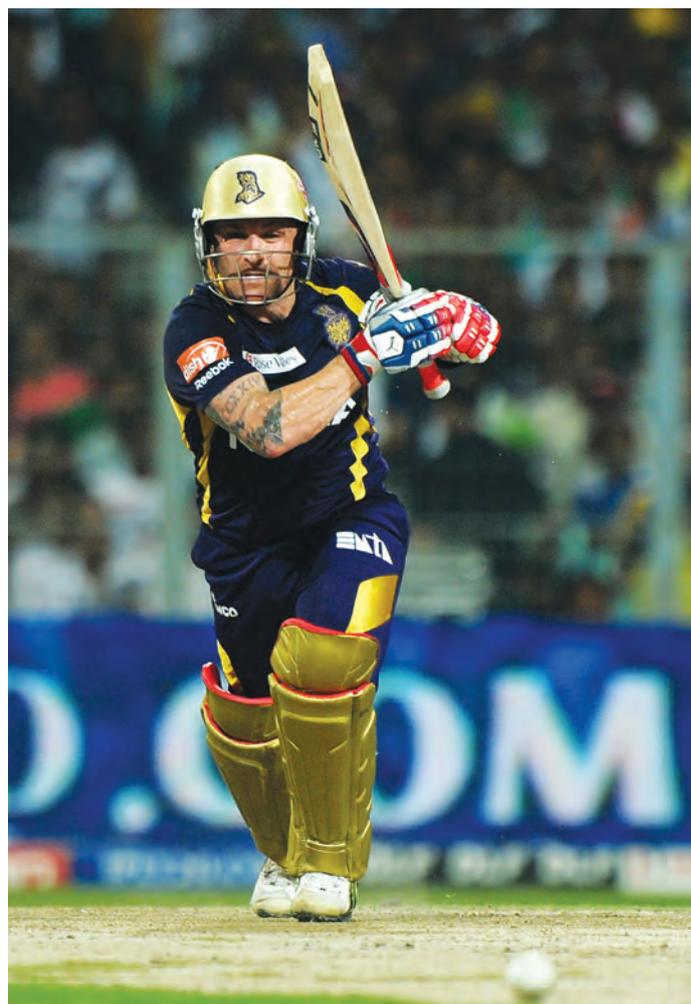
Red-ball cricket takes precedence, at least temporarily, with the start of the Trans-Tasman Tests in Brisbane during early November. It is five years since the New Zealanders have been in Australia for Chappell-Hadlee Test action, and for once they start as equal favourites with Australia's new-look Test team badly out of practice against the red ball. In Boult, Southee, McCullum and Taylor the Kiwis have four genuine world-class stars capable of being matchwinners, starting in Brisbane next month where the Australians have been unbeaten since 1988.

A return mini-Test series in New Zealand will continue the challenge when the two teams meet again in combat next February. Hopefully, there will be more Chappell-Hadlee contests in the not-too-distant future. It would have been wonderful if the Kiwis had been given the feature Tests of the summer over the Christmas - New Year period. As it stands, the trouble-plagued West Indies team which is scheduled to play Australia in a three-Test series over the Christmas - New Year period seem to be little more advanced than a club team. They could be beaten inside three days in each of the Test matches. Our administrators, rather than the ICC should have the power to make the call on who plays when. We've known for some time that the Windies at present are a second-rate side.

The Kooyong Test Dinner

We are looking forward to the Boxing Day Test match and our annual Test Dinner at Kooyong featuring Chris Rogers, Australia's just retired opening batsman, and Fazeer Mohammed, the leading West Indian cricket commentator. Chris retired after becoming Australia's Man of the Series in England after the 2015 Ashes series. He is intending to play one last county season in England in 2016. Fazeer hails from Trinidad and has succeeded Tony Cozier as the 'voice' of West Indian cricket. He has been as frustrated as all of us by the off-field dramas that continue to plague West Indian cricket. Chris and Faz are co-starring on the night of 27 December from 7 pm. We hope that all of our members will make every effort to support the Society on this very special night.

