



Have lunch with Ben Oliver

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET'S NEW OFF-FIELD SUPREMO

Date: March 6, 2020

Time: 12 noon for 12.15 pm

Venue: Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

Cost (2-course meal & drinks): \$80 ACS/Taverners members, \$90 guests

Bookings: Wayne Ross, secretary Australian Cricket Society

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BEN OLIVER is Australian cricket's new general manager for national teams. Ben is a Geelong boy through-and-through, with a wealth of playing and high performance experience on both sides of the country.

He is in his first summer at Jolimont, having previously excelled in his roles in Western Australia, at Shield and BBL level with the Perth Scorchers.

At Geelong he debuted as a 16-year-old and was just 21 when first selected for Victoria against the West Indies. Brian Lara, Shivnarine Chanderpaul and Ramnaresh Sarwan were among his first major wickets. He played for both Victoria and Tasmania before injuries triggered his move into cricket administration. You will love hearing his story. And there will be plenty of time for questions too...



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Upcoming Events

One

ON THE COUCH WITH SHEEDS & SHEAHAN, THURSDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 20

Featuring Kevin Sheedy & Mike Sheahan
Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club,
6.45 pm for 7 pm

Dinner & drinks: ACS/Taverners Members \$125. Guests & friends \$145

Booking: Trybookings.com/585478
or Wayne Ross on 0416 983 888

More details: Stuart Stockdale
0414 236 222

This is a Taverner's Victoria event we are proud to support. KEVIN SHEEDY and MIKE SHEAHAN need little introduction. They are football legends and Kev did once bowl leggies for Richmond's first XI.

Two

2020 ACS FOOTY SEASON LAUNCH, FRIDAY LUNCHTIME, MARCH 20

Featuring one of Melbourne's most celebrated sportsmen, 1970 Brownlow Medallist Peter Bedford

Kelvin Club,
Melbourne Place,
CBD,
12 noon for 12.15 pm

Cost (2-course meal & drinks): \$80 ACS/
Taverners members, \$90 guests

Booking: www.Trybooking.com/BHHCA
Or Wayne Ross on 0416 983 888



We are privileged to chat with one of Victoria's finest sportsmen, the 1970 Brownlow Medallist Peter Bedford, 50 years after he won football's most coveted individual trophy.

Now in his 70s, Peter is a proud and passionate Port Melbourne boy, who represented the Borough at both cricket and football.



OVER 60s LADS AT PARKDALE (game 1 this summer): Back row, left to right: Star 2019 recruit Dave Long, Peter Robinson, a very shy Stuart Stockdale, Dave Mac, the Smith 'bros' Neil and John. Sitting: Craig Cook, Mark Sundberg, Ken Piesse (Echuca carnival co-ordinator), Ian Gibson, Ian Hammet and Marino Bovo (w-k & Echuca manager)

WE ARE HEADING FOR ECHUCA

Our intrepid Over 60s just can't get enough cricket. And for the first time we have a place in the 24-team Echuca carnival from mid-March.

This is the first time we as the ACS are playing at Echuca as a stand-alone team. At the time of writing we had nine players and need three more of our Sunday

His allround skills lifted him into the Victorian XI and he played in two Sheffield Shield title winning seasons, 1966-67 (as a 19-year-old) and 1969-70, his best ever year of rep cricket.

He remains close to the game as a mentor to dozens with the Crusaders and at the Malvern CC.

regulars to say 'yes'. And, if you can bowl, so much the better!

Those who have the time and the desire should contact KEN PIESSE on 9787 8023 or email Ken at kenpiesse@ozemail.com.au

PLEASE DO ACT NOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO PLAY WITH US

The President's Piesse

A SHEER DELIGHT

For those of us not totally enamored by the standard and consistency of the ABC's Test cricket radio broadcasts - a summer staple since the days of Alan McGilvray and Lindsay Hassett - the opportunity to hear the intelligent views of Kristen Beams during the MCG Christmas Test was a sheer delight.

Like TV's Ricky Ponting, by far the game's leading analyst, Beams is so often ahead of the game.

