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ANNUAL DINNER 2021

The Association's Annual Dinner will be held at the Bankstown Sports Club on April 17, 2021.

We look forward to seeing many members and guests in attendance to celebrate the season that was!



Peter Tate tosses the coin for an AW Green Shield match between Blacktown Mounties and Eastern Suburbs with partner Vivek Solanki looking on // Eastern Suburbs DCC

Cover Photos: Top: Keiran Knight presented with his Country Umpire Panel Cap by Neil Findlay // Bruce Whitehouse
Bottom: Ian Wright and Toni Lorraine ahead of the New Year's Test



Chairman's Welcome

Mark Hughes

Dear Members,

One of the themes of 2020, which appears to be continuing into 2021, was to expect the unexpected.

There is so much we can do in terms of planning and preparation for our daily lives, only to have our hopes dashed or expectations shattered due to events beyond our control.

Fortunately for our umpiring and scoring, we have the ability to prepare for most of the circumstances we might encounter on the cricket field.

Knowing Laws and Playing Conditions, having a plan in place for how to deal with potential poor behaviour, anticipating conditions on the weekend (heat) and getting your body physically ready for a tough day assists in ensuring that when the

unexpected occurs, you are prepared and ready to handle it the best you can.

In a recent game, my match was suspended for a helicopter landing on the field of play to ensure medics could attend to a local emergency due to road access being blocked.

Whilst unexpected, my partner and I were able to manage the situation, in part due to preparation before the game relating to potential time lost - despite conditions being perfect for cricket that day with no ground, weather or light issues anticipated.

As we head into the back end of the season, ensure you prepare well for whatever the unexpected might face you.

Best wishes to you all for the rest of the season.



Andrew Coates watches on at Manly Oval // Ian Bird MWDCC

Executive Officer Update

Troy Penman

Dear Members and Affiliated Associations,

I hope you enjoyed a safe and happy festive period with family and friends. We move into 2021 with a sense of putting COVID-19 behind us, moving forward and into the new normal. We've shown that we can all adapt and adjust to whatever is thrown our way, at every turn making the best of each situation.

The Association is focused on continuing the hard work and initiatives that were developed and implemented in 2020.

Online training courses have already commenced for 2021, Education Officer Ben Treloar is thanked for his efforts in organising and providing opportunities for prospective members to undertake some training. We have an expression of interest list with well over 100 names on it and we will continue to run courses to meet the demand.

Registrations for the ongoing course closed in less than five hours. Ben will be assisted throughout the course by Darren Foster, Claire Polosak, Bede Sajowitz and Andrew Yarad, all are thanked for their efforts in supporting Ben and helping the Association.

Scorer training courses have also recommenced with 10 people attending a course held in Toukley, we thank and acknowledge, Christine Bennison, Adrian Tham and Sue Woodhouse for their efforts

in facilitating the course, as well as Robyn Sanday for sourcing the venue.

We look forward to seeing these participants become members of NSWCUA in the coming months.

The Management Team is currently working on an Education Plan which will cover the entire year and will plan for how best we can structure our resources to continue to recruit, train, educate and develop prospective and current members. Further details of the plan will be advised throughout the year.

The Association is working towards the hosting of our annual events. The Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation has been confirmed for April 17. Given that we were unable to hold the 2020 evening we have everything crossed that we can hold our night of nights this year to celebrate the achievements of all members.

More details of the evening will be provided later this week, though we have confirmed former rugby league referee Bill Harrigan as guest speaker. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible in attendance, in accordance with the likelihood of Public Health Orders and NSW Health guidelines remaining in place.

Nominations for the Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award and the E. F. Wykes OAM Association Medal have been sought.



These annual awards are presented at the Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation.

Both are significant in the history of the Association and we look forward to seeing two worthy recipients receive the awards on the night. Affiliated Association Secretaries are encouraged to submit nominations for the Board to consider. Should there be any questions about the nomination process then please reach out to the Management Team.

We have also commenced planning for the Annual Convention, it is our preference that we hold a face to face convention, whilst we are investigating how we can provide the content to members unable to attend. Updates will be provided to members in due course.

We owe a great deal to members who have given their time and service to the Association over many years. In recent weeks we have seen a number of match milestones celebrated.



Mark Hughes presents Arthur Watson with a certificate commemorating his 800th match

These members have dedicated much of their life to umpiring and cricket. I thank each for their service; Arthur Watson (800 SCA matches), Greg Lill (550 SCA matches), Geoff Garland (450 SCA matches) and John

Williams (400 SCA matches). Each has also made a contribution to the Association off the field.

I'm also aware of a number of other members of Affiliated Associations who have reached match milestones this season and we look forward to acknowledging these at the Annual Dinner.

The Association's website continues to provide a wealth of knowledge to members and the general public. Links to presentations, appointments to NSW Premier Cricket and the Sydney Shires are published and useful resources on a wide variety of topics can also be found.

I'd like to acknowledge the work of Administrator Bede Sajowitz for his efforts in maintaining the website. He does an outstanding job. Bede is also thanked for his efforts in facilitating our social media presence on Facebook and Twitter. The webpage will be further updated with the details of all our Affiliated Associations, allowing the general public to contact the most relevant body and will assist any members who may move to a new location across the state.

As part of a review of the Association Administration Manual, the strategic goals for the Association will be reviewed and updated. Once the new goals are finalised and passed by the Board, all members will be advised.

The continual work of our Office-Bearers in Affiliated Associations is very much appreciated. The Association remains committed to all affiliates and to assisting with general administration, umpire

education and development, and with training courses for prospective umpires.

If our affiliates can build the interest, we will commit to providing the services either in person or online. We're currently looking at ways to assist new members getting in touch with their local Association to build up memberships and numbers on the field.

I'd like to finish by again thanking Claire, Ben and Bede for their continued hard work and dedication to the Association and

its members. All work to benefit members and ensure that the Association and officiating in NSW continues to progress and move forward. Darren Goodger is also thanked for his work as the State Umpiring Manager and for his guidance and continued support.

Best wishes to all for the remainder of the season, for many competitions the finals are just around the corner and I know that everyone will be looking forward to finishing the season well.



Ross McKim and David Grainger together in Tamworth for the Northern Pool of the Bradman Cup



Wayne Solomons and Mike McKenzie at the U16 Women's Country Championships in Tamworth

State Umpiring Manager Update

Darren Goodger

It has been a busy period for cricket over the past two months with many competitions continuing and representative carnivals being played across New South Wales.

Country Cricket NSW programs were in full swing throughout January:

- Colts; in Albury and Tamworth
- Bradman Cup; in Albury and Tamworth
- Women's Country Championships; in Canberra, Queanbeyan and Tamworth

Congratulations, well done and thank you to all the match officials involved in these carnivals, along with the respective host authorities and local volunteers who made these carnivals such a success and an enjoyable experience for all concerned.

The NSW Bush Blues played six matches against the ACT in Canberra, with NSWCUA being well represented by Graeme Glazebrook from Western Zone.

Congratulations to the umpires and match referees who were appointed to the Regional Bash Finals:

*Plan B Regional Bash Men's Division –
February 8 – Sydney Cricket Ground*

Sixers Conference Final

Newcastle Blasters v Lake Mac Attack
(Umpires: David Grainger & Keiran Knight)

Thunder Conference Final

ACT Aces v Orana Outlaws
(Umpires: Ross McKim & Phil Rainger)

Plan B Regional Bash Final

ACT Aces v Lake Mac Attack
(Umpires: Bruce Baxter & Graeme Glazebrook)

ACT Aces won the Plan B Regional Bash (Men's Division) for season 2020-21.

