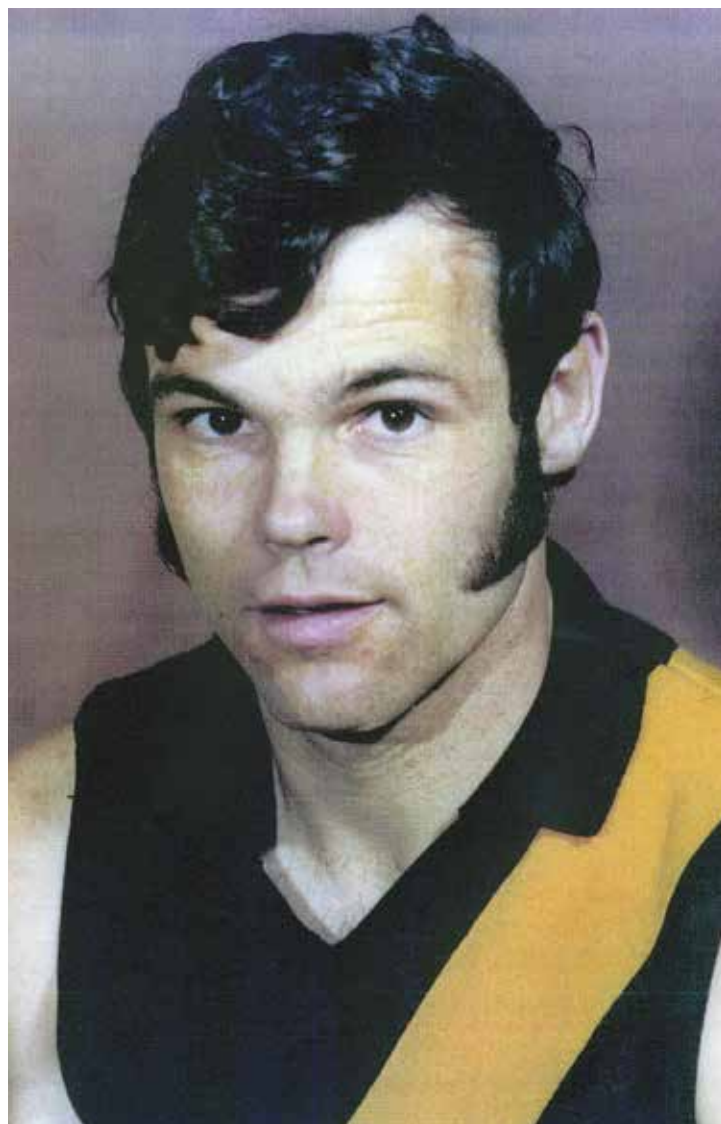




OUR ANNUAL FOOTY LAUNCH LUNCHEON FEATURING FRANCIS BOURKE



DETAILS OF THIS FANTASTIC EVENT

DATE: Friday, 10 April, 2015.

TIME: 12 noon for a 12.30pm start.

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

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

BOOKINGS: Bookings are essential. Bookings and 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 Tuesday, 7 April 2015. 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 GUEST OF HONOUR

We continue the array of big names as our special guests at our dynamic Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Luncheons which launch The AFL football season. This year's guest is a man whose name and reputation are legendary in the football world and beyond. We are thrilled to welcome this year none other than Francis Bourke, the famous Richmond premiership player and coach.

Courageous, skilled, determined, Francis Bourke began his auspicious career at Tigerland weeding the outer terraces at the Punt Road Oval with a hoe. It took him all winter to complete the job. The following season he played in his first premiership team under the much-loved Tommy Hafey. Thus began the star-studded career of Francis Bourke who played in five Richmond premiership teams - 1967, 1969, 1973, 1974, and 1980. He was Richmond captain in 1976 and 1977 and senior coach in 1982 and 1983. In his first year at the helm he coached the Tigers to their most recent Grand Final appearance. He won the Jack Dyer Medal for the best and fairest player at the Club in 1977. He was not only in the Richmond Team of the Century, but he also made it into the AFL's Team of the Century. He concluded his great career with the Tigers by playing 300 senior games. This AFL season launch luncheon on Friday, 10 April is a gilt-edged ACS event. It should not be missed.