Just minutes before Trent Boult had his right hand broken by Mitchell Starc, bowling around the wicket, Beams warned of the dangers for the NZ tail, and how the fingers and wrists of the faster bowlers would always be a target - such is the ways of modern-day Test cricket.

Her intelligent and refreshing cricket-speak was beautifully delivered without any nasal twang, unlike several of her colleagues based north of the divide.

At 35 and just retired from representative cricket she seems set for a successful media career, should she choose to follow the likes of Mel Jones, Lisa Sthalekar and Co.



The President's Piesse

NINNA'S PRIDE AND JOY

Part of the joy of writing cricket for a living are the people one meets and the stories they tell.

Take 90-year-old Bradman Invincible Neil 'Ninna' Harvey, who is penning a foreword to a forthcoming biography of his closest mate Sam Loxton (which I am publishing in 2021).

We were chatting about Neil's celebrated first Ashes Test in 1948 when he was batting with Sam. 'Whatever did happen to that bat you used?' I asked.

'It's still around,' said Ninna. 'My daughter has it.'

'Can we get a picture?'

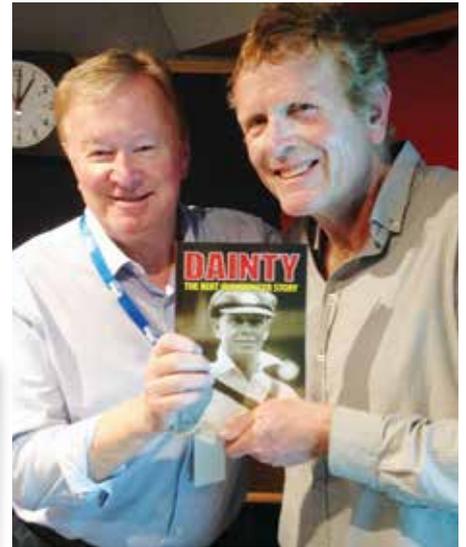
'Sure'.

Neil then told me that the bat has a very special inscription added years later, courtesy of Sam, during one of his visits to Adelaide.

Look at the image and the inscription and you'll know why it is so coveted -
KEN PIESSE



HARV'S PRIDE AND JOY FIRST ASHES BAT: A Don Bradman autograph Sykes, it has been signed and inscribed by the Don.



PROLIFIC: Our own Ken Piesse has just published a new biography of Bert 'Dainty' Ironmonger, written by Max Bonnell. Ken was at the 3AW studios with Denis Walter promoting the book during the Christmas rush. A hardback with wonderful pictures, it is \$60 posted and is available exclusively from cricketbooks.com.au

It is the 58th cricket book Ken has written, edited or published.

Recent Activities & Events

Christmas with the Kiwis: December 27, 2019

Eighty ACS members and friends from both sides of the Tasman attended Victorian cricket's headquarters, the CitiPower Centre, during the Melbourne Test for our annual festive season function, this year 'entitled' *Christmas with the Kiwis*.

It was the first time in 32 years since New Zealand had been granted the prestigious high-summer Melbourne-Sydney Test dates.

Among our guests were five of the 1980-81 Kiwi touring team: Bruce Edgar, Lance Cairns, Stephen Boock, Paul McEwan and Ewen Chatfield all in Melbourne for a reunion revolving around the Boxing Day Test.

Also present was prominent cricket writer and NZ's long time selection convenor Don Neely, who attended with his wife Paddi-anne. (Don wrote cricket's biggest ever book *Men in White*, which weighs close to 20 kg)

The lads signed autographs, posed for pictures and spoke eloquently of their experiences in Australia.



REUNION KIWIS: (from left) Bruce Edgar, Paul McEwan, Ewen Chatfield, Stephen Boock and Lance Cairns. Others of the 1980-81 touring team, including manager Ian Taylor, flew in the following day for another function.

Recent Activities & Events

The 1980-81 Kiwis played 27 games and caught 31 planes in three-and-a-half months. These were the days of old-time tours and many up-country games, Richard Hadlee captaining his country for the first time at Traralgon.