Ken Piesse - President



A SPORTING CAPTAIN: Brendon McCullum

ACS CRICKET FIXTURES - SEASON 2015-16

Wandering XI (Over 40s) Matches

21 Oct 2015	MCC XXIX s Club*	The Albert Ground	1 Nov. 2015	Ringwood Possums*	Caulfield Sub-District
15 Nov 2015	VCA Umpires	Butler Oval, Frankston	22 Nov. 2015	Pakistan Asylum-Seekers	Malvern
29 Nov 2015	Camperdown	Camperdown	13 Dec 2015	Ballarat Bushwhackers	Ballarat Grammar School
9 Jan 2016	Sir Donald Bradman XI	Bowral, NSW.	24 Jan 2016	The Lord's Taverners	Shepherd's Flat
7 Feb 2016	The Suma Park Bellerinas	Queenscliff	21 Feb 2016	The Supreme Court XI	Carlton
6 Mar 2016	Power House	H.H. Olney Res. Fairfield	13 Mar 2016	The Prim.Club/Lord's Tav	H.H. Olney Res., Fairfield.

*Invitation Matches.

Over 60s Matches

11 Oct 2015	Yarra Valley	Seville	18 Oct 2015	Hobson's Bay	Camberwell.
25 Oct 2015	Gippsland	Carlton	8 Nov	Casey	Camberwell

The Australian National Over 60s Championships

14 Nov 2015	The Thylacenes*	Hobart	16 Nov 2015	New Zealand	Lindisfarne Tas.
17 Nov 2015	Tasmania	Richmond, Tas.	19 Nov 2015	Victoria	Glenorchy, Tas.
20 Nov 2015	Aust Over 60s Final	Gellston Bay, Tas.			

Regular Fixtures

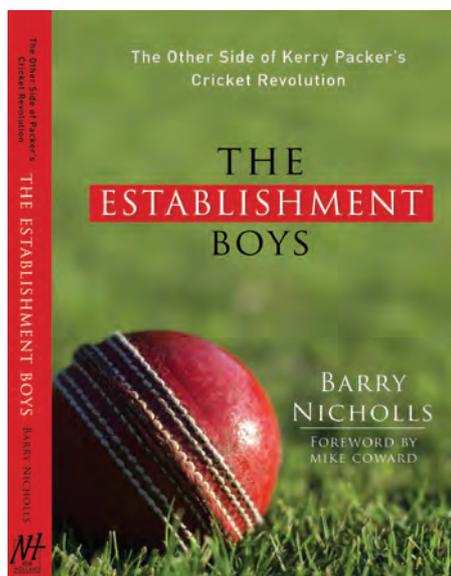
6 Dec 2015	Geelong	Queen's Park, Geelong	20 Dec 2015	Warrandyte	Warrandyte
17 Jan 2016	Iona Stars	Iona	8 Feb 2016	Ringwood	Ringwood
14 Feb 2016	Bayside	Malvern or Camberwell	28 Feb 2016	Sunbury	Sunbury
20 Mar 2016	VOSCA Over 60s Carnival	Echuca			

*Practice Match.

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THE ACS'S CRICKET NOSTALGIA LUNCHEON WITH FIVE OF THE ACB'S ESTABLISHMENT CRICKETERS FROM THE 1970'S -KOOYONG, FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER, 2015.

There was an excellent gathering of over 60 members and friends of the Society present at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club in Glenferrie Road. Our President, Ken Piesse welcomed and introduced five distinguished Victorians who had represented their country at cricket during the late 1970's when so many of their team mates had elected to join World Series Cricket which was organized and sponsored by Kerry Packer, one of Australia's leading and most influential businessmen at that time. The Society's guests of honour at this



nostalgic function were Graham Yallop, Australia's captain in that memorable Ashes series which was played during the summer of 1978-79, Alan Hurst, Jeff Moss, Ian Callen, and Jim Higgs. To interview these men our President had invited to be present Barry Nicholls, the author of the book "The Establishment Boys", which focuses on the heroic deeds of the men whom the Australian Cricket Board (the ACB) had selected to counter the pervasive influence at the time of Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket (WSC). Barry interviewed in turn Alan Hurst, and Jeff Moss, then Ian Callen and Jim Higgs, and finally the captain of that Australian team which he famously led "as lambs to the slaughter", Graham Yallop.