The match referee was Neil Findlay.

*NSW Women's Regional Bash – February 8
– North Sydney Oval*

Thunder Conference Final

Orana Outlaws v ACT Aces
(Umpires: Dennis Chaplin & Pat Kerin)

Sixers Conference Final

Coffs Coast Chargers v Northern Inland Bolters
(Umpires: John Davidson & Rob Pye)

NSW Women's Regional Bash Final

ACT Aces v Coffs Coast Chargers
(Umpires: Pat Holt & Graham Rose)

ACT Aces won the NSW Women's Regional Bash for season 2020-21.

The match referee was Graham Chudleigh.

Congratulations to all the match officials who recently officiated in the U19 Male State Challenge at David Phillips Fields:

Umpires:

Andrew Hamilton, Roberto Howard,
Michael Meehan, Sharad Patel, Bede Sajowitz, Bruce Whitehouse

Scorers:

Janelle Carew, Geoff Rogers, Ian Wright,
Sue Woodhouse



Mark Frecklington and Chris King umpired the two-day carnival in Orange for the U19 Female Country Challenge. The matches were played at Wade Park on February 14 and 15. Malcolm Campbell, Shane Crowhurst and Tom Kiss were appointed as scorers for the carnival.

The final of the McDonald's NSW Country Championship will be played at Seiffert Oval, Goulburn, on February 21 between Newcastle and Riverina. Congratulations and best wishes to the umpires (Graeme Glazebrook and Keiran Knight) and match referee (Neil Findlay) on their appointment.

Cricket ACT will host the U14 Male Country Challenge on February 27 and 28. Congratulations and best wishes to the four umpires (Dennis Chaplin, Tony Hackett, Pat Kerin and Margaret Marshall) who have been appointed.

Wade Park, Orange, will host two U16 one-day representative matches between Northern NSW Country and Southern NSW Country on February 27 and 28. Congratulations to Graham Moon and Glenn Pepper on their appointment to umpire both fixtures. We wish them well.

The following umpires have been appointed to U17 Male Metropolitan Challenge matches:

February 14: BISP2

David Abbey & Aidan Hughes

February 21: The King's School, Parramatta

David Abbey & Andrew Coates

February 28: BISP2

Jim Harrod & Aidan Hughes

Bankstown defeated UNSW in the Kingsgrove Sports T20 Cup Final played on January 26 at Bankstown Oval.

Congratulations to Troy Penman and Ben Treloar on their appointment to umpire the final. Both did a splendid job.

Northern District defeated Penrith in the rescheduled AW Green Shield Final on February 7 at Mark Taylor Oval. Congratulations to Bede Sajowitz and Bruce Whitehouse on their appointment to umpire the final. Both performed to an excellent standard.

The following umpires were appointed to umpire the quarter finals of the First Grade Limited Overs Cup on February 7:

Sydney University v St George

University Oval

Sharad Patel & Andrew Yarad

Sydney v Northern District

Drummoyne Oval

Daniel Moran & Claire Polosak

Manly-Warringah v Fairfield-Liverpool

Manly Oval

Roberto Howard & Ben Treloar

Bankstown v Randwick Petersham

Bankstown Oval

Andrew Hamilton & Troy Penman



Roberto Howard and Ben Treloar at Manly Oval ahead of the First Grade Limited Overs Cup Quarter Final

The following umpires were appointed to umpire the semi finals of the First Grade Limited Overs Cup on February 14:

Sydney v St George
Drummoyne Oval
Sharad Patel & Tony Wilds

Manly-Warringah v Randwick Petersham
Manly Oval
Roberto Howard & Ben Treloar

The First Grade Limited Overs Cup Final will be played on February 21 at Drummoyne Oval between Sydney and Randwick Petersham. Congratulations and best wishes to Greg Davidson and Tony Wilds on being appointed to umpire the final.

It is wonderful to have two National Panel Umpires available for a premier cricket final. The match will be telecast live on Kayo Sports this Sunday and live streamed via NSW Premier Cricket Match Centre. Play commences at 10am.

matchcentre.premier.cricketnsw.com.au

Congratulations and best wishes to the following umpires who have been appointed to umpire the preliminary finals of the Poidevin-Gray Shield on March 7:

Gordon v St George
Chatswood Oval
Daniel Moran & Bede Sajowitz

Campbelltown-Camden v Parramatta
Raby Oval 1
Sharad Patel & Andrew Yarad

Sharad Patel and Bede Sajowitz have been appointed to umpire the Poidevin-Gray Shield Final on March 14. Congratulations and best wishes to both.

In an exciting concept there will be a WT20 Tri-series played at Bradman Oval, Bowral

on March 13. Congratulations and best wishes to the appointed umpires:

SCG XI v NSW Indigenous
Umpires: Sue Gregory & Geoff Irvine

SCG XI v NSW Bush Breakers
Umpires: Geoff Irvine & Elizabeth O'Dwyer

NSW Bush Breakers v NSW Indigenous
Umpires: Sue Gregory & Elizabeth O'Dwyer

Troy Penman made his List A Umpiring Debut on Monday in the Marsh One Day Cup fixture between New South Wales and Victoria at North Sydney Oval. Troy delivered an excellent performance in what was a strong debut. Congratulations to Troy. He has worked hard and deserved this opportunity, and he can be well pleased with his performance.

Congratulations to Robyn Sanday who, in the same match, scored her 250th representative fixture. Robyn has been an outstanding and loyal servant to Australian Cricket as a scorer and to her beloved Northern District Cricket Club in NSW Premier Cricket. She is always a wonderful host at Mark Taylor Oval. Monday's match at North Sydney Oval was Robyn's 74th men's List A appointment.

Acknowledgements

It has been a phenomenal effort to have had so much cricket played given the significant challenges leading into and during the 2020-21 cricket season.

- To the SCA Committee of Management and Country Cricket Committee of Management we express our thanks. It has been an exceptional piece of scheduling, management and leadership this season.



- All umpires who have officiated in competitions across the State. Your commitment and positivity are appreciated.
- The majority of our players for playing the game in such a positive spirit.
- Our clubs and their volunteer members for their support of match officials, for their hospitality and for ensuring venues are in keeping with COVIDsafe guidelines.
- Our CNSW competitions staff for developing the COVIDsafe guidelines. Well done to Bruce Whitehouse and the team. These have been used across New South Wales and served an excellent purpose.
- Tom Reddin (Head of SSSM) for his counsel this season.
- Greg Mail and Lee Germon for their leadership and support of our competitions.

From all concerned there has been genuine empathy, positive attitudes, common sense and flexibility displayed. A great example of people working assuredly together to provide the best possible experiences for our players.

To the NSWCUA Management Team and the members of the various sub-committees we express our gratitude for leading the Association through the 2020-21 cricket season. We look forward to the next seven weeks of cricket as competitions are finalised and premierships are determined.

Thank you all and let's enjoy the rest of the season.

Thought

Sometimes the hardest thing and the right thing are the same.