Other red ball one-dayers were played at Geelong, Armidale (where the locals batted 12), Currumbin and Wagga Wagga.

While the Kiwis lost two of their three Tests, with more luck they could easily have won the Melbourne Test. And they were very competitive at Fifty50 level thanks to the likes of inspiring captain Geoff Howarth and champion allrounder Richard Hadlee.

This was the season of Trevor Chappell's infamous underarm and Edgar was at the non-striker's end when Australia's captain Greg Chappell informed umpire Don Weser that his brother would deliver the final ball of the match underarm.



INSANITY (left): Trevor Chappell's underarm to Brian McKechnie.

Few remember that Edgar scored a rare ODI century that day.

Earlier in the tour, 'Bootsie' scored a pair in the Perth Test and was so devastated that he huddled himself into one of the player's dressing room lockers for an hour with a towel draped over his head. 'I felt like I'd let down myself, my teammates and all of New Zealand,' he said. 'A pair in a Test match. In Aussie. It doesn't get any worse than that.'

The cool and assured left-hander had a great opening combination with John Wright and scored his first 1000 runs in Test cricket in just 17 Tests.

Cairns, a slow medium bowler, spoke of being controversially no-balled at the MCG after aiming a bouncer at Australia's No.11 Jim Higgs who gloved a catch through to wicketkeeper Warren Lees. 'It cost us the game,' he said. 'They (Higgs and Doug Walters) added another 60 for the last wicket.'

Never again was Cairns ever 'called' for so-called intimidatory bowling, but the moment still grates.

He had only been able to go on the tour after his work mates at the old Picton freezer works rallied around and put in \$30 a week to help feed his family while he was away.

'There was no such thing as paid leave at the freezer,' he said. 'I used the \$30 a week we got on tour to live on. Without my mates putting in I wouldn't have been able to go at all.'

The plethora of ODI cricket unlocked fresh streams of income for all cricketers and that enabled the likes of Cairns and others to stay a little longer in the game.

At an ODI several years later in Melbourne he struck six 6s in 19 balls. 'All were full strength sixes too,' he said. 'There were no ropes back then. After one of them even Rodney Hogg stood back and clapped.'



THE CATCH THAT WASN'T: Martin Snedden at the MCG, February 1. The striker, Greg Chappell refused to walk, the first controversy in a black day in trans-Tasman relations.

Tall left-arm finger spinner Boock requested to go home early after playing just two early first-class games. John Bracewell was chosen ahead of him in the three Tests and other than a 'five-for' in Wagga Wagga, he had a quiet tour.

Boock spoke of NZ's long-running spin problems, white ball specialist Mitchell Santner having been included in each of the first two Tests on virtual default as few others were in contention.

He said consistency of length was a must for any Test spinner and Santner, having been thrashed in the opening Test in Perth, lacked rhythm and confidence.

McEwan played the first two Tests but had some bad luck with umpiring decisions - he was caught off a no-ball in Brisbane, but there was no 'DRS' back then. At the time he was 26 and had played just one Test, earlier in the calendar year against the West Indies.

He was positioned at No.4 and averaged only 7.50 in the Tests. 'I didn't even bat four for Canterbury and here I was coming in ahead of more experienced ones like Howarth, (Mark) Burgess and (John) Parker.'

McEwan believed NZ captain Kane Williamson's decision to bowl first on Boxing Day was the only option he could have taken with NZ looking to square the series 1-1 after losing in four days in Perth. 'We wanted to bowl in the most conducive conditions,' he said. 'Unfortunately we just

didn't take enough wickets after that early breakthrough with Joe Burns out (to Trent Boult).'

Chatfield, Hadlee's long-time opening partner, received generous applause from the crowd. He said he was lucky to be alive having been struck in the head by a Peter Lever bouncer in Auckland in 1975. Heart massage and a kiss of life administered by England's physio Bernard Thomas had saved him.

Like Boock he wasn't included for many of the major games in 1980-81, but still loved the experience. 'I played a lot of squash on that tour,' he said.

Three years later, at Leeds, his 'five-for' helped to sink England in one of NZ's most famous victories. That was the match the three C's (Chatfield, Jeremy Coney and Cairns) took all 20 wickets between them.



