



Sam Loxton Celebration Day

Presented by the Australian Cricket Society, Prahran Cricket Club & Taverners Victoria

Featuring Martin Rogers, the author of *Invincible, the Life & Times of Sam Loxton*

Lunchtime: Noon for 12.15 p.m., March 26, 2021. Two courses and drinks. Prahran Cricket Club, Toorak Park, Orrong Rd., Prahran

Payment options

(1) Signed book and luncheon: \$115 members and partners; \$125 non-members and friends

(2) \$75 members and partners; \$85 non-members and friends

Pre-payment is essential.

Bookings and monies need to be with Wayne Ross no later than 20 March. Cheques should be made payable to the Australian Cricket Society.

Electronic transfer is preferred. ACS's bank details BSB 633-000 Acc. No. 143226314.

Please record your surname and the number of any guests for whom you are paying... eg LOXTONSMITHx2.

Please indicate any special dietary requirements. Wayne can be contacted on 0416 983 888.

Email: info@australiancricketsociety.com.au Wayne's address is PO Box 4528, Langwarrin, Vic 3910. EFT payments preferred.

OUR GUEST OF HONOUR: We are privileged to welcome Sam Loxton's biographer MARTIN ROGERS all the way from the Gold Coast.

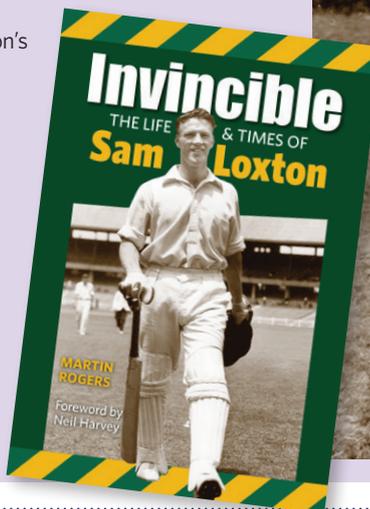
The publication of Martin's 90,000 word tribute to Sam is timely. Sam would have been 100 years young on March 29, 2021.

Prahran Cricket Club has moved to further honor Sam with the naming of the Sam Loxton Oval at Toorak Park. It is hoped Stonnington will officially recognise Sam's amazing contributions to Prahran and cricket when the rebuild of the facilities at Toorak Park are completed in 2023.

Join Sam's mates and experience the highs of Sam's unique life at Sam's centenary celebrations.

Signed by Neil Harvey copies of the book are available on the day, at \$50 each, or \$40 if you are prepaying for lunch.

This event is restricted to the first 75 who pre-pay.



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Our inaugural Bendigo Bank Australian Cricket Society Scholarship squad has been chosen.

The 2021 Academy intake of 12 features seven boys and five girls.

They will receive six weeks of high performance coaching from the ACS' head coach Keith Jansz in mid-year.

They have been selected after several trials at Walter Galt Oval, home of Premier League club the Kingston-Hawthorn Hawks.

More than 30 promising young players were invited to trial.

Jansz is regarded as one of the finest coaches in Melbourne. He has had successful stints at several Premier League clubs and has also coached Sri Lankan representative teams.

The inaugural squad is: BOYS: Harry Cameron (Boroondarra), George Pourpouras (Caulfield), Jaikar Araich (Lyndale), Ollie Rivett (Mt Eliza), Abraham Matthews (Caulfield), Jock McKenzie (Washington Park) and Billy Ross (Mt Eliza). GIRLS: Emily Taranto (Mt Eliza), Meera Hyderabad (Lynbrook), Nilakshi Perera (Parkfield), Mannat Chadha (Lynbrook) and Sahana Tarini (Narre Warren South)

Several emergencies were also named: Billy Thomson (from Carrum), Cooper Remy (Baden Powell) and Cate Fillipone (Mornington).

Each will be provided with a comprehensive training schedule which will give them plenty of time to prepare and

be organised for Keith's High Performance Development Program.