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FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Two places left for our Ashes adventure

President Ken Piesse and his wife Susan again lead our Ashes Tour to the UK next July. They currently have 18 aboard and can take two more if you would like to join them. You will see two Tests in Cardiff and at Lord's, spend a week in Ireland and four days in Amsterdam as part of the fun. The cost is approximately \$12,500 per person (plus the cost of tickets for the Lord's Test... Cardiff tickets are included). Among the returning ACS globetrotters for the tour are Secretary Wayne Ross and his wife Rhonda, Bob and Helen Lyon, Terry Swingler, Allan Clarke and David Jukes. Our itinerary has been expertly managed by our travel gold partners Events World Wide.

CARNIVAL TIME

The Australian National Over 60s Cricket Carnival - Hobart 15 - 20 November 2015.

The Australian National Over 60s Cricket Carnival is scheduled to take place in Hobart, Tasmania from the 15th to the 20th November 2015. Any players or supporters who would like to take part in the ACS group which will be in attendance in Hobart for this Carnival is invited to contact Peter Flack on 0416-001-939 (email address - peterflack@optusnet.com.au) or Ian Hammet on 0438-250-145 (email address: gamesdownunder@iprimus.com.au.)

An International Cricket Carnival - Buenos Aires, Argentina - 23 - 31 January 2016

The Society's cricketers plan to take part in an international cricket carnival in Buenos Aires, Argentina from the 23rd to the 31st January, 2016. (See the latest edition of the Society's "Pavilion" magazine for more details.)

Members wishing to take part either as players or supporters should contact David McNamara on 0412 105 100. David's email address is davidmcnamara@nancable.com.au.



TWO BOOK LAUNCHES IN ONE FRIDAY, MARCH 6, KOORYONG LTC, FROM NOON

The official Melbourne launch of LUCKY, The life of HL 'Bert' Collins, cricketer, soldier and gambler, by Max Bonnell AND WORLD CUP CRICKET by Mark Browning and James Grapsas

Have the authors sign a copy for your collection...

ABOUT THE BOOKS

(1) LUCKY COLLINS

Bert Collins was a giant in the '20s. The papers nicknamed him 'Lucky', but Herbert Collins, a lifelong gambler, lost as many bets as he won. In 1921, Collins was Australia's captain and the most successful batsman in international cricket - within a decade, he was destitute, and living on charity, his reputation stained by allegations that he sold a vital Test match to gamblers.

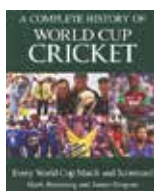
The author Max Bonnell is one of Australia's finest and most diligent cricket researchers. He is one of our guest of honors on the day.

Lucky is published by Ken Piesse Cricket Books and includes 192 pages plus a 16 page gloss picture section. It costs \$50.

(2) A COMPLETE HISTORY OF WORLD CUP CRICKET

This wonderfully entertaining reference book includes stories and scorecards of every World Cup match and has been written by long-time ACS member Mark Browning and keen cricket historian James Grapsas. There is a comprehensive statistics section. Both the authors will also be at Kooyong to sign your copy.

World Cup Cricket includes 550 pages and is massive value at just \$35. The publisher is New Holland. For those who cannot attend the official launch but would like a signed copy of either of the new books, please contact Wayne Ross. Also available from Ken in limited numbers is The Silk Express, the story of EA Ted McDonald, also at \$50.



The President's Piesse

Val Holten - A Giant of the Game.

I was just a kid when my father first took me down to Mentone Oval to be coached by C.V. 'Val' Holten, who was just about the best player ever to play 'Subbies' cricket here in Melbourne.



It was the summer of '68. Val was in his 40s and a mentor to many far superior players than me, but the time and effort he'd spend for an hour each Sunday morning with me was immense. He'd start bowling seam up and slow down to gentle offies, always advocating me to get to it on the full and hit it hard straight back as hard as I could at him. "Quick feet Kendrick, get it on the full. Take a big first step. Come at me...", he would say.

This particular season we played off in an Under 14 Grand Final. I carried my bat for 65 and we won eight down. I was able to attack Mentone's star spinner of the day. Val's coaching was crucial to my success. Now with the kids at Kingston where I captain the thirds, I encourage, teach, and mentor just like Val. Not only was he a magnificent club cricketer who was good enough to represent Victoria five times - he was a caring, loving gentleman of the game.

His passing in January, aged 87, ended an era for many of us who have known and loved him. His funeral was a celebration of his life with noted cricket people in attendance in every corner of the Chapel.