'Thank goodness you can bat a bit!' quipped Coney afterwards to opening bowler Richard Hadlee, who'd gone wicketless in 45 overs.

Chatfield continued to play long after his international retirement. His last game at Over 60s level was last January. 'They want me to play in the Over 70s now,' he said.

The tourists were great ambassadors for their country and cricket. One non-cricketing day was declared as being 'Dress-up Day' and Parker came to dinner with everything bar his shoes on backwards. Suit, shirt, tie, trousers, the lot. He even sat at the table backwards. It was hilarious.

We were privileged to be there listening to the tall stories and true. Surely administrators won't allow 30 years to pass before NZ comes here again for Tests at Christmas time. Let's hope not. - KP

* Signed programs from the event are available from Wayne Ross at \$5 posted

Summertime reads

Ashley Mallett's *The Magic of Spin*

From confabs with 'Tiger' O'Reilly at the Pineapple Hotel to a little known net's session between Ian Chappell and Shane Warne, Ashley Mallett's *The Magic of Spin* is one of those impossible-to-put-down books which will delight.

Hard-spinning, dipping deliveries just above the eye level have been sorting out even the most confident and sure-footed batsmen for years, Mallett says. It's not *where* the ball lands, it is *how* it arrives. The harder a spinner works, the more belief and inner-confidence is built and the more successes will follow.

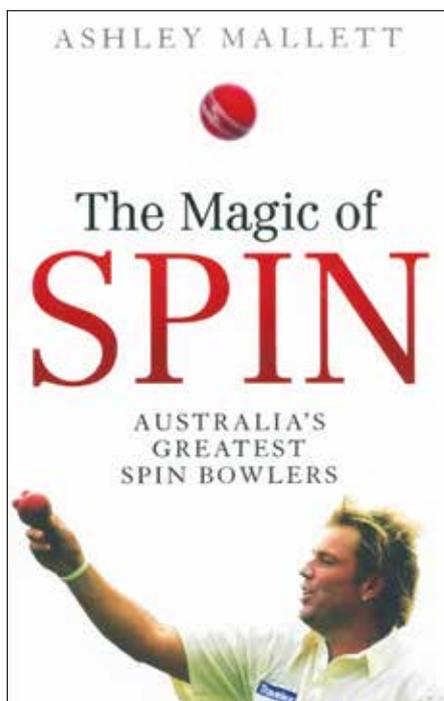
Mallett mixes 'skin care' advice for sore and split spinning fingers with an array of insightful essays on 40 of the most prominent of all Australian spin bowlers.

Mallett's 100 Test wickets came even quicker than Shane Warne's first 100... on a balls bowled basis. He may have taken 200 but for the presence of Lillee and Thommo.

His intimate knowledge of many of the bowlers, especially his WA-mate Terry Jenner, the only Australian cricketer to be jailed and meetings with O'Reilly and Clarrie Grimmett, the two outstanding Australian spinners between-the-wars makes this latest offering one of his most rewarding.

He and O'Reilly chatted over a few beers near the 'Gabba, after finishing their Test duties one day in the early '80s.

In 1925 the young Tiger had bowled to Don Bradman in highland town Wingello (not Bowral as is stated), the teenage starlet making 234 on a tiny sloping ground which from the high end would have made O'Reilly look like a giant.



Their reminiscing is a sheer delight, the Tiger being one of the great personalities of them all.

A lesser-known meeting was between a 52-year-old Ian Chappell and Test spin star Warne in Adelaide one afternoon.

Like a Neil Harvey, Chappelli was renowned for his dancing feet and was always telling a young Warne that he'd always have to employ a deep fielder at cow corner against him.

The two had chatted over a cool drink or two at Augusta late one night, Warne insisting he wouldn't need a deep mid-wicket and Chappelli sure that he did.

He may have been long retired but Chappell was still a fine player and had a 20-minute indoor session against Warne and Brad Hogg in Adelaide one afternoon.