Isaac Slade



Sathish Kumar and Arthur Watson walking out onto Rosedale Oval for Arthur's 800th SCA match

Education Officer Update

Ben Treloar

Thank you to all members who have been in contact to share their experiences during the season thus far. It's great to hear about the 'blue-mooners' that have been happening on the field and how well our match officials have dealt with them.

Everyone is encouraged to continue to send your experiences through as well as any questions regarding law or playing condition application. Many of these scenarios have been included in the monthly law questions for the benefit of all members. During the months of December and February we saw and will continue to see Laws of Cricket questions and answers circulated to the membership.

Speaking of the Laws of Cricket, the NSWCUA Training and Education team are busy again facilitating another Umpire Training Course for a further 30 prospective members throughout January and February. The online platform is proving to be quite popular, with the course filling up within just a few hours after being made available.

Special thanks are offered to those who have been willing and able to assist with content delivery and providing assistance by answering participant questions in the chat box. Darren Foster, Troy Penman, Claire Polosak, Bede Sajowitz and Andrew Yarad – thank you for all your hard work and commitment to benefit others.

Work has commenced on developing a winter training program for this year. Expressions of interest will again be sought from our affiliated associations in what we hope will be a very busy off-season of face-to-face weekend Laws of Cricket training courses throughout regional and metropolitan NSW. We hope restrictions continue to ease allowing this training to occur unrestricted throughout the winter months.

Over the new year period, development sessions were held online due to the current restrictions and health advice. January saw the education team facilitate two sessions; one for our new members and another for those involved with NSW Premier Cricket on Panels 3 and 4.

The new umpire workshop focused on fieldcraft and technique using the Cricket Australia Technique Guidelines as the resource material which has been created and updated by Cricket Australia's National Umpire Coach, Ian Lock, and National Umpire Education Manager, Richard Patterson, in consultation with the State umpire coaches. Further to this, it was an opportunity for our new members to share experiences with the group from their first year actively involved in officiating.

The second session was primarily used to prepare Panels 3 and 4 for the upcoming change over to two-day cricket after only



officiating the one-day format since the beginning of the season. Both sessions were welcome by the members through their attendance and positive engagement on the night. A belated thank you to Troy Penman who assisted with facilitating both sessions.

In Claire Polosak's role in the female engagement space, the education and development of female members has looked a little different this season. Instead of being one session held face to face, there will be a number of mid-season female umpire training sessions held online. January 11 saw a session delivered on specific laws which had been requested by the umpires.

There will be a further two sessions held during February - one session will be

facilitated by National Umpire Panel member Gerard Abood, around routines for decision making, dealing with real and perceived errors and also ways to bring umpires back to the present and the task in front of them.

The third session will be facilitated by Darren Goodger and will be focused on player and match management. Please keep an eye out for the dates when they are confirmed! Thanks to Darren and Gerard for being willing to share their experiences with the group.

Wishing everyone well for the remainder of the season. Please reach out if there is anything we can assist with.

The NSWCUA Education Team.



Christine Bennison leads a scorer training course in a return to face-to-face training at Toukley

Around the Zones

Neil Findlay

Greater Illawarra Zone

UMPIRES ASSOCIATIONS WITHIN THE ZONE

There are currently three umpires' associations within the Zone, each affiliated to NSWCUA:

- Highlands District Cricket Umpires' Association (HDCUA)
- Illawarra Cricket Umpires' Association (ICUA)
- Shoalhaven District Cricket Umpires' Association (SDCUA)

The South Coast District CUA ceased to function at the beginning of this season and its remaining members joined the Illawarra CUA (ICUA). A memo of understanding was then agreed to between South Coast District Cricket Association (SCDCA) and ICUA whereby ICUA has supplied umpires for SCDCA matches this season.

COMPETITIONS TO WHICH UMPIRES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED

There are four cricket competitions within the Zone to which umpires are appointed:

- Highlands District Cricket Association
- Cricket Illawarra
- Shoalhaven District Cricket Association
- South Coast District Cricket Association

Umpires have also been appointed to the following Zone competitions involving teams from each of the Cricket Associations within the Zone:

- Creighton Cup (Senior competition)
- U18 Zone Cup
- Steve Edwards U16 Cup
- U14 Inter-Association Competition
- U13 Inter-Association Competition
- U12 Inter-Association Competition

MAJOR UMPIRING APPOINTMENTS

- Country Championships (Goulburn) – Dave Cullen (ICUA).
- Country Youth Championships (local Rounds) – HDCUA: Iain Greaves, Angus Humphreys, Dennis Purcell, Sajjad Qaiser; SDCUA: Peter Done, Graham Lowbridge; ICUA: Chris Adams, Barry Ferguson, Gordon Hunt, Ray Trindall, Frankie Ulcigrai.
- Country Youth Championships (Dubbo) – John Burgoyne (HDCUA), Jeff Charlesworth (ICUA) and Peter Done (SDCUA)



Dave Cullen, Neil Findlay and Neil Smith at the Country Championships Southern Pool Carnival

- Cricket Illawarra First Grade T20 Final: Dave Cullen and Neil Findlay.
- Shoalhaven DCA T20 (Turf): Peter Done and Cathy Russell.
- South Coast DCA First Grade One Day Final: Jeff Charlesworth and Steve Ward.
- Unfortunately, because of COVID-19 restrictions, the annual umpire exchange between ICUA and NSWCUA was cancelled.

INDIVIDUAL UMPIRING MILESTONE

- John Oliver (ICUA) umpired his 850th match in January.

UMPIRING HIGHLIGHTS

- Peter Done and John Oliver were both upgraded to Principal Members at the 2020 NSWCUSA AGM. Each was recognised for his longstanding contribution both on and off the field to his respective umpires' association – Peter for his services to the Shoalhaven District Cricket Umpires Association and John for his services to the South Coast District Cricket Umpires Association
- There has been a pleasing increase in the membership of the Illawarra Cricket Umpires' Association. This has enabled umpires to be appointed to all First and Second Grade matches and some Third Grade matches in Cricket Illawarra and to all First Grade matches and some Second Grade matches in South Coast District Cricket Association.

Newcastle Zone

UMPIRES ASSOCIATIONS WITHIN THE NEWCASTLE ZONE

- Newcastle District Cricket Umpires' Association Inc.
- Newcastle City and Suburban Cricket Umpires' Association

COMPETITIONS TO WHICH UMPIRES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED

Newcastle District Cricket Association

- One-day limited overs
- Two-day fixtures
- Suburban Districts Competition – Division 1 & 2
- Tom Locker Cup First Grade & Royce McCormack Cup Second Grade
- T20 – First Grade Summer Bash, Denis Broad Cup, U21s and U15s
- T20 – Masters

- T20 – Women's
- U13s Greater Hunter Girls
- John Bull Shield
- School Fixtures (Newcastle / Hunter Valley)
- Veterans Cricket – Over 50s / 60s
- Lord Taverners

Newcastle City and Suburban Cricket Association

- One Day Cricket – A Grade, B1 – B3 & C1 – C5
- Graham Malcolm Shield U14s
- Junior fixtures (Saturday mornings)
- It was disappointing that because of COVID-19 the Ron Arendts U11s was cancelled for this season.

MAJOR UMPIRING APPOINTMENTS

- Country Championships (Tuggerah) – Keiran Knight and Phil Rainger.
- Plan B Regional T20 Big Bash Finals (SCG) – Keiran Knight, Ross McKim and Phil Rainger.
- Country Colts (Tamworth) – Ross McKim
- Country Youth Championships (local Rounds).