In 27 seasons of senior club cricket, including 10 at District First XI level, Val amassed more than 13,000 runs at an average bordering on 50. His subbies average was almost 60. A product of Hailebury College and Melbourne Grammar, Val played in a District Final at the MCG before starting the next season in the third XI after Melbourne recruited Jack Iverson and John Cooper from Brighton. Years later Val told me "The Brighton recruits turned out to be pretty handy....they would have walked into any side, particularly Iverson. I came down in the final week before the 1948-49 season. The selectors had already picked their first two XIs, so I played in the thirds against Carlton at Ransford Oval. I went from the MCG to Royal Park in six months!"

He joined Prahran where he played in the club's famous 1954 - 55 premiership team under the no-nonsense, passionate leadership of Bradman Invincible Sam Loxton. The year before he'd amassed 669 runs with three centuries.

Just married, the opportunity to supplement a modest working wage with some cricketing monies triggered a shift to Malvern (3545 runs at 68) and then on to Oakleigh (5371 runs at 53). In all he made 19 centuries which is still a Subbies record.

Last summer he was elevated to the status of a 'Legend' of the VSDCA, whilst last May he attended the annual Hatch Presentation Dinner to present Sean Ayres with the Val Holten Medal which is named in his honour.

Val. was a giant of subbies cricket and a person loved and admired by all who came in contact with him. I was one of the lucky ones.

- KEN PIESSE, ACS president.

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THE ACS'S CELEBRATION LUNCHEON WITH THE SOUTHERN STARS – FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER, 2014.

There was an excellent gathering of Society members and friends present in the dining room of the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on Friday, 21 November last year to hear three of the members of the Southern Stars Australian Women's Team speak about their experiences playing cricket and representing their country at the highest level. Representing the team at our function was Meg Lanning, the captain and two of her Victorian colleagues in the team, Kristen Beams and Julie Hunter.

The Society's President, Ken. Piesse, was also pleased to welcome to the function Mr. Geoff Tamblyn, the Chairman of Cricket Victoria. Geoff spoke warmly about the place of women's cricket in the overall scheme of the game in this country. He told us that the Victorian Women's Cricket Association (VWCA) and Cricket Victoria (CV) had amalgamated early in the 2000's. He said that wherever was possible it was Cricket Australia's policy to schedule women's representative matches before play in men's matches in order to maximize crowd attendance at that particular venue. He reminded us that the Commonwealth Bank were enthusiastic sponsors and supporters of the Southern Stars cricket team just as they were major sponsors of the Australian men's teams.

Kristen Beams

Kristen Beams, who originally came from the Sandy Bay Club in Hobart, Tasmania spoke first. She told us that she was a leg spin bowler who had been fortunate enough to have benefitted from lengthy spells of coaching from Terry Jenner, the guru of spin bowling who had been of so much help to Shane Warne. She told us that she was looking forward eagerly to the Southern

Stars next tour of England in July when the Ashes would once more be up for grabs.

Julie Hunter

Julie Hunter was one of the more experienced members of the Southern Stars playing squad. She is an all-rounder, but more a bowler who batted down the order. She bowls seam-up fast-medium paced leg cutters and inswingers. She had played in the three most recent Australian World Cup T20 encounters, including the Southern Stars' most recent triumph in Bangladesh where once again the Australian team had won the trophy.

At this point the audience was treated to a short video clip of the Southern Stars in action in the World Cup Final against England in Bangladesh earlier last year. From this clip it was obvious that the Australian girls were certainly fine players who were well led by their captain Meg. Lanning.

Meg Lanning

The President, Ken Piesse introduced Meg Lanning to the gathering. He reminded his audience that at the time of her appointment to the captaincy of the Australian women's team last year aged 22 she was the youngest person, male or female, to be appointed to such a responsible position of leadership in any sport in the world.

Meg began by saying what a privilege it was to lead such a fantastic group of players as the Southern Stars. She told us that she was always mindful of the importance of raising the profile of women's cricket, and by winning in the convincing style which the Australians were, she was confident that her team was doing just that.

Looking back, Meg was thankful for the excellent grounding which she received

when from Year 9 at Carey Grammar School she was selected to play with the boys in the School's First XI. Meg said that she too was looking forward very much to spearheading the Southern Stars' winter tour of England in the middle of 2015, as the rivalry between the Australian girls and their English counterparts was just as keen as that of the men. She told us that to win the Ashes in England next winter would most certainly put the icing on the cake.