Warne bowled mainly hard spun leg breaks aimed at middle and leg stump, limiting Chappell's ability to play his favorite off and cover drives. Afterwards he quipped: 'You are allowed to go up in the air around off stump you know...'

'No way,' came the reply. 'I've seen your cover droves off Hoggie.'

It was a master-class, said Chappell. 'Warnie had the ability to quickly notice a batsman's strengths and weaknesses. Importantly he also had the rare skill to then land the ball where he wanted to in order to take advantage of his observations.'

Chappell provides the foreword and said Mallett, like Warne, was at his best when cornered. 'The better the batsmen, the better he bowled,' he said.

The Magic of Spin is not without its errors: the MCC toured in 1946-47 (not 1945-46) and Cec Pepper made 2000 runs in a bush season (not 200).

But the anecdotes flow, as do the homespun philosophies. It's just a pity it wasn't released in hardback. - KP

* *The Magic of Spin* is available at \$40 posted from cricketbooks.com.au

OUR PLAYING XIS

Several newcomers to make their mark with our intrepid **Over 60s** pre-Christmas were David Long and Paul Morrey, well known as much-travelled and experienced premier and sub-district cricketers.

Dave opened the bowling on several occasions, while Paul is a specialist opening bat.

The early form of No.3 bat Stuart Stockdale has been pleasing while Phil O'Meara's straight six into the wheat fields at Iona was one of biggest seen in Gippsland for years. Ian Gibson's flowing 40 at Keilor Park turned back the years.

The team has again been playing mainly on turf, the Sunbury lads shifting a game from hard wicket to Keilor, much to everyone's satisfaction.

With bad weather due, we this day looked to play four 20 over segments. Only three were possible after the 3 pm rains, with ACS

being awarded the match having lost less wickets with both teams on 99 after the first 20 over innings.

The **Wandering XI's** much anticipated fixture against the Umpires & Scorers at Caulfield was unfortunately washed out, but the match at Strath Creek against the MCC was a great success, with Jeff Scotland, Tim Corney and Keith Jansz starring.

A Twenty20 against a Sri Lankan XI at Frankston's Jubilee Park was also played before Christmas.

Ahead are games at Queenscliff, Doncaster, Caulfield and Frankston in a big finale to our playing season.

SCORES: OVER 60s

MATCH 4: BENALLA 3-184 cc (Neville 25 (ACS member), Bennett 1-25, Robinson 1-26, Long 1-22) d. ACS 7-179 (Stockdale 36, Piesse 43 (retired), Bennett 32 not out), by five runs, at Elsternwick Park No.2, Turf

5. IONA 7-146 CC (N. Smith 1-13, Piesse

1-25, Nadj 2-25, Gregory 1-21) lost to ACS 4-156 (Stockdale 25, O'Meara 40 (retired), Piesse 36 (retired), Nadj 15 not out), by six wickets, At Iona. Hard wicket.

6. SUNBURY 6-173 (Stumbles 2-38, Piesse 1-44, Gregory 1-18) lost to ACS 2-99 (Morrey 40 retired), I Gibson 41 (retired), on countback after 20 overs, Keilor Park. Turf

SCORES: WANDERING XI

MATCH 2. v Victorian Umpires and Scorers, Caulfield (washed out)

3. MCC XXIXers 5-201 (Jansz 2-17, Scotland 1-28, Noel Sharpe 1-27, Craig 1-49) lost to ACS 4/202 (Jansz 40 retired, Craig 17, Corney 40 retired, Ferguson 19, Sharpe 15, Scotland 34 not out), at the Village Green, Strath Creek. Turf

4. SRI LANKAN XI 4-112 (McConnell 1-16, O'Connor 1-22, Robins 1-11, Sullivan 1-20) defeated ACS 7-88 (O'Connor 14 not out, Blanch 24 not out), at Jubilee Park east, Frankston. Turf. Twenty20 format.

General news

See the Lions

For those who love seeing the best youngsters, before they represent Australia, a coming match at the MCG to consider is the game between the touring English Lions and Australia A in Melbourne from February 22-25.

The Lions' program also includes some day-night cricket against the pink ball.