We are indebted to the Bendigo Bank and its branches at Doncaster East and Templestowe for their support of our program, which commences in May at Saxon Sports in Croydon. Saxon's is a stellar indoor facility with excellent Covid protocols.

The program consists of 10 two-hour High Performance Development Sessions.

Our Academy director Drew Payne says it's a grand opportunity for the youngsters to learn and excel under one of the very best coaches in metropolitan Melbourne.

'Keith is keen, passionate and expert. Our scholars will love it,' he said.

Introducing Donal Wilson

As part of our charter in encouraging both young cricketers and cricket writers, we are pleased to announce that Donal Wilson is our first ACS Literary Scholar.

Donal, 22, will write regularly for all our publications, including *Scoresheet* and *Pavilion*. His first story on evergreen Ian Gibson can be found in this issue.

He is a very personable young man already with considerable interviewing and writing skills.

He plays at Richmond Union CC, having started there as a junior and is a voracious reader of sporting autobiographies.

He has just completed a Bachelor of Sports Media degree at Holmesglen.

He receives a \$2000 scholarship from us and on-going mentorship from our president, cricket writer Ken Piesse.

Our annual scholarship is being coordinated by Holmesglen TAFE and is open to young budding writers from the ages of 17-25. We hope it can continue to encourage quality writings and comment on the greatest game of all.

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Our Playing XIs

Jansz leads us to Echuca



THE ACS OVER 60s AT THE ROSE GARDENS, BENALLA: back row, left to right: Ken Piesse, Peter Leggett, David Long, Steve Wild, Terry Allinson, Peter Carmody, Neil Smith, Mark Dunstan, Ian Blackwell (umpire). Front: Paul Morrey, Stuart Stockdale, Ian Gibson (captain) and Marino Bovo

The opportunity to play in Division One at the coming Echuca Cricket Carnival was a great reward for the ACS Over 60s after a dramatic lift in form after Christmas.

Having lost four of five early games, the ACS won its next three in a row including matches against powerful country XIs Benalla and the Gippsland Goannas.

For the first time, a 'roster' system was implemented so match-play could be shared fairly.

The team again played almost all its matches on turf, the team's trip to Benalla and the fabulous Rose Gardens Oval a highlight.

The inclusion of newcomers including Mark Dunstan, Steve Wild, Terry Allinson and Phil Hyde added to team numbers and depth, Phil being a former Victorian Sheffield Shield wicketkeeper in the early '80s.

Ian Gibson led the team to all three New Year victories. He also was part of the Victorian Over 70s team for several trial matches in the New Year.

One of the highlights of the season for the Over 60s was the hat-trick to end the match taken by ACS president, leg-spinning all-rounder Ken Piesse against Gippsland. Pictures were taken on the day by fellow ACS member Ian Gibson from Jeeralang Junction. Two of the wickets were shared with wicketkeeper Marino Bovo and the third juggled and finally taken by mid-off fielder Peter Leggett. All three of Ken's victims were left-handers.



WANDERING XI at Suma Park 2021: Back row, left to right: Sam Ferguson (captain), Jeff Scotland, Ollie Schieber, Rob Scheiber, Ken Piesse, Wavell McPherson, Ian Blackwell (umpire). Front: Geoff Craig, Jim Hall, Paul Morgan, David Strachan and Mark Browning.

Earlier in the year Ken took his first ever 'six-for' haul, against Essendon.

In the early-February match against Canterbury at East Malvern, first-year wicketkeeper Hyde struck 10 4s in his 40. All up, he faced 30 balls.

Our Academy coach Keith Jansz will lead the team to Echuca. Four matches are planned, Covid allowing.

The Wandering XI had its annual 'party' match at Suma Park and ran

a close second despite the efforts of promising allrounder Jeff Scotland, the formidable Scheiber father-son combo and canny captaincy from Sam 'Disco' Ferguson.

It was pleasing to see the game against the MCC XXIXers re-fixtured in March, at the Albert Ground.