However, before the discussions got under way we were treated to a superb and graphic selection of film supplied by our cricket film guru Glenn Gibson. He showed excerpts from play in that historic Ashes series of 1978-79 when Australia was led by Graham Yallop, and England's near-full strength side was led by Mike Brearley.

Alan Hurst and Jeff Moss

First of all Barry Nicholls complemented and congratulated all of the Establishment cricketers for sticking to their guns and

remaining loyal to the Australian Cricket Board in a time of great turmoil in Australian cricket when the cricket-loving public were torn between the two competing camps - the ACB's establishment brand and the more exciting but less traditional brand, Kerry Packer's World Series Cricket.

Casting his mind back to those tumultuous times, Alan Hurst remarked that he wasn't fazed by the cricket war. He was just happy as a young cricketer to get a game with a representative Australian side. He recalled that in the two late summer Test matches against Pakistan in 1978-79 ill-feeling was running high between the two teams over two recent controversial umpiring decisions. One player was given out handling the ball, whilst another player was 'Mankaded' out for leaving the non-striker's crease before the bowler had actually delivered the ball.

Hurst recalled this latter decision vividly because he was the Australian who actually ran out the offending No.11 Pakistani batsman for going yards down the wicket on the seventh and eighth deliveries (note that eight ball overs were still in vogue at the time) in order to avoid having to face the bowling during the next over

Alan recalled what a pleasure it was to be bowling with Rodney Hogg during that memorable Ashes campaign of 1978-79 when "Hoggy" took all before him in famously capturing 41 wickets at 12.85 in what was then a record tally for an Ashes series.

Ian Callen and Jim Higgs

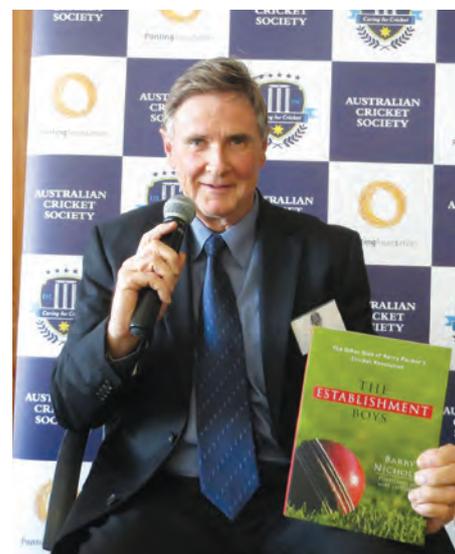
Ian Callen vividly recalled his one and only Test match. It was against India. He recalled that in this match he was bowling in tandem with the dynamic Jeff Thomson. He was quite awe-struck to be in the same team as such a famous Australian bowler, particularly as the Indian team whom they were playing had such famous Indian players in it as Gavaskar, Vengsarkar, Viswanath, Chandrasekhar and Prasanna.

Jim Higgs related how he had toured England in 1975 without being selected in a Test side. This was especially disappointing to him because during that series he noted that the ball was turning, and the spinners were getting quite a lot of purchase from the English wickets. Later when he was touring the West Indies in 1978, he got a decision in his favour from the umpire against the West Indian batsman Vanburn Holder which caused the crowd in the stands to riot violently. Bottles, cans, stones, broken chairs, and all manner of detritus were thrown by the irate crowd at the Australian players. Eventually, they had to be escorted off the field by the local Jamaican Chief of Police. Higgs said that the players were lucky to get off the ground

without being injured. Imagine their frustration when they arrived ready to play the next day, only to find that the West Indian umpires had called the match off on account of their fear of civil unrest.