The new Pavilion

Thanks to everyone for their kind words about our latest *Pavilion 2020* annual featuring Steve Smith on the cover.

The story on Alan 'Froggie' Thomson has been especially praised. Dean Jones read it and said it brought tears to his eyes.

Our book prizewinners were Zane Whitehorn, Phil O'Rourke and Andrew Trotter. The answer required was Marnus Labuschagne.



News of kindred societies

The **Hobart** branch of the ACS looked forward to having new Australian selector and Tasmanian legend George Bailey address their annual dinner.

Bailey, 37, has only just retired after playing the first half of the season in the Sheffield Shield competition.



TALL STORIES & TRUE

The BBC had asked Henry Blofeld to conduct some Christmas interviews with the touring West Indians, at Melbourne's luscious Windsor Hotel. Everyone was most generous with their time.

Highly pleased with the conversations, Henry waltzed off to dinner and on to the ABC studios where he handed the technician his cassette tape. In it went and ... nothing ... nothing ... there was no sound at all!

It transpired that Henry had failed to press a highly important button - the red record one!

Back he went to the Windsor, this time to do it all over again with a set of not quite as affable West Indians, this time in their pyjamas. And in the end, the BBC didn't use his piece anyway!

** From Ken Piesse's updated Favourite Cricket Yarns, due for a later-in-2020 publication*

Garth McKenzie & cricket nicknames

We have always loved our nicknames. 'Garth' McKenzie (named after the comic book hero) is a favourite.

Richie Benaud was at the Fremantle docks as the '61 team was about to sail for England. Upstairs 19-year-old Graham McKenzie, with his bronzed, imposing physique was already a hit with the ladies.

A worried Mrs McKenzie approached captain Richie Benaud: 'This is his first time away from home Mr Benaud... please do look after him.'

Seeing McKenzie and the bevy of beauties vying for his attentions, Richie said: 'I think he'll be alright Mrs McKenzie'.



GARTH: Graham McKenzie, named after the comic book hero

Other nicknames we like:

AB: Allan Border
Al Pal: Alan Connolly
Alfie: Justin Langer
Bagga: Sid Barnes
Bacchus: Rod Marsh
Beatle: Graeme Watson
Billy: Craig McDermott
Bing: Brett Lee
Bomber: Jeff Hammond
Boof: Darren Lehmann
Bull: Harry Alexander
CC: Colin McDonald
Chuck: Leslie Fleetwood-Smith
Claggie: Kim Hughes
Clem: Terry Alderman
Cracker: Trevor Hohns
Dainty: Bert Ironmonger
Davo: Alan Davidson
Deafy: Don Tallon
Evil: David Sincock
Far: Peter King
Fat Cat: Greg Ritchie
Ferg: Bob Massie
Flipper: Wayne B Phillips
Fot: Dennis Lillee

Fritz: Eric Freeman
Froggie: Alan Thomson
Glad: Jim Higgs
Grum: Clarrie Grimmett
Harry: Henry Graham
Jackie: Clayvel Badcock
Jaf: Gary Cosier
Jock: John Irvine
Joey: GE Palmer
Johnnie: AG Moyes
Jumbo: Peter Burge
Junior: Mark Waugh
LJ: Laurie Nash
Mad-dog: Ian Callen
Mo: Leo O'Brien
Mocca: Carl Rackemann
Ninna: Neil Harvey
Nip: CE Pellew
Nugget: Keith Miller
Percy: Peter Philpott
Phanto: Bill Lawry
Pidge: Glenn McGrath
Pistol: Paul Reiffel
Punter: Ricky Ponting
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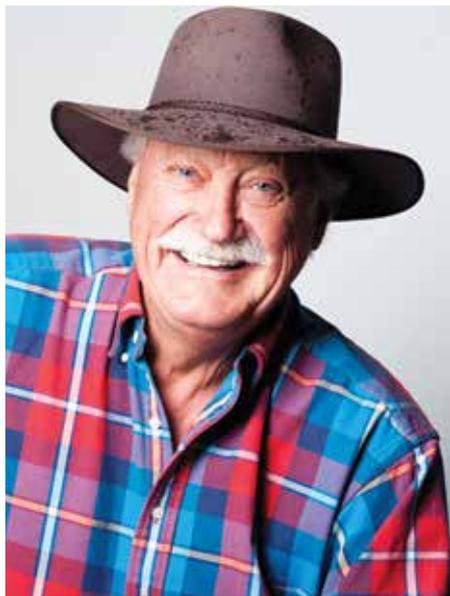
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Sounda: Peter Sleep
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Spotty: Ray Bright
Spud: Keith Slater
Stan: Stephen Smith
Sticks: Ian Brayshaw
Stork: Hunter Hendry
Stumpy: Bruce Laird
Tang: Max Walker
Tibby: Albert Cotter
Willie: Jack Potter

