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AN ACS LUNCHEON WITH A FOOTBALL LEGEND

AN ACS KELVIN CLUB LUNCHEON WITH DAVID PARKIN, OAM, ONE OF FOOTBALL'S GREATEST PREMIERSHIP COACHES, CAPTAINS AND FOOTBALL BRAINS.

DETAILS OF THIS FANTASTIC EVENT

- DATE:** Friday, 22nd March, 2013.
TIME: 12 noon for a 12.30pm start
VENUE: The Kelvin Club, Melbourne Place off Russell St in the CBD.
COST: \$75 for members; \$85 for non-members; \$700 for a table of ten.
BOOKINGS: Bookings and luncheon monies need to be in the hands of the ACS Secretary Wayne Ross at P.O Box 4528, Langwarrin, Vic., 3910 by no later than Mon. 18th March. Cheques should be made payable to the ACS. Wayne's phone number is 0416 983 888 or email acs@asn.cricketvictoria.com.au



OUR GUEST OF HONOUR

David Parkin: One of football's outstanding personalities who was recognized for his lifetime contribution to sport in January with the Medal of the Order of Australia. David Parkin is one of the few post-war footballers to both play in and coach AFL clubs to premierships. He captained Hawthorn to the 1971 flag before coaching Hawthorn to the 1978 premiership and then coaching Carlton to back-to-back premierships in 1981-82 and again in 1995. Perhaps his greatest coaching achievement was to lift Fitzroy into the 1986 preliminary final – its first in 26 years. David follows a distinguished list of greats who have been the Society's guests at football season launch luncheons. These include Peter Hudson, Leigh Matthews, Ron Barassi, Peter McKenna and Tommy Hafey.

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FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



CARNIVAL TIME!

The Society's cricketers plan to take part in three upcoming cricket carnivals as follows:

THE VINTAGE CRICKET CARNIVAL
Port Macquarie
17 – 23 March, 2013

THE 7TH WORLD VINTAGE CRICKET CARNIVAL
Geelong
2 – 8 January, 2014.

THE 16TH GOLDEN OLDIES WORLD CRICKET CARNIVAL
Cape Town, South Africa
Oct 2014 or March 2015.

Any members who wish to take part in any of these carnivals either as a player or a supporter should contact the Society's Tour Manager, David McNamara on 0412 105 100 or email bigmac1457@bigpond.com.

THE PRESIDENT'S PIESSE

Unearthing The Next Ponting... Or Warne.

Happy New Year everyone. The Australian Cricket Society is proud to announce that we are this year funding a place for a promising young cricketer aged 12 to 15 at Bryce McGain's Elite Cricket Academy.

The course starts in April and includes both pre-season and in-season tuition with the who's who of Australia's best coaches from Test players McGain, Damien Fleming, Andrew McDonald, and Chris. Rogers through to young guns Daniel Salpietro, Ian Holland, and Tom Stray.

The scholarship is open to a maximum of 40 lads and is valued at almost \$2,000. It is a magnificent opportunity for a promising young player to fast track his talents working side-by-side with some of the nation's finest and most passionate cricket coaches.

We have asked clubs and Associations to submit in writing their very best candidate(s) and to tell us why they are deserving of a scholarship place in Bryce McGain's highly regarded Elite Cricket Academy.

The only criteria which we have stipulated is that the lad who is nominated must be Victorian, as the program will be hosted at Melbourne's finest cricket venues. We have an emphasis on supporting an under-privileged lad. Ideally we shall be offering the scholarship place to someone who

would not otherwise have been able to afford to attend.

We have extended the deadline for written submissions to February 26, so that we can identify the best possible candidate.



Years ago a group of Launceston businessmen funded a 15 year-old Ricky Ponting's air fare and accommodation to attend the Cricket Academy in Adelaide. We hope in time to be also up front and centre in the fast tracking of a future interstate player..... and with luck a Test player too!

Ken Piesse – ACS President.



RECENT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The ACS's Season Launch Luncheon Friday, 26 October, 2012 John Inverarity & Ian Brayshaw.