Phil Rainger and Keiran Knight with the Central Coast and North Coastal captains during the Northern Pool Carnival

- Tom Locker Cup Final: Keiran Knight and Ross McKim
- Royce McCormack Cup Final: Paul Olsen and Scott Thomas

- T20 Denis Broad Cup Final: Michael Burns and Paul Olsen
- T20 U21s Final: Scott Thomas and Stephen Wade
- T20 Masters Final: Bill Bannon and Graeme Bruce
- U13s Girls Greater Hunter Final: Sophia Richards and Michael Stapleton
- Graham Malcolm Shield U14s Final: Peter Dempsey and Lachlan Hall

INDIVIDUAL UMPIRING MILESTONE

- Peter Dempsey – 1400 matches over a period of 40 years.

UMPIRING HIGHLIGHTS

NDCUA

- An increase in new members this season has attributed to appointments exceeding 30+ per round
- Level One Umpiring Course has resulted in a number of junior umpires standing at junior level with a senior colleague.
- A new female umpire was welcomed to the NDCUA ranks at the start of the season (the first for several years) – Sophia Richards is progressing well and enjoy her umpiring.
- It was pleasing to be able to assist umpires' associations in Maitland and Central Coast to stand umpires at their respective local rounds of the NSW Youth Championships.
- Observations and feedback have been a focus this season to assist with the growth and development of umpires while affording opportunities for those umpires ready for the next challenge.

Riverina Zone

UMPIRES ASSOCIATIONS WITHIN THE ZONE

There are five umpiring associations within the Riverina Cricket Zone and all five are affiliates of NSWCUA:

- Cootamundra District Cricket Umpires' Association
- Griffith District Umpires' Association
- Murray Border Umpires' Association
- Murray Valley Umpires' Association
- Wagga Wagga Cricket Umpires' Association.

COMPETITIONS TO WHICH UMPIRES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED

- Cricket Albury Wodonga
- Griffith District Cricket Association
- Murray Valley Cricket Association
- South West Slopes Cricket League [this competition involves teams from Cootamundra, Temora and Young]
- Cricket Wagga Wagga

A number of other competitions in the Riverina generally source umpires from other competitions for their finals.

MAJOR UMPIRING APPOINTMENTS

- Country Championships (Goulburn) – Ken Brooks and Neil Smith.
- Plan B Regional T20 Big Bash (Wagga Wagga) – Dennis Chaplin, Jeff Egan, Tony Hackett and Murray Le Lievre.
- Women's T20 Regional Bash (Wagga Wagga) – Pat Kerin and Graham Moon.
- Women's T20 Regional Bash Finals (North Sydney) – Dennis Chaplin and Pat Kerin.
- Country Colts (Albury) – Ken Brooks, Jeff Egan, Tony Hackett, Brenton Harrison, Graham Moon [Day 1].
- Bradman Cup (Albury) – Peter Bridle, Murray Le Lievre, Norm McClure, Graham Moon and Bruce Whitehouse [Day 1].
- Country Youth Championships (Dubbo) – Brenton Harrison, Pat Kerin, Anthony McGettigan, and Graham Moon.
- NSW Premier Cricket: Two umpires from the Riverina have officiated in NSW Men's Premier Cricket



competition. Wagga umpire Murray Le Lievre stood in First Grade in Rounds 10 and 11 while Pat Kerin stood in Second Grade in Round 10.

- Cricket Wagga Wagga T20 Big Bash – This competition was played in January with all six clubs competing. The final was played on Friday January 22 with the officiating umpires being Dennis Chaplin and Tony Hackett.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Current Wagga Wagga Cricket Umpires Association President Dennis Chaplin was presented with life membership at their AGM held on Wednesday September 30, 2020. Dennis passed his NSWCUA accreditation in 2009 and became a full member in 2014. He commenced umpiring in the 2009-10 season. Over the past eleven seasons, he has umpired finals in all four Grades, including four First Grade Finals, with the most recent being the 2018-19 Final.

The jewel in the crown under Dennis's leadership was Wagga Wagga CUA hosting the 2018 NSWCUA Convention. The convention was rated an outstanding success with 177 members and guests attending from many parts of the state.

Off the field, Dennis also shines. Showing great leadership, Dennis has been president of the WWCUA since 2012-13. His well-compiled president's report is always very well documented, highlighting all aspects of the WWCUA season.

UMPIRING HIGHLIGHTS

At the 2020 NSWCUA AGM held on September 2, Pat Kerin and Graham Moon had their NSWCUA membership upgraded to Principal Membership.

Both umpires officiated mainly in the Cootamundra region, while Graham Moon

has stood in the Cricket Wagga Wagga competition since Christmas 2014. Both umpires have been members of NSWCUA since 2003. Apart from umpiring locally, both umpires have officiated extensively throughout the state as well as standing in matches in NSW Premier Cricket.

One highlight that will stand forever saw Graham stand in seven Country Plate Finals from 2008 -09 to 2016-17.

At the start of the 2020-21 season Pat had officiated 602 matches, while Graham had stood in 504 matches.

Pat Kerin has been Secretary/Treasurer of the reformed Cootamundra District Cricket Umpires Association since 2004-05 while Graham Moon was president from 2004 to 2014.

Pat and Graham join five other Riverina umpires who have had their membership upgraded to Principal Membership, being Jack Misson** [Wagga Wagga, 1997], Joe Wooding OAM** [Albury, 2008], Graeme Bamford [Griffith, 2010], Don Coleman [Griffith, 2015] and Brian Walker [Wagga Wagga, 2019]. ** denotes deceased.

Western Zone

UMPIRES ASSOCIATIONS WITHIN THE ZONE

There are two umpiring Associations within Western Zone:

- Mitchell Cricket Umpires' Association Incorporated. There are two branches affiliated with this association, namely Bathurst Cricket Umpires' and Orange Cricket Umpires'.
- These affiliates are responsible for the appointing of umpires to matches in their respective local competitions and to representative matches controlled by the Central West Cricket Council (formerly Mitchell Cricket Council)
- Macquarie Valley Cricket Umpires Association Incorporated. Based in



Dubbo this association is responsible for appointing umpires to Dubbo local competitions and representative matches in surrounding areas as required by Dubbo District Cricket. Dubbo is now also participating in the Central West Cricket Council Junior Competitions with Macquarie Valley Umpires appointing umpires to home matches.

COMPETITIONS TO WHICH UMPIRES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED

Umpires from within the Zone have been appointed to the following representative matches:

- Western Zone Premier League
- Western Zone Colts
- Western Zone Under 16s
- Central West Cricket Council Rod Hartas Trophy.
- Central West Cricket Council Junior matches.
- Dubbo District Cricket Brewery Shield

MAJOR UMPIRING APPOINTMENTS

- Country Cricket Championships (Goulburn) – Graeme Glazebrook.

- Country Cricket Championships (Tuggerah) – John de Lyall.
- Plan B Regional Bash – Men's and Women's (local Rounds).
- Plan B Regional T20 Big Bash Final (SCG) – Graeme Glazebrook.
- Country Cricket Youth Championships (Dubbo).