Two Over 70s matches were also played as we continue to offer playing opportunities for the young and old.

Our Playing XIs

One for the grandkids...

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Hat-tricks are a rarity in cricket and for our own Ken Piesse to take a second one in three seasons is indeed something special. It helped our guys win the game against a tough opponent in the Gippsland Goannas, after just 20-odd were needed with three wickets in hand.

Beginning his second spell from the Elwood beach end of Elsternwick Park, Ken dismissed Gippsland's final three batsmen, all left-handers in three deliveries. The first was a leg break to Fred Debono which bounced and bit, caught the glove and was juggled by wicketkeeper Marino Bovo. The second and third were both googlies, Rob Bacchetti running past his and being stumped and last man Barrie Nunn, mishitting a catch to mid-off and Peter Leggett who gratefully clutched the ball at his third attempt.

My namesake Ian Gibson from Jeeralang Junction happened to have his camera at the ready and captured the event for posterity... and Ken's grandkids.
- IAN GIBSON



Wicket No.1: Ken bowls a leg-break to Gippsland's Fred Debono which is caught behind.



Wicket No 2: Rob Bacchetti attacks his first ball, a wrong-un and is about to be stumped.



Wicket No 3: Ken contemplates what to bowl next and settles on another googly to last man Barrie Nunn. He bowls and raises his arms in triumph after Peter Leggett takes a juggled catch at mid-off. Three in three. Fun times!



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Our Playing XIs

SCORES

WANDERING XI

Game 1: Powerhouse 7-166 (Craig 3-28) def ACS 8-114 (Leggett 31 retired, Clay 20), by 52 runs, Lucas Reserve, East Malvern. Turf.

Game 2: ACS 99 (Scotland 23) lost to Suma Park 8-101 (R. Scheiber 3-14, O. Scheiber 2-8), by two wickets, Suma Park, Queenscliff. Hard wicket.

Game 3: Taverners Victoria 151 (Ferguson 3-6, Ceresa 1-16, Mclsaac 1-17, Scotland 1-17) tied with ACS 151 (Jansz 41, Morrey 40 (both retired), Scotland 23, Nikolic 16), at Trinity Playing Fields, Bulleen. Turf.

OVER 60s

Round 3: ACS 9-173 (Gibson 32, Morrey 33 not out, Allinson 22 not out, Piesse 26, Carmody 16, McNamara 13) lost to Geelong 'B' 5-216 (Piesse 1-35, Carmody 3-21), by 43 runs, at Walter Galt Reserve, Parkdale, Turf.

Round 4: Koo Wee Rup 125 (N. Smith 2-19, Wild 1-28, Long 1-17, Piesse 1-7, Robinson 3-7, Bennett 1-4) lost to ACS 5-126 (Dunstan 37 retired, Piesse 34 retired, Allinson 15 not out, Bennett 12), by five wickets with 12 overs to spare. Lucas Reserve, East Malvern. Turf.

Round 5: Mornington 3-191 (Robinson 2-28, Bennett 1-23)) d ACS 7-170 (Piesse 40 retired, Allinson 29 retired, Robinson 26, Dunstan 16, Long 15), by 21 runs, at Mornington Park. Hard wicket.

Round 6: ACS 9-133 cc (Dunstan 30, Morrey 17, Jansz 22, Piesse 17 not out) d. Gippsland Goannas 110 (Bennett 2-19, Jansz 2-14, Piesse 3-16 incl a hat-trick), by 23 runs, at Elsternwick Park. Turf.

Round 7: ACS 164 (Morrey 17, Dunstan 28, Gibson 13, Leggett 35, Allinson 16 retired, Long 16) d. Benalla 88 (Wild 3-21, N Smith 1-14, Carmody 1-7, Dunstan 1-6, Piesse 1-4,

Long 2-15), by 76 runs, at Benalla's Rose Garden Oval. Turf.