There was an excellent crowd of over 70 members and friends of the Society, including a table of high-profile journalists and commentators from various media outlets, present in the Hans Ebeling Room at the MCG on Friday, 26 October last on the occasion of the Australian Cricket Society's annual cricket season launch luncheon. On this auspicious occasion the Society's guests of honour were John Inverarity, Australia's Chairman of Selectors, and his distinguished contemporary Ian Brayshaw (the father of Channel Nine personality James Brayshaw) who once famously took all 10 wickets in an innings in a Sheffield Shield match against Victoria at the WACA in 1967.

John Inverarity, Australia's Senior Selector, did most of the talking, but every now and again his friend Ian Brayshaw contributed a valuable insight by way of observation on whatever topic was the subject of discussion at the time.

RECENT ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

John began rather light-heartedly by recalling one occasion when WA was playing SA in a Sheffield Shield match at the WACA. South Australia was batting. Those two colourful South Australian and Australian batsmen Les Favell and Ian Chappell were occupying the crease to some good purpose. Jenner was bowling for the Warriors. Characteristically Favell opened his shoulders and hit Jenner over mid-off for six, whereupon he whooped in delight wishing everyone a "happy birthday". However, his batting partner, Ian Chappell, not to be outdone, jokingly responded from the non-striker's end "Piss off Les. It's not your birthday. It's mine!"



Our Senior Selector reviewed very briefly Australia's performance last season when the young Aussies performed splendidly in defeating India 4-0 in the Test series. They also won the ODI series, although subsequently, on a brief tour of England during the winter of 2012 they lost decisively to England in another 50 over series of matches. In analysing these matches John observed that we unearthed some promising fast bowling talent. Our wicketkeeper – batting resources in the persons of Wade and Paine also proved to be satisfactory. What was rather more concerning, John said was the fact that very few young batsmen seemed to be knocking on the door of international selection. Also our spin bowling resources appeared to be spread too thinly for comfort.

Our guest of honour then tackled the vexed problem caused by the breakdown of several of the younger fast bowlers at Australia's disposal. Citing the case of James Pattinson, he told us that the selectors were somewhat puzzled as to why these young fast bowlers were breaking down so frequently. The so-called rotation policy was the selectors' response to this problem, based on the best advice that they could obtain from the fitness gurus and the sports scientists who were part of the Cricket Australia team of support staff. John reminded us that this problem was not new. Fast bowlers had broken down in the past. He referred to the cases of Connolly and Lillee, both of whom had to take lengthy spells out of first-class cricket at the height of their careers, and both of whom had to come back into the game after modifying their actions and their approach to their bowling tasks.

John Inverarity lamented the comparative dearth of promising young spin bowlers coming through the ranks of the Sheffield Shield competition. He told us that the national selection panel were doing all that they could in conjunction with the various selection panels at state level to encourage the development of the next generation of spin bowlers. It was most unfortunate, he said that the very promising young Victorian spinner Holland was out of action for the whole season with a serious shoulder injury.

Looking at the problem of just why there was a significant hiatus in the number of younger batsmen who were knocking on the door of Test and international limited overs selection, John

made the relevant observation that the development of top-class young batsmen these days was somewhat complicated by the fact that they had to learn how to adjust their games from the requirements of the longer forms of cricket where patience and the ability to stay focused for long periods was at a premium, to the limited overs forms of the game where aggression and the ability to play a wide variety of attacking shots were required. These requirements made it that much more difficult for younger players to succeed at the top level than was the case with previous generations of cricketers.

Nevertheless, our senior selector said, there were a number of young cricketers doing their stuff and performing well just below international level who were next in line for promotion. In this context he named the following players as being worthy of consideration: Maxwell (Vic.), Quiney (Vic.) Steve Smith (NSW), Khuwaja (Qld.), Burns (Qld.) Bailey (Tas.), Doolan (Tas.) and Mitchell Marsh (WA.)

At the conclusion of their talk both our guests of honour were thanked most heartily by the Society's President, Ken Piesse for coming along and addressing the ACS in the midst of their busy schedules. Ken presented both men with a selection of Society artefacts as tokens of our appreciation. Both men were warmly applauded as they left the speaker's rostrum.