UMPIRE TRAINING COURSES:

An umpire training course facilitated by NSWCUA was held via Zoom prior to the commencement of the season. Many thanks to Orange Junior Cricket for their promotion and assistance with the staging of the course and to Ben Treloar and his team for the professional presentation of the course material.

There were a number of course participants that have now commenced active umpiring, but both the Bathurst and Orange branches are in need of new umpires. Hopefully in the off-season there will be sufficient interest to stage a training course within the Zone.



Umpires in Dubbo at the Youth Championships Carnival prior to Christmas

Wright Makes Test Match Debut

Bede Sajowitz

NSWCUSA Life Member Ian Wright became Australia's 113th Test scorer as he made his debut in the Third Test between Australia and India at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The debut came during a busy international season for Wright – having scored each of the two ODIs and T20Is which took place at the SCG late last year.

Commencing his scoring career in Sydney Shires with Macquarie University in 2006, Ian has scored for NSW Premier Cricket's Sydney Cricket Club since the beginning of the 2010-11 season.

In addition to his club duties, this season has also seen Ian score 19 matches in WBBL|06, including the Melbourne Stars v Perth Scorchers semi-final.

He made his first-class debut back in December 2013 when he recorded the New South Wales v South Australia Sheffield Shield match at the SCG.

Wright has now accumulated 75 matches as a scorer across Australia's male domestic competitions, having recorded 13 first-class, 34 List A and 28 T20 matches.

Having made his women's international debut in a December 2012 ODI between Australia and New Zealand at North Sydney, he made his men's international debut in 2017-

18 when Australia hosted England in an ODI at the SCG.

At the international level, Ian has now scored four Men's ODIs, three Women's ODIs, three Men's T20Is and three Women's T20Is – including two matches in last year's ICC Women's T20 World Cup.

Ian's partner for the match was Mosman CC scorer Toni Lorraine, who was recording her third Test match since debuting in 2011-12 – adding to her tally of 31 international matches.

The on-field umpires for the match were Paul Reiffel and NSWCUSA member Paul Wilson with Bruce Oxenford acting as the Third Umpire.

NSWCUSA member Claire Polosak was Fourth Umpire – marking the first occasion a female umpire has been involved in a Men's Test match.



Ian pictured at Drummoyne Oval // Sydney CC

Troy Penman Makes List A Umpiring Debut

Cate Ryan Cricket Australia

Congratulations to Troy Penman who made his List A debut at North Sydney Oval in the opening fixture of the Marsh One-Day Cup between New South Wales and Victoria.

Penman's journey began in New South Wales in season 2012-13, where he made his umpiring debut in Fourth Grade. He established himself within the NSW Premier Cricket ranks and made his First Grade debut in January 2015 at Mark Taylor Oval.

The following season, Penman was appointed to his first underage National Championships, travelling in mid-February to Queensland to stand in the CA Under 15 Male tournament, which included appointment to the Final.

The 2016-17 season was a busy year for Penman from a representative perspective. In the same year he was elevated to the New South Wales State Umpire Panel, he was appointed to the CA Under 17 Male National Championships in Queensland which culminated in being appointed to the Final.

In December 2016, Penman was then appointed to the CA Under 19 Male National Championships in Adelaide, a rare 'double' of underage tournaments in one season. In between tournaments he also made his debuts in the Toyota Second XI

(then 'Futures League'), WNCL and Rebel WBBL competitions.

During the 'off season' prior to the 2017/18 season, Penman was invited to undertake the CA High Performance Officiating program in Brisbane at the National Cricket Centre. The inaugural program was designed to focus on preparation for officiating at the elite level and welcomed just a dozen umpires selected nationally.

Penman returned to the CA Under 19 Male National Championships in December 2017 and went on to stand in the final at Blundstone Arena. Not long after, he was on a plane to Melbourne to officiate two matches in an Under 19 One-Day International Series between Australia and Pakistan.

Throughout season 2018-19, Penman continued to strengthen his umpiring credentials. He officiated his third consecutive CA Under 19 National Championships, this edition held in Adelaide, and was duly appointed to his second consecutive final.

Leading into the 2019-20 season, Penman was elevated to the Cricket Australia Supplementary Umpire Panel. Season highlights included appointment to the annual Prime Ministers XI fixture in Canberra, and two 'A' Series'.

The first was the women's 'A' Series where Australia hosted India in Brisbane; whilst in



the new year the men's Australia 'A' team hosted the England Lions.

Just five days after the England Lions game, Penman was appointed to the WNCL Final between New South Wales and Western Australia at North Sydney Oval.

Penman has stood in 75 NSW Premier Cricket First Grade matches, part of his overall total of 124 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association competitions.

Penman becomes the 43rd List A umpire from New South Wales.

Off the field, Penman's contribution to umpiring extends to his professional life

where he is the Executive Officer of the New South Wales Cricket Umpires and Scorers' Association, a role he has held since September 2019.

Penman debuted on-field alongside ICC Elite Panel member Rod Tucker; fellow Supplementary Umpire Panel member Claire Polosak was the appointed Third Umpire, and Steve Bernard was Match Referee.

Robyn Sanday, who herself celebrated a milestone as she brought up her 250th major representative match, and Ian Wright, were Scorers.



Claire Polosak, Rod Tucker, Troy Penman and Steve Bernard ahead of the NSW v Victoria fixture

Five NSWCUSA Members Appointed to WBBL|06 Final

Bede Sajowitz

NSWCUSA's Claire Polosak and South Australian official Eloise Sheridan became the first female pairing to oversee a national final when they umpired the WBBL|06 Final at North Sydney Oval in late November.

The Melbourne Stars v Sydney Thunder Final was Polosak's second consecutive WBBL Final, having been on field in the 2019-20 final between the Brisbane Heat and Adelaide Strikers in Brisbane.

The pair are accustomed to making history together. In December 2018, Polosak and Sheridan became the first female umpiring pair to officiate a professional cricket match together on Australian soil, when they strode onto Adelaide Oval to umpire the WBBL match between the Adelaide Strikers and the Stars.

The WBBL|06 Final was Polosak's seventh on-field this summer and her 25th since making her WBBL debut in the inaugural season in 2015-16.

Sheridan officiated her first WBBL Final – in her 14th match.

Polosak and Sheridan were also on-field together the weekend prior at North Sydney Oval as the Hobart Hurricanes played the Perth Scorchers.

The Final was recorded by two of New South Wales' most experienced scorers – Mosman's Toni Lorraine and Fairfield-Liverpool's Kay Wilcoxon.

The match was Wilcoxon's last as a representative scorer having decided to step away from representative duties, signing off by overseeing her second WBBL Final.

Partnering her, Toni Lorraine recorded her first WBBL Final, her 42nd WBBL match and 19th for the summer.

NSWCUSA members Tony Wilds and Troy Penman are also involved in the Final, with Wilds appointed as Third Umpire and Penman Fourth Umpire for the fixture.

Steve Bernard acted as Match Referee for the fixture.



Polosak and Sheridan take to the field for the WBBL Final

Sanday Brings Up Match 250

Bede Sajowitz

NSWCUSA scorer member Robyn Sanday reached a significant milestone at North Sydney Oval in the Marsh One-Day Cup opener, recording her 250th representative match as New South Wales hosted Victoria.

Sanday is the third-known New South Wales based scorer to reach the milestone and the 12th known Australian to do so.