Round 8: ACS 5-120 (Hyde 40 retired) d Canterbury 119 (Smith 3-11, Allinson 1-16, Bennett 1-20, McNamara 2-25, Robinson 1-13), by five wickets, at Lucas Reserve, East Malvern. Turf.

Round 9: v Hobson's Bay/Barkly St Veterans, at Maribyrnong. Match abandoned (re. Covid)

OVER 70s

Match 1: ACS 2-153 (Cottrell 24) d Glen Waverley 2-150, by eight wickets, at Glen Waverley. Turf.

Match 2: ACS 6 -166 (Sanderson 30, Hammet 25, J Smith 22, D. Gibson 12 (all retired), I Gibson 24, Lane 12 not out) d Endeavour Hills 4 -154 (J Smith 1-21, Lane 1-24, Sanderson 1-37, Hopkins 0-17 off 8 overs), by 12 runs, at Elsternwick Park. Turf.

AMAZING AND TRUE

I was captaining one of Box Hill's lower XIs in the mid-'70s. We were playing Camberwell and by the time of the toss, just two of us from Box Hill were present.

Fortunately I won the toss and as the umpire counselled me, I had little choice but to bat. As I went out with co-opener Chris Salisbury, I assessed the carpark and still there was no sign of any of our teammates.

'Strange,' I thought. 'Wonder what has happened to everyone?'

I told Chris that we couldn't afford to be dismissed - 'risky' runs were out.

He'd never opened before, but from his first ball, struck a boundary.

After about half an hour, I noticed a few of our lads turning up.

I hadn't bothered about a batting order. I just hoped that someone would work out what had happened and pad-up, ready to come in when either of us were dismissed.



Greg McKie, circa 1979

Thankfully our opening partnership stretched out for almost an hour and by then, most of our XI had arrived. Chris was the first out for 30. Our opening partnership was worth 86.

I was the fourth player dismissed and only after having left the field, did I find out the true story.

One of the players had had his 21st on the Friday night. It was a typically boozy night, as occurred back then even on match eve. Most of the team had ended up sleeping at the venue. Me, a family man, and Chris, then in his mid-teens, had not been told about the party.

Everyone had arrived by the afternoon tea-break and we ended up making 220-odd and winning easily. But how different it could have been had Camberwell won the toss! I'd bowled two, maybe three overs in my entire life and Chris and I would have had to take turns keeping wickets... I still picture the scenarios even now - but that's cricket, isn't it! - GREG MCKIE

COMING EVENTS

AFL Footy Celebration, featuring Brownlow Medallist, Peter Bedford, Friday, 30 April, Kooyong. Lunchtime
Book through Wayne Ross, 0416 983 888

Member Profiles

IAN GIBSON

By Donal Wilson
Our ACS journalism scholar

It's every Australian cricketer's dream to get the phone call to say you're playing for Australia against England. This dream came true for Ian Gibson at 70 years of age. After a career of playing cricket in the country, Ian

Gibson husband to Helen and father of 2 was going to make his dream a reality and travel to England to play for Australia.

Gibson's Cricket career started by captaining the 1st grade school team formally called Champagnat now Galen College in rural Wangaratta.

Apart from his prolific run scoring on the cricket field. Gibson became a high school

teacher at 23 years of age teaching both Maths and Geography. Gibson spent 21 years teaching throughout five different high schools: in Seymour, Benalla, Echuca, Pakenham and Emerald.

Throughout his teaching he didn't stop playing cricket. He would play in Bendigo country week which would take place in January during school holidays.

Member Profiles



GIBBO: Few love cricket as passionately as Ian Gibson who is still a star player into his 70s.



When teaching in Seymour he represented Seymour association and when he moved to Benalla, he played for Benalla Association. When in Echuca he travelled down to play in Melbourne country week.

Gibson went on to have success playing for Echuca. Winning the batting award for the league with an average of 63 being a key reason why they went on to win the premiership that season.