Gideon Haigh Book Launch "On Warne" Friday, 2 November, 2012

There were about 40 members and friends of the Society present in the Hans Ebeling Room at the MCG to hear our President, Ken Piesse, welcome an old friend of the Society in the person of Australia's foremost cricket writer Gideon Haigh. He had come to launch his new book "On Warne" onto an expectant Victorian market. In introducing Gideon to a group where he really needed no introduction, Ken remarked upon how appropriate it was that this country's number one writer on cricket should have written a book on the subject of Australia's greatest bowler, Shane Warne.

In responding Gideon observed how appropriate it was for him to be once more at the MCG, the place where Shane Warne had made so much history for the very pleasant duty of launching his newest book in a place where both he and his subject were so well known. In opening his remarks Gideon told us that Warne's famous "ball of the century" with which he dismissed Mike Gatting in the Ashes series of 1993 was typical of Warne's wizardry and the way he was able to bamboozle even the most accomplished and experienced batsmen time after time when he was at his peak. Test Match Special broadcaster Jonathan Agnew who was describing the incident had believed that the ball had hit Gatting on the pads. He was absolutely astonished when he discovered that the ball had bowled Gatting behind his pads, so much had it turned on pitching. This experience of making observers doubt the evidence of their eyes was typical of Warne's bowling at its best and most destructive.

Gideon read several passages from his book "On Warne" in which he described Warne's bowling methods and analysed why they were so successful. The essence of Warne's method was to mesmerize the opposing batsman into believing that the ball was doing something off the pitch when in fact it wasn't. Then subsequently he would deceive the batsman and cause

him to play down the wrong line or play a false shot, lose control of his stroke and thus to get out well before he was able to fathom what Warne was doing with the ball. One of the secrets of Warne's success as a bowler, Gideon said, was that he was able to imagine in his mind what shot the batsman would play to his next ball. That put the bowler in the box seat in terms of countering that shot and causing the batsman to do something silly.



In talking about Warne's off-field exploits, Gideon said that his subject often got the wrong end of the stick in terms of the way the press, and particularly the English tabloid press, covered these activities. That made his misdemeanors, whether they were his womanizing, his gambling exploits, his taking of illicit drugs, or his match-fixing activities seem to be larger than life and out of all proportion to their actual significance.

Our guest of honour entered into a fascinating comparison of the bowling methods of Shane Warne and his well known leg spinning contemporary Stuart MacGill. So often MacGill, who would have walked into the Test team of any other country had he not been born an Australian, missed selection because of the presence of Warne in the Australian side. On the comparatively few times when the two spinners bowled in tandem in Test matches they formed a deadly combination. In fact, when they were selected in the same Test team for Australia Warne picked up 74 wickets to MacGill's 86. But of course, the two of them were only selected to play in the same team when the wickets were suited to spin bowling. Many of MacGill's wickets in these matches were picked up precisely because he was easier to score runs off than the more tightly controlled bowling of Warne.

In conclusion Gideon observed that cricket found Warne, not the other way round. Warne was mainly a self-taught bowler. Much has been made of the connection Warne had with Terry Jenner, the spin bowling coach. However, by the time Warne and Jenner got together Warne was already an established Test match bowler with a more or less complete bag of self-taught tricks in his bowling arsenal. Jenner's contribution to making Warne a great bowler, was more or less cream on the cake as far as Warne was concerned.

Gideon was able to sell a number of copies of his new book to members of his enthusiastic audience. They had listened spellbound to his expert account of what made Warne such a great bowler.

2012 ACS Christmas Luncheon-Featuring Peter Wynne Thomas- Friday, 30 November 2012

There was a small but select group of Society stalwarts together with several guests from the Melbourne Cricket Club at the Kelvin Club to hear the ACS's President, Ken Piesse, introduce to the gathering the well known English cricket author, historian and librarian Peter Wynne-Thomas, who was visiting the antipodes for family reasons. Peter had been taken on a tour of the MCG the day before he addressed us. He told us that he was most impressed by the size, the diversity and the functionality of the facilities at the ground which was far larger than any cricket ground in England. He was particularly impressed by the MCG's library and museum, both of which were better than comparable facilities at Lord's.