Her representative debut came in January 1996 at the Australian Women's Cricket Championships as a travelling scorer with the New South Wales side.

Sanday has been scoring for NSW Premier Cricket side Northern District since the 1996-97 season, with this season being her 25th with the club.

Included in the 250 representative matches are 45 international matches across the formats – one of which was the 2009

Women's World Cup Final between New Zealand and England at North Sydney Oval.

Today's match will be her 74th match in the Men's List A format since she made her debut in October 2003 at Bradman Oval in a match also between New South Wales and Victoria.

Her first international match came at the SCG in a Men's ODI between Australia and Zimbabwe in January 2004 during the 2003-04 Tri-Series.

Sanday was one of the scorers at North Sydney Oval on 21 January 2006 when the inaugural Big Bash Final was played – also between New South Wales and Victoria.

Including the milestone match, Sanday's representative career record reads as follows:

Men's First-Class	44
Women's First-Class	1
Men's List A	74
Women's List A	49
Men's T20	37
Women's T20	46



Ian Wright and Robyn Sanday at North Sydney Oval during her 250th match

Regional Bash Finals Festival

Bede Sajowitz

February 8 saw a festival of Country Cricket played in Sydney with teams and umpires converging on the SCG and North Sydney Oval for the finals of the Regional Bash.

Conference Finals were played throughout the day with the winners playing in the 6pm timeslot under lights completing triple-headers at both grounds.

The Lake Mac Attack were the first team through at the SCG as they accounted for the Newcastle Blasters in the Sixers Conference in a match umpired by the Central Coast's David Grainger and Newcastle's Keiran Knight.

In the Thunder Conference, the ACT Aces triumphed over the Orana Outlaws – with Newcastle's Ross McKim and Central North's Phil Rainger the men in the middle.

The Men's Final was a repeat of last year's affair with the ACT Aces and Lake Mac Attack facing-off with the same two umpires officiating – North Coast's Bruce Baxter and Western Zone's Graeme Glazebrook – though the result was reversed with the ACT triumphant.

Across the harbour at North Sydney Oval, the Thunder Conference Final produced the same result with ACT

beating Orana to secure the first spot in the Final with Riverina pair Dennis Chaplin and Pat Kerin in charge of the match.

The Coffs Coast Chargers won the Sixers Conference Final, too strong for the Northern Inland Bolters, overseen by the Central Coast's John Davidson and North Coast umpire Rob Pye.

North Coast pair Pat Holt and Graham Rose were the umpires for the Women's Final at North Sydney with the ACT Aces and the Coffs Coast Chargers contesting what was also a repeat of last year's final – with the result similarly reversed with the ACT completing the double.

Neil Findlay was Match Referee for the day at the SCG, whilst Graham Chudleigh acted as Match Referee at North Sydney Oval.



The umpires and match referee at North Sydney Oval for the Women's Regional Bash Finals Day

How Claire Polosak Broke Through the Glass Ceiling

Laura Jolly
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When Claire Polosak talks about umpiring, it is impossible not to get swept up in her infectious enthusiasm for her craft.

The 32-year-old made history earlier this month when she added yet another 'first' to an already impressive resume, becoming the first woman to officiate a men's Test match when she was named fourth umpire for the third Test at the SCG.

For the former science teacher turned globe-trotting match official, it was a proud moment, and the latest achievement of a journey that started with an unlikely introduction to umpiring as a 15-year-old in the NSW town of Goulburn.

"Every year we'd go to the SCG Test and I had posters of the Australian men's players on my wall growing up," Polosak told The Scoop podcast.

"I loved cricket and followed it, I just never had the opportunity to play.

"There wasn't any girls' cricket and I guess I was too scared to play with the boys ... so I followed it from a distance.

"Then when I was about 15, a friend came to school with a flyer that was advertising an umpiring course, which her dad had suggested (I should try) ... and I thought, 'I'll try this'."



Polosak with Paul Wilson, David Boon and Paul Reiffel at the SCG // Getty

That five-night umpiring course was held a two-hour drive away at the SCG, and Polosak's father drove her in each evening after he finished work.

More than once, as it happened.

"I failed the exam at least two or three times ... being 15 and never playing cricket didn't help," Polosak says.

"But every time I did the assessment, I got a little bit better.

"I can't really tell you why, but (passing that exam) was something I was determined to do ... so I'm lucky my dad didn't say, *You know what, you've tried it enough - let's find something else for you to do.*"

Polosak's umpiring debut came in men's club cricket in Goulburn and when she moved to Sydney for university in 2008, she started officiating grade cricket there.

After a self-described 'slow' journey through the ranks of Premier cricket, Polosak has been busy racking up the firsts since cracking the elite level.

In 2017, she became the first woman to stand as an on-field umpire in a men's domestic fixture in Australia, while in 2019 she became the first woman to stand in a men's ODI.

Last November, she and Eloise Sheridan were the on-field umpires for the final of the Rebel WBBL – the first time two women have officiated a national final.

Between those achievements, Polosak also became a regular face at ICC tournaments, standing as an on-field umpire at the 2018 and 2020 Women's T20 World Cups.

Her call-up into the match official crew for the final two Tests of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy "summed up 2020", she says.

Not originally part of the roster for the four-match series, border closures and bubble restrictions meant a change in staff midway through, handing Polosak – who still lives in Sydney – her opportunity.

Her role as fourth umpire was largely based around supporting the on-field officials through managing the ground, weather and light, monitoring outside conditions and dealing with ground staff to maximise play, all factors that featured heavily during the rain-affected Test.

And despite not being an on-field role, it came with the usual bout of nerves that Polosak experiences before every match she officiates.

"It was a really good experience," she said.

"Nerves are good, because they mean you care about what you do, and they mean you care about wanting to do well.

"I get nerves whenever I go out onto the field, doesn't matter (what game it is), so I make sure I prepare as well as I possibly can."

Despite being the only female among "lots of older white males" when she first arrived on the Premier cricket scene in Sydney, Polosak said she has encountered very little pushback or negativity throughout her career, despite being very much in the minority.

"I don't think players care if you're male or female, as long as you do your best to get the decisions right," she says.

But the face of umpiring in cricket is slowly changing, and Polosak is playing a key role in that as an umpire education and female umpire engagement officer with Cricket New South Wales.

That job came along at the perfect time, when Polosak was finding it difficult to juggle her job as a high school science teacher with her burgeoning umpiring career.

"School were really supportive of my umpiring, but it got to the point where they said, 'We like your umpiring, but we need you in the classroom'," she says.



"I totally understood, and at the same time I was approached by Cricket NSW (about the new job) ... I thought, 'teaching Year 9 boys with Bunsen burners, or teaching people how to be an umpire?'."

"It was an easy decision to make ... and I still do some casual teaching on the side in winter when it's quiet."

When describing what skills and characteristics make an international-standard match official, Polosak (unnecessarily) apologises for her enthusiasm – "I'm sorry, I just get so excited talking about umpiring," she says – but it is difficult not to get swept up by her passion for her job.

"So much of umpiring is match management and communication, so building relationships is really important," she says.

"Being a good communicator is definitely (important) because you can make a fantastic decision, an absolutely great decision, and then ruin it with a poor

explanation. So you need to be able to communicate.

"Dealing with the players and when there's some tense situations, that match management becomes really important.

"Being calm and composed under pressure is also really important ... those sorts of skills are transferable to other aspects of life as well."