Graham Yallop

Graham Yallop commenced his recollections by making the point that during his time in charge of the Australian team he did not have anything like the necessary number of support staff to back him up in what he had to do with his team. There was an absence of physiotherapists, doctors, coaches, and analysts in the touring party. The result was that far too much time and effort was spent by the captain off the field attempting to do things which no contemporary Australian captain would have to do.



Graham Yallop

Graham told us that he was completely taken aback by Rodney Hogg's action in the Perth Test against England in the 1978-79 Ashes series when, after having 2/3 off 3 overs Hogg took it into his head to leave the field to freshen up and have a shower and a change of clothing. Hogg had to be coaxed back onto the field. In normal circumstance Yallop said he would be expected to be champing at the bit in his eagerness to get at the Pommy batsmen. However, when the selectors told Yallop that they intended to drop Hogg for his poor attitude, his captain stoutly defended him. He assured the administrators that they couldn't possibly do this as Hogg was his number one attacking bowler and couldn't be suspended from the team.

Graham alluded to the infamous riot in the Jamaica Test match in the West Indies during the 1978 series when the main concern was to get the players off the field without suffering any injuries. With the aid

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of the local Police Chief they were able to achieve this.

Graham was asked by Barry Nicholls whether he had any inkling of the approaching World Series Cricket split in the cricket world and whether there were any rumours circulating in dressing rooms prior to the cricket revolution. Our guest responded that if there were any rumours at the time he wasn't privy to any such talk, nor did he bother to ask anybody about what might be going on with regard to the politics of the game.

On this note the talk around this fascinating and nostalgic luncheon of cricket times past was brought to a conclusion. Our President, Ken Piesse, thanked all the participants most profusely and made presentations to each of them. Members flocked around the book table in large numbers, many of them eager to buy signed copies of Barry Nicholls's excellent book "The Establishment Boys" All agreed that this had been another fine Society occasion.

The 48th AGM of the Australian Cricket Society - Wednesday, 16 September, 2015.

The President's Report

A small group of members were in their places in the Ron Casey Media Centre at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on the evening of Wednesday, 16 September last to hear the President, Ken Piesse refer to various salient points taken from his annual report on the Society's activities for the year ended 30th June 2015. His report, together with the financial report and the results of all the matches played by ACS teams during the 2014-15 season had been previously printed and distributed to members at the AGM. Ken highlighted the many successful functions which the Society had held during the year, mentioning in particular the 48th annual dinner, which was attended by well over 200 members and friends of the Society where Rodney Hogg had stepped in at the last minute to entertain members in a right royal manner. He also thanked all members of the hard-working committee for their contribution throughout the year, and drew the attention of the gathering to the Society's sponsors and the important contribution they continued to make to the wellbeing of the Society.

The Appointment of the Society's Office - Bearers for the 2015-16 Year of the ACS's Activities

The following members were elected to hold office during the coming year as indicated below:

President: Ken Piesse

Vice-Presidents: Doug Manning and Anthony Hall

Secretary: Wayne Ross

Treasurer: Adrian McKenzie

Committee: Ross Cook, William Craddock, Peter Flack, David McNamara, Sara Sprague.

Appointment of a New Life Member:



On the motion of Ian Hammet, seconded by Wayne Ross, our long-serving President Ken Piesse was unanimously awarded the signal honour of being made an Hon. Life Member of the Society. All members, I am sure would like to join the Editor in congratulating Ken on this high distinction which he richly deserves.