News of Members

The Bush Balladeer

Long serving member Don McQueen recently received a 50-year service award for his cricketing involvements courtesy of Cricket Victoria.

Don had been introduced to cricket by his grandfather who lived with his family while his father was serving in New Guinea during WWII.



MULTI-TALENTED: The great Don McQueen

'I fell in love with cricket and the love of the game endures just as strongly as ever all these years later,' he said.

His first team was St Andrews Gardiner

Under 14s in the Presbyterian Boys Association. He played in the firsts with Haileybury College in his last year of school in 1958 before joining Camberwell and playing in the thirds initially.

In his maiden first XI appearance he took seven for 43 against Doncaster.

An even bigger thrill was taking six for 24 against Preston in 1968 with all wickets clean bowled, including 1964 Ashes tourist Jack Potter after he'd been dropped at leg slip first ball.

Don also played with the MCC's Club XI for a decade before building his own cricket ground at Strath Creek.

Known as 'The Bush Balladeer', Don cuts a formidable presence in any room and in any company. Well played.

Nicole Hall

We regret the passing of one of our foundation members Nicole Hall, aged 80. She had been among the very first to attend our initial meetings from the late '60s.

Her husband Fred is a former ACS president and until recently, one of our most regular function attendees. We send all our best to Fred and his family.

Drew Payne



BACK IN MELBOURNE: Cricket fanatic Drew Payne

Drew Payne was born in East Melbourne within a Aaron Finch punch or two from the Melbourne Cricket Ground and as the son of a Herald sports journalist had a rare passion for sports, particularly cricket.

Like most of us, the MCG was a home-away-from-home for a teenage Drew before work took him to England where he played for the Dartford Nomads in north-west Kent as an allrounder.

The tranquillity of the English countryside prompted a move to the picturesque village of Meopham, where each Ashes tour he'd

organise matches involving the Australian Cricket Society and the MCC.

He also worked as Australia's ACS representative on the Council of Cricket Societies in the UK and toured with us to South Africa in 2018.

Now he's back in Melbourne fulltime and enjoying being part of another Aussie summer. We're hoping he'll join our committee.

Bill Freeman

The ACS has struck a 25 and 50-year year membership badge for long-standing members.

The latest recipient is country boy Bill Freeman, who joined us in 1990.

Bill's love of cricket has seen him enjoy the game from his hometown Donald through to the MCG and Lord's during our 2015 ACS Ashes Supporter's tour.

He recalls watching the Don bat in Melbourne in his final MCG appearances, against England in 1946-47 and India in 1947-48.

Bill's own playing CV is modest and includes two appearances for Donald Services in 1949. The first time he made 1 and the second time was not quite as successful.

A 50-year member of the MCC, Bill was in the famous Lord's member's grandstand late in the 2015 Test. England was in dire straits at eight for not many and Bill stood to allow a MCC member past. 'That was not a good session for us was it?' said the MCC gent.

'What do you mean us?' said Bill in his best Aussie 'strine'.

After play that night while having a drink in the Member's upper bar, Bill was tapped on the shoulder.

'Whadda you doing 'ere Bill? said a mate, who had come all the way from Charlton.

Small world.