The Australian Test team to play India in the First Test match had just been announced prior to the Society's function on November 21st. Meg was asked what she thought of the selected team. With a forthrightness typical of young people these days Meg fearlessly stated her opinion. She would have sacked Shane Watson and Nathan Lyon and gone for an all-out pace attack of four fast bowlers. She expressed great confidence in Mitchell Johnson, who she said was one of Australia's great pace bowlers. She had a lot of time for Steve Smith and confidently predicted that he would be Australia's next Test captain. This was well before Michael Clark injured himself and Steve Smith took over as stand-in Test captain.

In concluding proceedings our President, Ken Piesse thanked all three girls for coming along and speaking so freely of their experiences and aspirations for the future of women's cricket. He made them honorary members of the Australian Cricket Society, and presented copies of the Society's annual magazine "Pavilion" which had just been published to each of them. All those present agreed that it had been most worthwhile that the ACS had shown its interest in and support for women's cricket by sponsoring this most successful function.

THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKET SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS DINNER WITH RAVI SHASTRI – SATURDAY, 27 DECEMBER, 2014.

One of the dining areas at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club in Glenferrie Road, Kooyong was crowded with members and friends of the Australian Cricket Society, many of whom had come straight from the MCG after play on Day 2 of the Boxing Day Test Match against India to hear a talk from our guest of honour for the night, Ravi Shastri, the great Indian all-rounder. He had been able to join us at fairly short notice for our Christmas function. Unfortunately, our advertised speaker, the well known and much loved Indian cricket commentator Harsha Bhogle had been called home to Mumbai at short notice and was unable to be part of our function. We were most fortunate that Ravi Shastri, the Director of the touring Indian cricket team, had been able to join us at the last minute.

Firstly, our President Ken Piesse introduced Ravi Shastri to us and in doing so, paid a fulsome tribute to the giant contribution that our guest of honour had made and was still making to the development of cricket in India. The first time that Australian audiences became aware of Ravi Shastri the cricketer had been during the World Championship of Cricket Tournament which took place here in Australia in 1984-85. Shastri was fittingly awarded the Player of the Tournament trophy on account of the dominant role which he displayed in India's successful campaign. Shastri had two highly successful Test tours down under during 1985-86 and again in 1991-92, when he made a Test-best 206 in Sydney against an Australian attack which included debutant, Shane Warne.

Shastri averaged 77 in his nine Tests against the Australians and took 26 wickets at an average of 33 before retiring early with recurring knee problems.

Ravi's talk to the group took the form of a question and answer session during which our President, Ken Piesse asked the questions and our guest of honour volunteered his answers in a manner which demonstrated not only his command of the English language but also his twinkling sense of humour.

Ken Piesse: *What are your recollections of that Sydney Test match when you made your highest score of 206?*

Ravi Shastri: I recall that this Test match was Sachin Tendulkar's first Test match at the SCG. He was the youngest Indian

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batsman to make a century against Australia. He was only 18 years of age at the time, and he most certainly let his bat do the talking against such fine Australian bowlers as McDermott, Reid and Hughes. That Test match in Sydney and the Tied Test match in Madras were undoubtedly the highlights of my career. My only regret is that in my day we did not play Australia as frequently as we do now, so I did not have the opportunities which young Indian players enjoy today to play cricket at the highest level.

KP: What do you recall about that triumphant moment when you won the Man of the Series prize for being the best player in the World Championship of Cricket Tournament in 1984-85?

Ravi: Well, I recall that the prize was a brand new car. Ian Chappell was about to present me with the keys to the car on the MCG after the last match when I turned around and found the whole Indian team clambering all over it laughing their heads off. After accepting the keys from Ian Chappell I jumped into the car and drove it around the MCG with the whole Indian team streaming along as best they could despite the fact that at the time I did not possess an international drivers licence at all.

KP: That knee injury which brought about a premature end to your playing career after 80 Test matches. Could you have played on if

that injury had occurred today, knowing the improvements in the way knee injuries are now handled?

Ravi: Yes, I probably could have played on after that injury if the methods and expertise which are available today had been available. But in my day the recovery time after serious knee surgery was a great deal longer than it is today. I have no regrets over my forced retirement from the game. After my playing career I have enjoyed a long and useful career in cricket administration and broadcasting. I am still fully occupied in pursuing my interests in cricket at the present time.

KP: Given your long and successful career in the media, what possessed you to take on your present task of Director of Cricket to the present Indian touring team?