The Society's AGM Guest of Honour - Nick Richardson

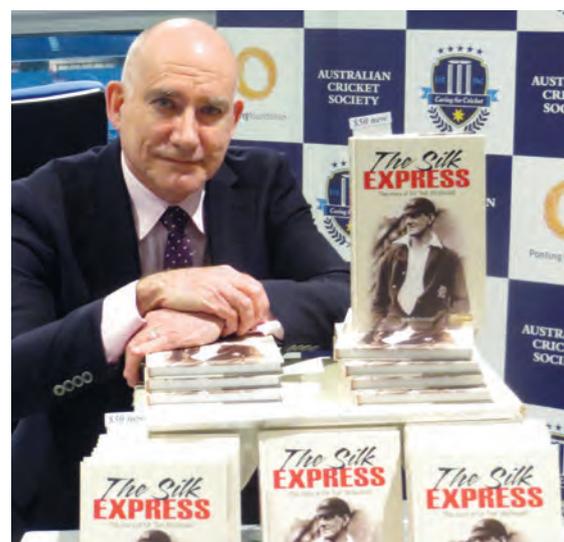
Members present were fortunate to be able to listen to a brief talk by Nick Richardson, who had written a biography of the famous Australian fast bowler Ted McDonald called "The Silk Express", copies of which were available for purchase at the meeting.

Nick related how as a journalist who was originally based in Launceston, the birthplace of Ted McDonald, it was only natural that he should hone in on the life and times of this fine Australian cricketer. After a couple of highly successful Ashes series immediately after the First World War, McDonald suddenly disappeared from the Australian cricket scene to spend the rest of his cricketering life playing professional cricket in England. Initially in the Lancashire League then for the county of Lancashire until his untimely death from injuries sustained in a car accident during 1937.

Nick told us that his subject Ted McDonald became addicted to gambling,

a habit which caused him to be always short of money with which to feed his habit. Hence his sudden departure to England soon after his Ashes Test match triumphs during 1920-21 in Australia and 1921 in England. Despite the fact that at the height of his fame and fortune he was the highest paid professional cricketer in the world, at the time of his death in 1937 he was only able to leave his widow and their two sons the lowly sum of 300 pounds sterling.

Nevertheless, on a purely cricketering level McDonald had a highly successful career. In addition to his historic fast bowling



Nick Richardson

partnership with Jack Gregory in those immediate post-war years for which he is rightly remembered, McDonald became one of only 11 Australian bowlers who have taken over 1,000 first-class wickets. He bowled at a pace similar to Glenn McGrath. He could bend the ball around quite a lot, particularly in English conditions, and he used the bouncer at times quite lethally to intimidate opposing batsmen. In fact, Douglas Jardine, England's notorious "bodyline" captain, felt that Ted McDonald was one of the first bowlers to use "bodyline" tactics. It is interesting to note that McDonald dismissed the young Don Bradman for 9 in the Australians' match against Lancashire in Liverpool during their 1930 tour. He had a beautifully smooth run to the wicket and delivered the ball from a classically side-on position. Harold Larwood, who was a younger contemporary of McDonald's remembered him as a true fast bowler with a model economical action well worth emulating.

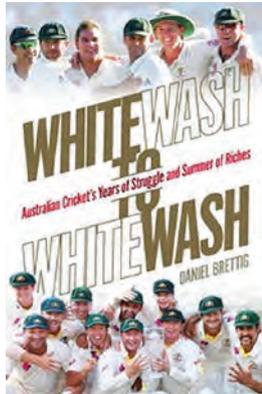
Our President, Ken Piesse, thanked Nick for his fascinating talk on Ted McDonald and made a small presentation to him. Those present came away grateful that we had heard an excellent talk on the life and times of a high achieving cricketer who lived well before our time.

General News

The ACS Literary Award for 2014-15 – the Jack Pollard Trophy

The 2014-15 ACS Literary Award – the Jack Pollard Trophy – was won by Sydney author Daniel Brettig for his book *Whitewash to Whitewash: Australian Cricket's Years of Struggle and Summer of Riches*. Daniel's book is an insider's account of the highs and lows of Australian cricket between 2007 and 2013. His book was published by Penguin Books.

Second placing in this year's judging went to another Sydney author, Max Bonnell, for his book *Lucky – the Life of H. L. 'Bert' Collins*, whilst third place went to Greg Growden for his excellent book about a little-known but quite dark chapter in Australian cricket history entitled *Bowled by a Bullet – The tragic Life of Claude Tozer*. We congratulate these authors on their latest work and wish them well in any future work which they may undertake.