Those transferable skills are something Polosak likes to remind aspiring young umpires of when they consider a career in officiating.

Another carrot is the life experience that comes with officiating ICC events around the globe. Polosak has travelled to more than 10 countries including Guyana and India, and rates meeting the Dalai Lama during the 2016 T20 World Cup in Dharamshala as the single best moment she has had in the job.

"If you'd told a 16-year-old Claire that by the time she was 32 she'd have travelled overseas 10 or 11 times for cricket, she'd have been like, 'no way'," she says.

Polosak surveys the scene during the SCG Test // Getty



Watson Officiates 800th SCA Match

Bede Sajowitz

Life Member Arthur Watson made history in Round 11 of Men's Premier Cricket as he became the first umpire to officiate 800 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association when he took to the field at Rosedale Oval.

He umpired the Second Grade fixture between Fairfield-Liverpool and UTS North Sydney with his great friend Sathish Kumar at the ground where the umpire's room is named after him.

Originally hailing from Inverell in the state's north, Arthur commenced his SCA umpiring career in 1970 and has now stood in 365 First Grade fixtures, 69 in Second Grade, 86 in Third Grade, 142 in Fourth Grade and 116 in Fifth with 21 in Sydney Shires.

Alongside his extensive experience in SCA competitions, Arthur has considerable experience in the higher level of the game – officiating four ODIs (three Men's and one Women's) alongside ten first-class matches – two of which came as New South Wales hosted touring sides from New Zealand and the West Indies.

He also officiated the domestic one-day final in 1981-82 as Queensland won the McDonald's Cup at the SCG against New South Wales.

His commitment to cricket extends beyond the SCA – he was a Foundation Member of

the Fairfield-Liverpool Cricket Club and continues as a Patron of the club.

He can be regularly found at the club volunteering on matchdays when he isn't umpiring and was awarded Life Membership of the club in 2019.

Arthur is also the Secretary of the Fairfield-Liverpool District Cricket Umpires' Association – an affiliated association to NSWCUSA.

As well as being a Life Member of NSWCUSA, he has also been awarded Life Membership of the Sydney Cricket Association for his contribution to cricket.

Off the field Arthur has given outstanding service to the Association; including a twenty-year tenure as Treasurer from 1977 to 1999 as well as time spent as a Board Director, educator and member of Examination, Technical and Training Committees.

Arthur continues to play a pivotal role in the development of his fellow match officials as he regularly partners with newer umpires in a mentor capacity.

We congratulate him on reaching this extraordinary milestone and hope to see him add many more to his tally.



Country Championships Final

Bede Sajowitz

Graeme Glazebrook and Keiran Knight have been appointed to umpire this weekend's NSW Country Championships Final in Goulburn as pool-winners Riverina and Newcastle contest the title.

The pair are both members of the Country Umpire Representative Panel, Glazebrook in his seventh season on the panel, with Knight enjoying his first season.

Hailing from Bathurst, in the Western Zone, it is the sixth-consecutive Country Championship final for Glazebrook.

He also umpired the Plan B Regional T20 Bash Final at the SCG earlier this month.

Glazebrook was last season's recipient of the Kevin Pye Medal for a record-breaking fifth time – becoming the only person to win the award in five consecutive seasons.

Knight's first season on the panel comes after deciding to umpire in the Newcastle

District competition and stepping down from the NSW State Umpire Panel.

He brings with him considerable experience to the panel, having officiated six WNCL matches and four WBBL fixtures, in addition to 59 Premier Cricket First Grade matches.

He was also at the SCG on the Plan B Regional Bash Finals Day, umpiring the Sixers Conference Final.

Throughout the preliminary rounds of the Championships, Glazebrook umpired at the Southern Pool carnival – which was also held in Goulburn.

The following weekend, Knight was involved in the Northern Pool carnival, which was held on the Central Coast.

Country Umpire Coach Neil Findlay will be the Match Referee for the fixture, which begins at 10am on Sunday February 21.



Bruce Baxter and Graeme Glazebrook together ahead of the Plan B Regional Bash Final at the SCG

Technical

Ben Treloar

It is something that we don't see all that much in cricket right now, because it has been erased from the international game due to the perception of some individuals taking advantage of it. It is something that is still a part of the domestic scene, albeit in a modified, restricted form.

But, for most of us, it is still woven into the fabric of the game, a part of its history and long may it continue to be with us. What am I talking about? – a match official's favourite scenario – an injured striker with a runner.



A real test for the umpires!

It is a challenge for match officials, but one we should embrace because those who navigate these rarely sailed waters with ease and emerge unscathed on the other side can hold their head up high and be satisfied with their efforts. For this to occur, a significant amount of unseen preparation goes into it but, remember, the output is the sum of the team.

When an injured striker with runner emerges from the gate, our hearts skip a beat and it's too late to prepare when it's upon us.

It's imperative that we make reading the rarely used laws a constant part of our preparation. Let's take a look at the law and highlight the major points...all are important.

For an injured batsman to qualify for a runner to assist them, the umpires need to be satisfied have been injured during the match but, the injury must have affected their ability to run. This is the only reason when a runner can be allowed. If a runner is allowed, there are requirements placed on them prior to taking part.

The runner needs to be a nominated member of the batting side, and preferably have already been dismissed. This obviously cannot occur when an opening batsman has a runner, therefore, someone further down the order and definitely not

the next batter in, shall be permitted to act as runner.

They are also required to wear external protective equipment equivalent of that which is worn by the injured striker and carry a bat. If the injured striker is wearing an external arm guard then, the runner is also required to wear one.

There is no requirement for the runner to wear internal protective equipment such as a thigh guard but, many still do. They must not have any penalty time still to be served.

After ensuring the runner has met the requirements mentioned in law, the umpires must then turn their attention to managing the situation on-field.

On-field, it's recommended the umpires slow things down, come together and organise themselves and direct the injured striker and runner to their respective places.

When the injured striker is on strike, the runner will be positioned at square leg and the striker's end umpire at point. This positional switch alerts the bowler's end umpire and fielders to the fact that the game of cricket is no longer normal.

When the ball is played into the outfield, the bowler's end umpire must ensure they go towards their partner at all times or risk having the runner run behind them, making it impossible to answer an appeal for run out at their end. How do you make yourself go to the same side as your

partner each time they are positioned at point?

This is not an easy thing to do as normally if the ball is played to cover, we would always go opposite. We need a trigger, something that makes sure we go to our partner, even though our instincts say otherwise. Consider standing in your normal position behind the stumps at the bowler's end but, turn your left foot towards your partner.

It will feel awkward at first – this is a good thing as it will restrict your movement enough making you move towards point. Another way to trigger this movement in the right direction could be to hold your trouser leg with your left hand or place your left thumb in your trouser pocket – as you move it will get caught and provide a physical trigger that points you in the right direction.

When the injured striker is off-strike, the striker's end umpire will walk back to square leg where the injured striker will join them and remain there until they are on strike again – while at square leg, the injured striker remains out of the game unless they obstruct the field. The runner will place themselves at the bowler's end and act as the non-striker. When this happens, it becomes a normal game of cricket.

Just to add another dynamic to the situation, 2017 saw a restriction placed on the runner when the injured striker is on strike. This restriction ensures the runner remains grounded behind the popping



crease until the ball reaches the striker or it passes the popping crease at the wicket-keeper's end, whichever happens sooner.