Ravi: I was asked to take on the role of Director of Cricket until the end of the forthcoming World Cup, and I will do that. We'll see what happens at the end of the World Cup. I hope that I'm still in the role when India becomes the

top cricket nation in all three forms of the game as I am confident that they will one day. The lads in the current Indian touring team have an average age of under 25. If we keep these lads together for long enough and give them enough experience in all three forms of the game they will get better for sure. Many of the other national cricket squads are going through and will go through periods of transition, including your present Australian squad where players like Haddin, Rogers, Clarke and Johnson are all nearing the end of their Test careers.

KP: For these young Indian players what is more important to them – a nice fat IPL contract and a starring role in a World Cup team or an assured place in the nation's Test cricket team?

Ravi: These young Indians are aiming

to gain proficiency in all three forms of the game, but rest assured a starring role in India's Test cricket team is what they value above all else.

KP: What is the future of the Direct Review System (DRS) and will India ever adopt it?

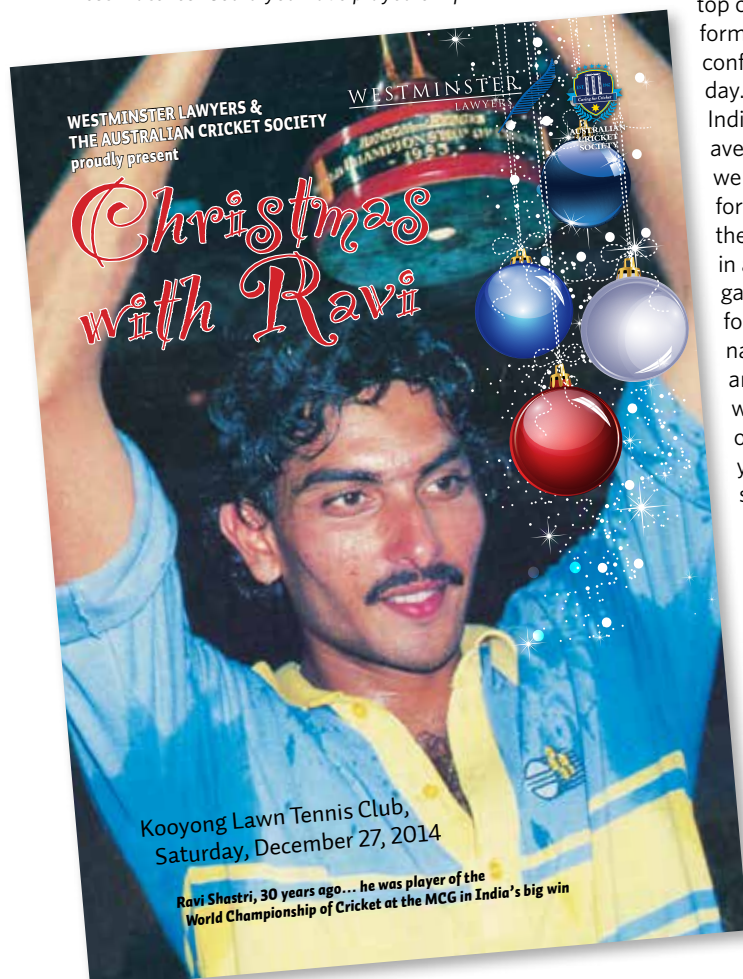
Ravi: The DRS should be taken away from the players and put in the hands of the umpires. At the moment India has serious doubts about the accuracy of the ball tracking device which is designed to track the progress of the ball once it hits any part of the batsman's body in front of the wicket. This is why we won't adopt it given the present state of the technology of this device.

KP: Ravi, you've mentioned the Tied Test match several times tonight. I've got an idea that you were at the non-striker's end when the last over of that dramatic match was being bowled when that Indian tailender was given out lbw to Greg Matthews' bowling. Take us through that last over will you?

Ravi: From the non-striker's end where I was it was as obvious as the nose on your face that the batsman got a huge inside edge on that ball. Allan Border didn't even appeal because he was aware of what had happened. The umpire went up with the bowler on appeal giving the batsman out lbw as quick as a flash. Had the DRS been in operation at that time it is certain that that decision would have been negated. When



POPULAR: Ravi Shastri with the ACS's Karun McNamara



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I accosted the umpire in his room after the match had ended he laughed in my face and declared "I'll go down in history as being the umpire who was brave enough to give the batsman out in the most pressurized situation possible in Test cricket." There was nothing else I could do. The decision had been made. The match was over and the result has gone down in history. But it was a very poor decision. Despite all of that, the Tied Test match in Madras was one of the greatest Test matches in history. When play began on the final day there were about 5,000 spectators in the ground and there was very little premonition about what was about to happen. By the end of play there were about 50,000 screaming fans in the ground. Pandemonium broke out at the final decision. I will never forget it as long as I live.