** Bill received his ACS 25-year service medal during the 2019 Christmas with the Kiwis function*

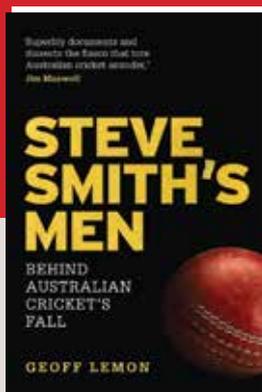
New Members

We welcome the following to our fraternity: **David Copeland, Paul Morgan, Keith Thompson, Luke Reynolds and Chris Meyer plus Crusaders Australia and Taverners Victoria** have joined as 'Association Members'.

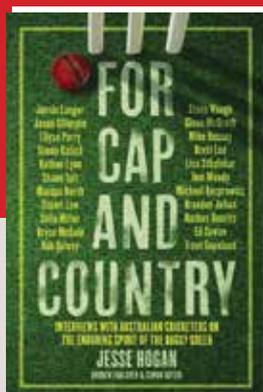
Please update us ASAP with any changes of address, email addresses or phone numbers. Contact Wayne Ross on 0416 983 888 or email Wayne at info@australiancricketsociety.com.au

The deadline for the inclusion of material in the Autumn 2019-20 edition of Scoresheet is 25 February, 2020. Please send material to editor Ken Piesse at kenpiesse@ozemail.com.au

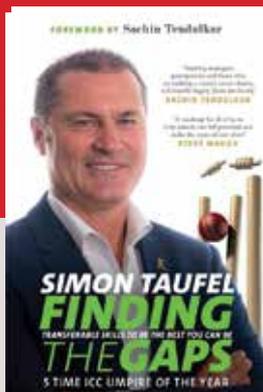
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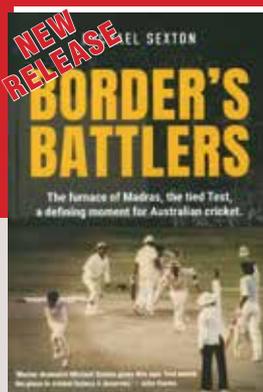
Steve Smith's Men, behind Australian cricket's fall
Geoff Lemon, \$35



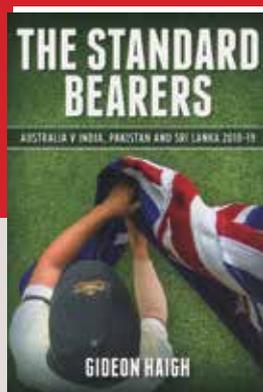
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Finding the Gaps
Simon Taufel, signed by Simon, \$35

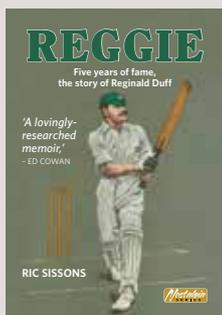


Border's Battlers, the 1987 tied Test
Michael Sexton, \$30

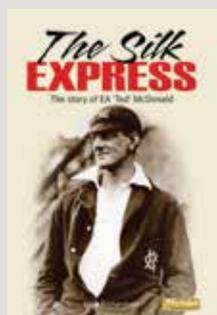


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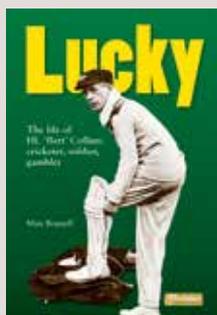
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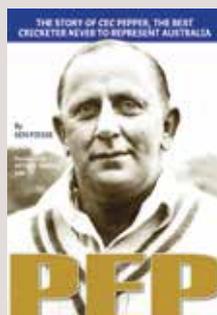
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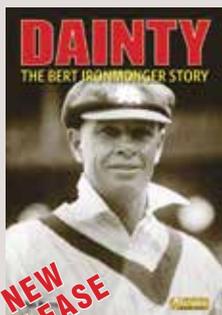


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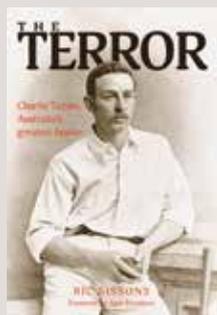


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