News from Kindred Societies

The ACS – Tasmania. The most recent meeting of the Tasmanian Branch of the Australian Cricket Society was held towards the end of October when a group of Society members was addressed by Ben McDermott, the younger son of Craig McDermott, the former Australian Test fast bowler who is currently serving as Australia's senior bowling coach. Interestingly, young Ben is a batsman-wicket-keeper who is domiciled in Hobart this summer. Also during October the ACS in Tasmania combined with the local branch of the Lords Taverners in a breakfast meeting in the Wrest Point Casino where they heard an address by footballing great Chris Judd who was promoting the sale of his book *Chris Judd – The Autobiography*.

The Cricket Society – England Recent meetings of the Cricket Society in England have included gatherings addressed by Stephen Chalke, who has just recently launched his new book *The Summer Crown* which is about the history of the county championship. A later meeting which took place after the Society's AGM was addressed by well known cricket journalist Brian Scovell. An earlier meeting during July took place especially to meet and greet Ken Piesse's ACS tourists when they were in London to watch the Lord's Test. Later meetings will be addressed by David Kynaston and Andrew Murtagh

News of Members

ACS Members Feature Prominently in Veterans Representative Matches Early in the New Season

Ian Hammet has informed the Editor of the selection of a number of well-known Society veteran cricketers in representative matches – so-called "Test" matches – which have been played during the early part of 2015-16. He tells us that he himself has been asked to play in the Australian Over 70s team against an England Over 70s squad in a match on Manuka Oval in Canberra on Melbourne Cup Day. Bob Hopkins also played for Australia in one of these Over 70s "Test" matches against a visiting England team. Bob played in the match very early in the season in Brisbane. Two years ago ACS trail blazers Peter Flack, Graeme Freshwater and Des Lloyd played in similar "Test" matches against the Old Enemy in their home country. We congratulate all of these men in remaining fit enough to play active competitive cricket well into their 70s.

ACS Man, Greg Johnson – The New President of VOSCA

We congratulate our fellow Australian Cricket Society member Greg Johnson on his recent appointment as President of the Victorian Over Sixties Cricket Association (VOSCA). We are pleased he is well aware of the significant role which our ACS Over 60s and Over 70s teams play in the overall



Greg Johnson

structure of the veterans cricket association. This form of cricket continues to grow exponentially in influence and importance in Victoria.

Greg Johnson has established a most impressive profile in the sphere of cricket and service in civilian life and as a family man over many years. As we look at his cricketing achievements we note that he began his quite distinguished career many years ago as a right-handed and middle-

order batsman and a slow-medium bowler with the Booroondara Club. Greg played 175 games as captain at Booroondara, on one notable occasion winning a grand final in a team in which he played with his father. Later he moved on to play with both the Camberwell and Prahran clubs. He played 300 games for the Deepdene Cricket Club where he was selected in the ECA Team of the Century.

Greg has two daughters and three grandchildren. He is an avid golfer and lawn bowls player where he serves as a volunteer at the Melbourne East Disability Centre. And, wouldn't you know it – he is a keen supporter of the "Mighty Hawks".

Greg spent most of his working life in health-related administration in which capacity he served for eight years as Victorian State Manager for Medicare Australia.

Greg has been very active in retirement. He has enjoyed cricket trips to the UK, France, Spain, New Zealand, the United States, Sri Lanka and Iceland. He toured with the Australian Over 60s team that beat the Poms in England earlier this year. He is the vice-captain of the Victorian Over 60s team.

From the above it can be seen that Greg Johnson is eminently qualified to undertake his new responsibilities as President of VOSCA. We congratulate him on his appointment and wish him all the best as he takes up this important role in expanding the influence of cricket in this state.

[The Editor is indebted to Ian Hammet for the above profile.]