KP: *Finally, Ravi, we had Henry Blofeld as our guest of honour at our Christmas function last year. You must have worked with him at some stage in the media. What are your recollections of "Blowers" over the years you've known him?*

Ravi: Well Ken, one of the funniest moments I've ever experienced occurred whilst I was in the commentary box with "Blowers". It happened whilst I was on Test Match Special in the commentary box during a Test match at the Oval. "Blowers" came on for his stint of commentating. He began in his inimitable plummy voice: "There goes CMJ (Christopher Martin-Jenkins). Ravi Shastri joins me in the box. Bus number 47 has just gone past me and, blow me down, two pregnant nuns have just joined the crowd below me here at the Oval!" Shastri, in a tone of shocked incredulity jumped up and peered out of the commentary

box window. "Can I see these pregnant nuns. Where are they?" To which Blofeld in his most lordly manner replied: "Sit down Ravi. This is radio not television. I can say what I like on this medium. I'm here to paint a picture for the listeners. Just relax!"

There was much else besides, but the above gives the reader some idea of the fun we all experienced when the great Indian cricketer Ravi Shastri entertained the Society last Christmas.

In thanking our guest who had to hurry away before his audience had even been served their main course, our President remarked that after what we had heard that evening many of us would nominate India as our second team in the forthcoming World Cup. Our applause was warm and heartfelt as we waved our Indian guest farewell.

SCORES AND BEST ACS PERFORMANCES IN MATCHES PLAYED BY THE ACS'S WANDERING XI DURING THE FIRST PART OF CRICKET SEASON 2014 - 15.

22 October 2014- The ACS v THE MCC XXIXs

ACS 4/157 - Johnson 36 ret, O'Meara 34 ret, Watsford 31 ret v. the MCC XXIXs - 3/162 - Watsford 1/17. Match Lost.

2 November 2014 - The ACS v. The Ringwood Possums.

ACS 10/151 - Browning 37 ret, Hyde 36 ret, v The Ringwood Possums 4/169 - Smith 2/29, Hyde 1/29. Match Lost.

9 November 2014 - The ACS v. The VCA Umpires' XI

ACS 5/269 Wallace 53*, Nankervis 45*, Booth 40*, Jansz 33, Butler 32 v The VCA Umpires' XI 9/135 - O'Sullivan 4/17, Jansz 1/21. Match Won.

23 November 2014 - The ACS v A Supreme Court XI

ACS - 4/176 Semertzidis 40 ret, Browning 40 ret, I. Gibson 33 v A Supreme Court XI 5/180 - Browning 2/29, Hopkins 1/15, Blyth - 1/25. Match Lost.

18 January 2015 - The ACS v The Ballarat Bushwackers

ACS 5/126 - Jansz 36 ret, O'Donnell 35 ret v The Ballarat Bushwackers 5/134 - Flack 2/28. Match Lost.

25 January 2015 - The ACS v. The Primary Club/Lords' Taverners.

ACS 10/101 - McPherson 20* v The Primary Club/Lords' Taverners 10/120 - Lloyd 5/7, McPherson 3/13, Gregory 2/9. Match Lost.

1 February 2015 - The ACS v. The Suma Park Bellarinas

ACS 6/176 - Buchanan 39 ret, Jansz 36 ret, Breheny 35 ret, Hammet 22*, Pinder 20 v The Suma Park Bellarinas 6/152 - Scotland 2/12, Jansz 2/18, Buchanan 2/15. Match Won.

SCORES AND BEST ACS PERFORMANCES IN OVER 60s MATCHES PLAYED BY THE ACS DURING THE FIRST PART OF 2014 - 15.

12 October 2014 - The ACS v Warrandyte

ACS 6/171 - I Gibson 43 ret, Lloyd 25, McNamara 25*, D Gibson 23 v Warrandyte 5/185 - Hopkins 2/12, McNamara - 2/38. Match Lost

26 October 2014 - The ACS v The Bayside Blues

ACS 3/184 - I. Gibson 40 ret, Hammet 36 ret, Johnson 35* v The Bayside Blues 4/171 - D. Gibson 2/9, Hopkins 1/17, Johnson 1/20. Match Won.