Our guest of honour had been in charge of the cricket library at

Trent Bridge, Nottingham since 1975. His love of cricket had been inspired by a magnificent innings which he had seen Joe Hardstaff play against the touring Indians at Trent Bridge in 1946. Hardstaff, a Notts player of great distinction, had recorded a score of 205 against the tourists. Peter told us that he knew both Larwood and Voce in those early post-Second World War days. They too had helped to spark Peter's love of the game from his earliest boyhood days. Both Larwood and Voce had graduated into cricket from the local coal-mines in the 1930s. They very probably owed their strength and stamina to the hard labour which both had known in their early teenage years "down the mines".

Peter told us that Bradman was the best batsman he had seen over the years in which he had been watching cricket. He also remembered very fondly the cricket that Garry Sobers played, particularly during the period when he was captain of his beloved Nottinghamshire in the County Championship. He recalled vividly the time when Sobers had hit Glamorgan's Malcolm Nash for six sixers in an eventful over. Peter recalled the fine contribution which an Australian bowler had made to the ongoing development of Notts cricket in the immediate post-war period when Bruce Dooland had played for the county. He recalled that Dooland was one of the best spin bowlers in first-class cricket in England at that time.



Peter said that he had derived a great deal of pleasure from the work he did whilst making a survey of all the cricket grounds in Nottinghamshire. There were 463 of them. The book, which was published by the Notts County Council, was still a useful reference tool for those who were interested in that sort of thing, Peter remarked, rather tongue in cheek.

At the conclusion of his talk, our President, Ken Piesse, thanked our guest of honour for his wide ranging and scholarly talk, and presented him with a number of Society artefacts as a token of our appreciation.

Christmas With The Sri Lankans

A dozen keen ACS members enjoyed a pre-Christmas Dinner with the touring Sri Lankan team, enjoying the kinship of cricket and loving the speeches from Sri Lanka's two frontline players Mahela Jayawardene and Kumar Sangakkara. The entire Sri Lankan squad was present, including David and Cathy Cruse, who have done so much to organize functions for touring Sri Lankan teams, in addition to being supportive of the ACS over the years.

Jayawardene said that the Sri Lankans had been lobbying to play in the Melbourne - Sydney feature Tests for years. The MCG was always a favourite place to play because of the large Sri Lankan population who are resident in Melbourne, which is second only to Colombo. "It's almost like playing at home," he said to allround cheering. It's like a little piece of Sri Lanka."

Just days after the Sri Lankans had been so gallant on the final day in Hobart before ultimately losing the match in the final session of play, the Sri Lankan skipper told us that the Sri

Lankans had wanted to emerge from the first of their three Tests with a respectable draw - "but the Australians played better than us", he admitted. The team was to play poorly in Melbourne, but far better in Sydney before losing the series 3 - 0.

Jayawardene had no problem with Lasith Malinga's decision to play at Big Bash level rather than in Test cricket, as it was helping to extend his career after crippling knee injuries. He said that the whole team were proud of the achievements of Malinga and veteran Muthiah Muralidaran who were both playing in Australia's BBL competition this season.

Sangakkara said that he and Mahela were the torchbearers for the up and coming generation of younger Sri Lankan stars.

"Sri Lankan cricket is in very good hands. There are some very good cricketers in this room who are proud to be playing for Sri Lanka", Kumar said.

Sangakkara's achievement in reaching 10,000 Test runs in Melbourne was one of the few highlights of the Boxing Day Test from a Sri Lankan point of view. "Sanga" said that it had been one of his ambitions to make 30 Test centuries and join the elite group of batsmen who had made 10,000 Test runs. Both he and Jayawardene are hoping to still be playing at international level by the time of the 2015 World Cup. They of course share the greatest ever Test stand of 624. We were treading rarefied air to be with them on the Friday before Christmas. ACS member Bruce Eva of 3AW was the night's MC.