Gibson played for Berwick CC from 1982-1990 scoring five 100s. The highlight of which was playing with his 16-year-old son Matt. Berwick CC made the grand final and in a high scoring game the Gibson father/son combination put on a 100-run partnership in which Gibson went onto make 100. Unfortunately, Berwick CC lost the game. "I'll always cherish making a 100-run stand with my son," Gibson said.

In 2005 Gibson, now over 50 years old thought, "I'm too old for Cricket now," However, five years later, he overheard two people discussing over 60s cricket. "I thought I like the sound of that," Gibson said.

In 2018 there was an over 70s tour to England to represent Australia. "I didn't expect to get picked," Gibson said.

An email was sent out to congratulate players on making the team; Gibson didn't get one. Although, the President Greg Johnson called assuring him that the email had been misplaced and he was in fact on the tour. "I was very excited and surprised, I told my wife let's not tell anyone until we get the email," Gibson said.

Gibson had only ever played one game outside of Australia. That was a social game in England to celebrate his son's wedding. "It was an amazing experience to go on a tour representing Australia to play against England," Gibson said.

The Australian team would stay at the same hotel then take a bus to the ground. The local English County club that hosted them would then put on a dinner, sometimes it would be a spit roast. The hospitality was great.

In a best of three one day games vs England, it came down to the 2nd last ball of the deciding game. England prevailed.

Gibson still loves playing the game for the laughter and banter that is shared around a cricket club. "As captain of Berwick Cricket Club I used to say: "Let's bring home the bacon". It soon became a running joke." After one game which we won, one of the boys wheeled out a pig's head, borrowed from the local butcher that very morning. He was a big fella. "Gibbo," the boys chorused, "We bought home the bacon!"

After receiving the dream phone call to say you're representing Australia. Gibson still has a passion for playing the game "I'm hoping to play for more years to come if my body holds up, I still love the game," Gibson said.



Howard Brown with his grandson, Harry Cameron. Right: Howard's 'MCC' hat-trick trophy....



HOWARD BROWN

A member of the ACS for 26 years, Howard Brown has been taking particular interest in our new Bendigo Bank Cricket Academy squad. His grandson Harry Cameron is among the inaugural scholars. Unlike his grandfather who was a right-armed leggie with an unusual windmill action, Harry bats and bowls left-handed.

Tasmanian-born, Howard first played as a five-year-old with Princess Street Primary School in Sandy Bay. 'I was all of five,' he said. 'I loved the game then and I still do now.'

He continued playing at all of his subsequent schools: Ashburton and Stawell State Schools then Box Hill High and Wesley College.

With Wesley's third XI against Scotch early in 1956, he enjoyed his best-ever match as a schoolboy. 'We dismissed Scotch for 13 - Rod Vernon took 5 for 4 and I was a little more expensive with five for 5.' Wesley replied with 1-31, Howard scoring 23 not out... a fair all-round performance!

He also played for MCC (Mitcham CC) for 15 years in the '50s and '60s before representing the Howick Pakuranga CC when he moved to Auckland. In 1972, he returned to Melbourne and joined Mont Albert CC and continued playing into his 40s.

At Mitcham in 1957, he took a hat-trick over two innings and two days. 'On October 12, 1957, I dismissed the opposition's last two batsmen in successive balls and the following weekend on October 19, I took a wicket with my first ball in their second innings.'

As a batsman, his highest score was 87. In 1977-78 he won his club's third XI batting award. He also loved fielding. - PB

News of other ACS branches

Tim Coyle, one of Tasmanian cricket's most respected ex-players and coaches is due to be the annual dinner guest of the **Tasmanian branch** at Bellerive on May 28.

New members

We welcome Powerhouse Cricket Club as a new 'club' member of the ACS. Any of the Powerhouse lads and their partners are welcome to come to our functions at member's prices. They also receive copies of all our literature and e-publications.

The deadline for the inclusion of material in the winter 2021 edition of Scoresheet is 25 May 2021. Please send material to editor Ken Piesse.



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