6 November 2014 - The ACS v New Zealand

ACS 3/149 - Stumbles 39 ret, I. Gibson 31 ret, D. Gibson 22 v New Zealand 7/145 - Blyth 2/11, Hansen 2/14, Match Won.

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9 November 2014 - The ACS v South Australia

ACS 4/218 - O'Meara 38 ret, I. Gibson 37 ret, Rajah 36 ret, Selby 35 ret, D. Gibson 29 v South Australia 3/180 - Rhodes 2/33, Jenvy 1/20. Match Won.

10 November 2014 - The ACS v Queensland

ACS 9/187 - Breheny 36 ret, Kish 33, Newton 30, Blyth 20 v Queensland 10/79 - Bryce 4/18, Breheny 2/7, Delves 2/8. Match Won.

12 November 2014 - The ACS v NSW.

ACS - 6/150 I. Gibson 38 ret, Rhodes 24 v NSW 2/154 - Selby 1/14, Lloyd 1/25 Match Lost.

13 November 2014 - The ACS v A 2nd NSW XI

ACS 5/186 - O'Meara 35 ret, Lloyd 31, D. Gibson 29*, I. Gibson 28 v A 2nd NSW XI 6/238- D. Gibson 3/36. Match Lost. **N.B.: The ACS Over 60s Team finished second in Division Three in the 2014 National Championships.**

30 November 2014 - The ACS v Essendon

ACS 8/173 - Hammet 40 ret, Craddock 33*, I. Gibson 31 v. Essendon 1/233 - Lloyd 1/27. Match Lost.

14 December 2014 - The ACS v Geelong

ACS 10/125 - Hammet 29 v. Geelong 4/173 - Hopkins 1/16, McNamara 1/36. Match Lost.

11 January 2015 - The ACS v Macedon Ranges

ACS 7/145 - Hammet 42 ret, Gibson 38, Hansen 33* v Macedon Ranges 4/151 - Gibson 1/10, Blyth 1/21, McNamara 1/26. Match Lost.

25 January, 2015 - ACS v. Iona

ACS 8/151 - Gibson 35, Smith 29 v Iona 4/193 - Smith 1/10, McNamara 1/25, Hopkins 1/26. Match Lost

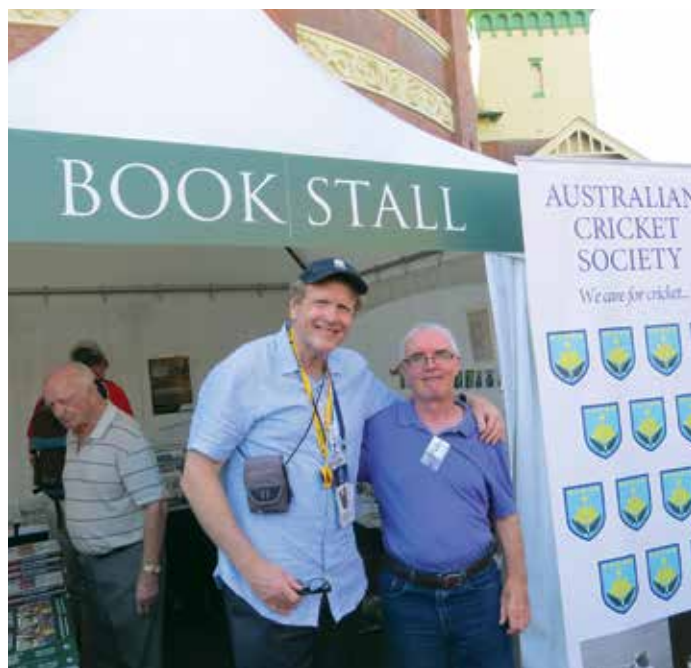
General News

A New Gold Sponsor

The Australian Cricket Society welcome the BPA Print Group as our new official printing partner. BPA through Stuart Anderson have printed this edition of "Scoresheet" as well as being long time printers of our flagship annual "Pavilion". Several of our President Ken Piesse's recent books have also been printed by BPA. We do urge our members, no matter what their printing needs might be, to talk to Stuart Anderson at BPA (0409 612 610) and negotiate the best possible price for their printing job whenever you have a requirement for printing services.



Our ACS Bookstall at the Sydney Cricket Ground During the Fourth Test Match Against India.