News of Members

Dr Greg McKie in the Nets at the ICC World Cup

Dr Greg McKie, one of the Society's most distinguished and long-serving members, acted as a practice captain to a number of the visiting World Cup teams during the time when they were in Melbourne for the World Cup during February and March. Here is his account of his experiences in that role:



Greg McKie

I was a Training Co-ordinator for this year's World Cup. This meant that I was involved in helping run pre-match training for teams who were playing in Melbourne. I worked at the Junction Oval where I helped with the training for teams from the UAE, Afghanistan, India and South Africa. We had morning and afternoon practice sessions – usually a team during the morning and another during the afternoon.

We had a squad of net bowlers who worked in two-hour shifts. They were all of very good standard and seemed to enjoy the experience – even when batsmen were

trying their hardest to hit them out of the ground!

The training sessions were closed with only the media from the training team being allowed to attend. This arrangement caused congestion at times, especially with a team like India who had an army of accredited journalists following them around.

Some teams had a lot of support staff. India had almost three times as many

coaches as they had players. Many of them appeared bored and gave the impression that they did not really want to be there.

The layout of the Junction Oval from the practice nets (off the ground at the Fitzroy Street end of the ground) to the scoreboard (off the ground at the City end of the ground) is an enormous distance – maybe 170+ metres. Hashim Amla straight drove a ball that bounced just inside the fence and then hit the scoreboard on the second bounce. I have never seen a ball hit so far. It was an amazing stroke. Virat Kohli, batting at the northern end of the centre

wicket, tried to hit every ball out of the ground on the leg side. He succeeded many times. Eventually we posted a squad of fielders outside the ground collecting balls.

Racial discrimination was evident at times. Overall, however, most of the players were a delight to be with. Some of them even went out of their way to have a chat or make comments about being in Australia.

The thing which really stood out for me was the way in which some of these players went about their training. I watched Morne Morkel bowling for about two hours on the centre wicket at a single stump, while Amla batted for almost an entire session practicing different strokes for seemingly a specified time before moving onto practice other strokes. No wonder these men are world class! – **Greg McKie**

Kyle van Raay – One of Our Junior Members – at the Melbourne Stars Master Class

Recently, two of our junior members – Kyle van Raay and Griffen Sprague – were invited to attend a Melbourne Stars Master Class. Kyle van Raay provided the following account of his experience:

My name is Kyle van Raay, and I was given the opportunity by the Australian Cricket Society of going to the Melbourne Stars Master Class at the MCG. The talk was about Leadership and Mental Health. We did many activities where we had to use our leadership and communication skills to achieve what the activity was. There was also a panel of people who were asked questions. The person on the panel who I appreciated the most was Sam Harper. Like him I am a wicketkeeper. I look up to him and imagine that one day I might be in a similar position to him. At the Master Class they also talked about the importance of having something to do outside of the game in order to keep a good life balance, which I thought was a really good point. I would like to thank once again the Melbourne Stars and the Australian Cricket Society for the opportunity of attending the Master Class. – **Kyle van Raay**

New Members

Since the last edition of "Scoresheet" was published during August, the following members have joined the Society: **Timothy Winter, Rhonda Ross, Helen Lyon, Lindsay Thorington, Michael Ford and Mike Rose**. The following Junior Members have also joined the Society: **Jack Stockham, Luke Stockham and P. J. Egan**.

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 9579 2663. Email Address: adrianmckenzie@netspace.net.au.

The deadline for the inclusion of material in the Summer edition of "Scoresheet" is Friday, 22 January, 2016.

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SUN 20 DEC 2015		MCG	7:25PM
SAT 2 JAN 2016		MCG	6:10PM
WED 6 JAN 2016		MCG	7:40PM
SAT 9 JAN 2016		ETIHAD STADIUM	7:10PM
THU 14 JAN 2016		MCG	7:40PM



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DATE	OPPONENT	VENUE	LOCAL START TIME
SAT 5 DEC 2015		JUNCTION OVAL	10:00AM
SAT 5 DEC 2015		JUNCTION OVAL	2:30PM
SAT 2 JAN 2016		MCG	1:40PM
SUN 3 JAN 2016		MCG	2:30PM
FRI 8 JAN 2016		ALBERT GROUND	10:00AM
SUN 10 JAN 2016		ALBERT GROUND	10:00AM

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