SAVE YOUR LEGS! A New Feature Film

Twenty ACS members and friends enjoyed complimentary tickets to the great new feature film Save Your Legs at the Kino Cinema during December. Directed by Boyd Hicklin and starring Stephen Curry (The King, Cloudstreet) Brendan Cowell (Beneath Hill 60, Noise), Damon Gameau (Balibo, Howzat!, Kerry Packer's War) and Pallavi Sharda (Love Breakups, Zindagi), Save Your Legs is a coming of middle age comedy which follows three long time mates who try and then realize a childhood dream and play cricket for Australia.

For Teddy Brown (Curry) it's not just the end of summer. It's the end of an era. In a bid to wind back the clock and cling to his childhood dream, Teddy leads his two best mates and their D-Grade cricket team on an audacious tour of India, losing matches but winning friends along the way. The film is highly recommended.

Save Your Legs is showing currently in selected Melbourne cinemas. Our thanks are due to Madman Entertainment for arranging the early Christmas present which a number of our members and their families enjoyed. The film opens on more than 120 further screens across the nation from 28 February, 2013.

Scores and Best ACS Performances in Matches Played By The ACS's Wandering XI During the First Part of Cricket Season 2012 -13

21 October, 2012 - ACS v. Vic. Blind Cricket Association XI ACS - 7/97 - Pinder - 16, Chaperon - 15, Penaluna - 9, Hammet - 7 ret. v. The VBCA XI - 5/97 - Result of match under investigation.

4 November, 2012 - ACS v. the Ringwood Possums ACS - 2/220 - Kish - 38 ret., Robertson - 37 ret., Hyde - 37 ret., Caramalis - 35 ret. v. the Ringwood Possums - 7/175 - Whitelegg - 2/24. Match Won.

11 November, 2012 - ACS v. a Vic. Umpires XI ACS - 5/186 - Piesse - 33 ret., Pimm - 32 ret., Lindstrom - 26 ret. v. Vic. Umpires XI - 9/172 - Pimm 4/21. Match Won.

18 November, 2012 - ACS v. Geelong Churches. Match Cancelled. No Result.

28 November, 2012 - ACS v. the MCC XXIXners. ACS - 7/230 - Dunstan - 37 ret., Hammet - 30 ret., Scotland - 29*, Robertson - 28, Pimm - 26, Piesse - 21, Stumbles - 21 v. the MCC XXIXners - 8/139 - Scotland - 2/14, Dunstan - 2/18. Match Won.

2 December, 2012 - ACS v. The Eccentrics. ACS - 6/197 - Robertson - 35 ret., Hyde - 35 ret., Kish - 31 ret., Howse - 28, Pimm - 25 v. the Eccentrics - All Out 75 - Dobler - 4/15, Howse - 3/11, Stonehouse - 2/20. Match Won.

13 January, 2013 - ACS v. a Ballarat XI. ACS - 8/82 - McKenzie - 22* v. Ballarat XI - 6/112 - McNamara - 2/16, Pinder - 2/22. Match Lost.

27 January, 2013 - ACS v. the Lords Taveners. ACS - 6/192 - Robertson - 38 ret., Pimm - 35 ret., Dunn - 33 ret., McPherson - 32, Hammet - 20 ret. v. the Lords Taveners - 8/149 - Pimm - 4/10. Match Won.

3 February, 2013 - ACS v. Suma Park Bellerinas. ACS - 9/150 - Lindstrom - 35 ret., Dunn - 30, McPherson - 23 v. Suma Park Bellerinas - 5/234 - Clinnick - 2/36. Match Lost.

Match results and best ACS performances for the ACS Over 60s matches were not available at the time of going to printing. It is hoped that they will be included in the Autumn issue of "Scoresheet" due for publication during May. Match results and best ACS performances for matches played by the Wandering XI during the latter part of 2012 -13 season will also be published in the Autumn edition of "Scoresheet".

GENERAL NEWS

Cricket Related People Who Were Honoured In This Year's Australia Day Honours List

Dr. Greg. McKie has been kind enough to supply the Editor with the names of three people who were honoured in this year's Australia Day Honours List for services rendered to cricket.

They are:

AM MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA:

Jim Maxwell – ABC cricket broadcaster and commentator.

AOM MEMBER IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA:

Rex Sellers – former Test cricketer;
Lindsay Wood – NSW regional sports administrator.