Ken Piesse and Peter Lloyd at the SCG bookstall

During January, for the first time at a Sydney Test, the Australian Cricket Society ran a bookstall in conjunction with our official charity partner, the Ponting Foundation. We signed 14 new members as well as spreading the gospel about the ACS. In addition we were pleased to make a \$500 donation from the proceeds of the bookstall to the Ponting Foundation which cares for kids with cancer. President, Ken Piesse was assisted by ACS members Mark Browning and Peter Lloyd. They were a tremendous help in running the bookstall. Ken was grateful for their attendance and commitment.

ACS Cricket Scholarship Boys Daniel Vella and Adam Cosgrove Both Doing Well With Their Cricket

Members will be pleased to learn that the Society's two McGain Academy scholarship boys Daniel Vella and Adam Cosgrove are both doing well this season. Daniel has been playing in the Under 14 Allen Shield competition where he has a 54* and a 4/15 to his credit. Sara Sprague, who is keeping an eye on the progress of the two boys, says that young Daniel is putting his hand up for the player of the carnival award in the Allen Shield. In the meantime Adam's mother Adrienne has told us that Adam's season is going well. He is enjoying his cricket and is training hard, she says.

Murray Hedgcock - Our Man in London - Retires from the Council of Cricket Societies In England



Murray Hedgcock, who has represented the Australian Cricket Society on the Council of Cricket Societies in England since the foundation of the Council back in 1969 when the ACS was only two years old, has decided to retire from his position. He has over the years represented the ACS and the other Australian societies very capably to the English Council members, telling them of our activities and flying the flag for Australian cricket interests in the English environment. In addition he has spoken at the meetings of over thirty cricket societies in England, often focusing on the cricketing scene in Australia and how we do things differently in this country. We would like to thank Murray for flying the flag for us for so many years in the UK, and wish him well in his retirement.

Cricket-Related Honours Awarded In This Year's Australia Day Honours Awards.

Dr Greg McKie has kindly supplied the Editor with a short list of people who were given awards in the 2015 Australia Day Honours for services given to the game of cricket. They each received the OAM: **Mervyn Bennett (Research CC), Mervyn Bourke (Hastings River Cricket Association), Stan Gilchrist (Lords' Taverners Northern NSW - the father of Adam Gilchrist), Damien Head (Crystal Brook CC SA), Richard McCarthy (Bradman Foundation) and Ian Reeves (Queensland Junior Cricket Association.)**

Meg Lanning Wins the Belinda Clark Medal for 2015

Meg Lanning, the captain of the Southern Stars cricket team who was our ACS Young Cricketer of the Year in 2010 has been awarded the Belinda Clark Medal for being the best Australian women's cricketer during the period covered by this year's Allan Border Medal. The awards took place in Sydney earlier this year. We would like to congratulate Meg on her richly deserved award.

News of Members

Sara Sprague

Our First Female Committee Member In Years



Sara (right) with Meg Lanning (middle), Julie Hunter and Kristin Beams

This year Sara Sprague joined the Committee of the Australian Cricket Society. She is the first female member who has served on the Society's Committee since the very early days of the ACS. She has joyfully taken up the challenge of finding suitable candidates for our ACS scholarships to the Bryce McGain Elite Cricket Academy.

Although Sara never played the game as a youngster, her interest in cricket and the Society has been sparked by her two boys Griffen (aged 15) and Elias (aged 12). Griffen attends the McGain Academy as a leg spinner and is learning how to play

cricket the proper way. Sara is married to Pryce. Together they run a fire services business. Earlier she worked as a radio producer. She was absolutely thrilled to sit at the head table with Meg, Lanning, Julie Hunter and Kristen Beams when the Society sponsored a luncheon in honour of the Southern Stars women's cricket team last November.

Finally Sara would love to encourage more women to join the Society and take a more active role in following the great and noble game of cricket. This is a desire we all have. We all need to work harder to bring it about.

New Members

Since the last edition of "Scoresheet" was published in November the following members have joined the Society: **Fergus Abbot, Tom Allen, Dennis Bergin, Graeme Brewer, Mark Cipauls, Jonathan Dalwood, Peter Dalwood, Andrew Farran, Graeme Fowler, Peter Glenton, Kevin Herberich, Ron Holanes, David Jenkins, Max Kennedy, Ollie Kennedy, Ken Moore, John Penhall, Warwick Poulden, Roger Prentice, Brett Rancroft, John Searle, Bernard Tanner, and Ross Webb.** We welcome these new members to the Society. Any changes in address or email address should be conveyed to the ACS

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