We congratulate these men on their awards.

Benefits of Becoming a Member of the Australian Cricket Society

New members may not be aware of the many benefits of joining the Australian Cricket Society, whilst some long-standing members may have discounted the significance of membership, or have become so used to the many benefits that they are in danger of taking them for granted. It won't do any harm to re-state some of these benefits.

- Membership of a strong and active cricket fraternity.
- Attendance at regular meetings and seminars often held at the MCG.
- News of the Society's activities through its quarterly newsletter "Scoresheet".
- Receiving "Pavilion", a world class cricket magazine edited by Ken. Piesse.
- The opportunity of playing social cricket in one of the ACS's four teams- the Wandering XI (open age) the Senior XIs (over 40s and over 60s) or the ACS Veterans (a touring team which plays in cricket festivals around the world).
- Attendance at dinners addressed by eminent cricket personalities.

- The opportunity of purchasing a wide variety of publications, books, recordings of Society events, clothing items and cricket equipment, often at special member prices.
- Discounts on travel, trophies, cricket books and tours of the MCG.
- Free entry to Victorian Bushrangers matches at the MCG.

ACS Sponsorship Opportunities

The Society's Sponsorship Director, Peter Hille, has listed the following sponsorship options here for the information of members. Any member who may be interested in sponsoring the Society, or knows somebody who might be interested in sponsoring the ACS is invited to contact Peter on his mobile at 047 177 457 or email him at phille@iprimus.com.au.

The amounts mentioned below are annual contributions:

- *\$250 Business Supporter – listed on our online business directory.**
- *\$500 Business Donor – Business directory plus feature in ACS "Scoresheet" newsletter.**
- *\$1000 Business Partner – Directory, newsletter feature, plus featured at functions.**
- *\$2000 Business Sponsor – Directory, 2 newsletter features, function feature, plus featured in Pavilion**
- *\$3000 Team Sponsor – Society Sponsor benefits plus logos on playing gear & Signage at games.**
- *\$3-4000 Luncheon Sponsor – Already taken up by the Westminster Lawyers group.**
- *\$5,000 Major Sponsor – Directory, feature in each newsletter, featured at all functions, naming rights at Society Annual Dinner, signage at all functions.**

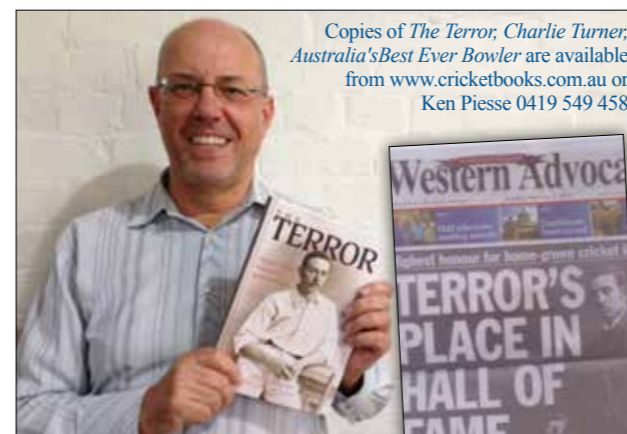
NEWS OF MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Mark Browning – A Typical Sports-Loving Family Man

Mark Browning most recently joined the ACS to be with other 'cricketoholics' six years ago. There had been an earlier stint in the mid-1980s, but after asking John Inverarity at the 1984 Dinner what Bill Lawry had said to him when he was last man out five minutes before the end of the Oval Test of 1968, Mark thought that he'd better make himself scarce before he was blackballed!

Mark was a solid opening batsman in the Geelong Cricket Association competition for many years where his best shots were the leave and the drive through slips. He has also played and coached in England. He found a small paradise in Bath where he was the cricket professional at Prior Park College from 2000 – 2010.

A Geelong supporter all his life, Mark believes the history of the world can now be measured from 2007. His choice of wife was impeccable, as Chris also likes football and cricket. She is less enamoured of his 1,000 plus cricket book library. He has a married daughter, Kate and two stunning grand daughters, Poppy and Olive. His son Ben is an Aria winning and Grammy nominated musician with Cut Copy.



Copies of *The Terror*, Charlie Turner, Australia's Best Ever Bowler are available from www.cricketbooks.com.au or Ken Piesse 0419 549 458

Terror Success

Ric Sissons launched his latest book *The Terror*, the story of Charlie Turner on February 1 (details next issue) and on February 4, Charlie was inducted into the Australian Cricket Hall of Fame. His honour made front page news in the Bathurst newspaper, 'The Advocate'. Congratulations Ric and also our own Ken Piesse, who published the book.



Happy Day! Geoff Poulter (left) with ACS President Ken Piesse at the wedding of Geoff's son Grant. The after party was held at "Rupertswood" Mansion, the home of the Ashes.

Geoff Poulter – Father of the Bridegroom.

Our popular member, Geoff. Poulter, well known for his engaging warm-up routines at the Kelvin Club, was at his humorous best at the wedding of his son Grant at the Emu Bottom Homestead in Sunbury in late January. Grant Poulter has just begun a new job as Government and Community Relations Manager at Cricket Australia. Both Poulter father and son were noted players, Geoff playing in his mid teens at first-grade level in Hobart, and 198 cm Grant representing South Melbourne in the lower XIs. He also represented Caulfield Grammar's first XI as an opening bowler.

NEW MEMBERS

Since the last issue of "Scoresheet" was published, the following new members have joined the Society: **Tony McDonald, Clive Leisham, David McClean, Wayne Donnelly, Peter McDermott, Ian Muller, Steve Kish, James Brear, Stephen Lambert, Mark Spooner, Peter Lloyd, Stephen Nadj, Gerald Hudd, Malcolm Linke, Ross Price, Marshall Irwin, Max Bulley, Alston Mahadevan, Andy Sheldrake, Keith Jansz, Bryan Dynon, Paul LeFebvre, Joan Christenson, John Penhall, Bill Norton and Graeme Brown.**

We welcome these new members into the Society, and express the hope that they become active members. Any changes in address details should be notified to the ACS's Membership Officer, Adrian McKenzie at the Society's postal address which is P. O. Box 4528, Langwarrin, Victoria, 3910. Adrian's home phone number is (03)9579 2663. His email address is amckenzie@technologygroup.com

Peter Hille – the Society's New Sponsorship Director.

Peter Hille is currently working in the real estate industry, but previously has worked in insurance broking, as a conference facilitator and also as a school principal. He is an enthusiastic member of the ACS which he sees as an excellent social and business network. From time to time he turns out for the Society's Over 60s team. He also plays the occasional game for the Eccentrics Cricket Club which he co-founded in 1999.

Among Peter's many interests are bowls, rotary, and the Fitzroy Football Club. He is also Director of the Clifroy Bendigo Community Bank. Peter is partnered by Ann Haynes. He recently became a grandfather. His philosophy on life is governed by the humble thought that there is always somebody worse off than himself, which he finds most useful when he drops a catch or makes a duck.

VALE KEN STRICKLAND

KEN STRICKLAND – a great stalwart of the Australian Cricket Society – passed away during December, 2012. Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences go out to Andrew and Janet, their families and his many close friends in our cricket fraternity.



In its history, few have contributed more to the Society or left such a lasting legacy as 'Stricky'. Despite undergoing a triple by-pass heart operation at the age of 43, he founded and played in the Society's Senior XI, plying his trade offies from around the wicket for nearly a quarter of a century. He was a key player in organizing our early overseas tours to Canada and South Africa, at tours end donating the playing kit to a local village.

Most significantly, he will be remembered for establishing the culture of the Society's playing XIs. Competitive, and one who always preferred winning to losing, his inclusive style nonetheless ensured that each member of the team was given a chance to shine.

A successful businessman and a brilliant organizer, he served on the ACS Committee for many years where his sage advice was always sought, especially on financial matters. In recognition of his unique contribution to the Society in 2002 he was awarded a rare honorary life membership of the ACS.

'Stricky' impacted on so many people from all walks of life. The Australian Cricket Society will miss his contribution, wisdom and guidance, but most of all, we'll miss his irreverent humour, comradeship and enduring friendship.

- Ian Hammet



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