If in breach, the striker's end umpire shall call and signal Dead ball after one completed run, however, can delay this call to allow a catch to be taken before returning any not out batsman to their original ends.

Other key aspects of the runner law are, if the striker themselves are run out, then any runs completed by the non-striker and runner before the dismissal shall be disallowed, which will see the non-striker return to the bowler's end.

Remember that, when on strike, the injured striker only has ground at the

wicket-keeper's end. The runner, when out of their ground at the striker's end is always to be considered to attempting a run. So, when the wicket is put down with the injured striker is in their ground and the runner is not, the injured striker is out, run out.

So, when we have a runner appear at the gate during our match, it's no time to shudder in our boots or wipe the nervous bead of sweat from our brows but, an opportunity to demonstrate our knowledge, understanding and ability to apply the law. Slow things down, go at your own pace and, most importantly, help each other out and work as a team to get the job done.



It's not just the umpires who can get confused!

CRIC-O-KU Number 12

Clue: Common cricketer's injury

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Every row, column, and 3x3 box must contain each of the nine symbols, just like a normal Sudoku.

With *Cric-o-ku*, the symbols are letters and numbers, not just numbers, and when you've worked them all out, one of the rows or columns will be a cricket term.

The answer will be in the next issue of *Black and White*.

Enjoy!

CRIC-O-KU No 11: Solution

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Association Partners

Troy Penman

This season has seen NSWCUSA continue its sponsorship agreement with global fast food chain McDonald's.

The sponsorship deal with McDonald's is in conjunction with a larger deal between Cricket NSW and McDonald's and has been renewed for season 2020-21. McDonald's will continue on the back of the Association's field shirts.

The Association received \$7,500 + GST. With the revenue from the sponsorship deal with McDonald's to be invested in items for members, education and development, offset costs for members and guests to attend Association events and an upgrade to Association products.

Since 2016, Beastwear has manufactured our merchandise - we are pleased for this association to continue into another season. The Association looks forward to continuing this partnership into the future and ensuring members are provided with quality on and off field wear.

In recent years, the Association has hosted a number of events at Bankstown Sports Club. These include Annual Dinners, Annual Conventions and in recent seasons both OGMs and training courses.

On a number of occasions, by way of a grant, the club have covered the cost of the venue hire, freeing up Association funds to be available to be used for the benefit of members. We thank the Club and their Board for their continued support.

Another of the Association's partners – the Bradman Foundation – are returning to support the Association again for season 2020-21.

All members receive a 10% discount on entry into the Bradman International Cricket Hall of Fame at Bowral and a 10% discount on all products in their Merchandise Store.

Additionally, they are offering an umpires' mug at the special price of \$16 including postage. To reserve one please at the special price, please contact store@bradman.com.au with your postal address and you will be sent a link for payment.



60 SECONDS WITH...

Cheryl Brain



Lauren McGill

Rob Pye



60 SECONDS WITH CHERYL BRAIN

Day Job?	Back in the day I was a para-legal personal secretary in a legal firm. I am now retired looking after two cats and a husband.
Officiating Debut? The first time you recorded a smudge?	My debut in scoring First Grade was at Waverley Oval with Owen Ridge. I heard after the match that Owen rang the then Secretary of Campbelltown-Camden and told him that "I'll do"! I have never scored a smudge to my recollection. I only heard about smudges from Ian Wright some three or four years ago.
Career officiating highlight (so far)?	I started scoring Under 10s in 2001 because my son, Nathan, started to play. As a parent you jump in with both feet! I have scored every year since covering Under 10s to Under 16s for the junior club, also underage representative district in Creak Shield through to Watson Shield. I then scored Grade for Campbelltown-Camden in grades five, four, three and two plus Green Shield for three years and PGs for about four years. Had 2 years off when Nathan moved to First Grade as my mentor, Ray McMahon, was currently scoring then. I helped run the canteen during this time. When Ray retired, I took over scoring First Grade in 2009-10. Highlights: when First Grade won the minor premiership in 2017-2018 and Green Shield won three years in a row from 2004-2007.
Best cricketer you have officiated?	I have to say my son, Nathan. (Proud mum!)
Strangest/funniest thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	I forget where it was (old age) but at warm up before the match one of the practice balls landed on the pitch just as the roller was coming and ran over it. The ball was stuck in the pitch and they literally had to dig it out and then repair the pitch before play.
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	Umpires: Karl Wentzel because he gave Nathan his one and only hat trick. Scorers: Sue Woodhouse and Christine Bennison because we always have a good laugh together.
Any superstitions?	No, none. You can't keep your fingers crossed and score at the same time!
Any special talents?	Yes. I can keep Darren Foster standing on one leg for 37 seconds. Just ask him.

Best piece of advice?	No matter what's happening - KEEP CALM. That doesn't apply when you're having a good belly laugh. You have to enjoy scoring and having a laugh with your fellow scorer.
What got you into scoring?	My son, Nathan. I couldn't stand cricket until Nathan started to play and when I understood the silly names like "bowling a maiden over" and learnt how to score that I became to like it.
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Shane Warne because he started Nathan into leg spin and also he is quite sexy... Those blue eyes... almost as blue as Troy Penman's! Michael Bublé because he is gorgeous, and I love his voice. Tom Selleck because, well, he is also gorgeous...

60 SECONDS WITH LAUREN MCGILL

Day job?	I work in a bakery during the week and am currently studying an online university subject with the hope of starting a criminology or medical radiation science degree soon.
Officiating Debut? The first time you fired someone?	2019-20 season, Third Grade in Tamworth. Probably fired someone first game!
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	The 2019-20 season as a whole was a huge highlight. This season I have been fortunate enough to umpire Women's First and Second Grade T/20 games which were both a fantastic experience.
Best cricketer you have officiated?	Too many to name, but I have had the pleasure of playing with and umpiring players like Lara Graham, Jess Davidson, Claire McGuirk and Tara Craig who will all be huge names in the women's game soon.
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	During a game, a bluetongue lizard wandered onto the pitch and almost got stepped on. Cannot remember if I was playing or umpiring, but I remember thinking it was a snake and slightly freaking out!
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	There are a few hockey NSW umpires who I really enjoy watching but also officiating my games. They all have great communication and presence on the field and apply the rules fairly and appropriately which is nice when I'm a player but also skills to include in my own umpiring.

Any superstitions?	None just yet, but plenty of time to start!
Any special talents?	I do know how to cook, but whether I am talented you will have to ask my parents.
Best piece of advice?	Be prepared to make mistakes. They are a great learning experience.
What got you into umpiring?	I played cricket for eight years but wasn't enjoying playing as much anymore. I completed a Community Officiating course whilst I was still playing and really enjoyed the different aspect of the game. So I stopped playing, started umpiring and haven't stopped.
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Marie Curie Albert Einstein Steven Hawking

60 SECONDS WITH ROB PYE

Day job?	Retired now, with main employment in Australian Navy, Telstra, and café owner/operator.
Officiating Debut? The first time you fired someone?	Start of 2008-09 season in Lower Clarence CA Second Grade. That same match, right-arm over bowler to LHB taking guard on off stump (I know, right?) Full banger on the ankle, went up with the fielding side and then raised the finger.
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	Truly fortunate to have officiated three times in the old Country Cup & Plate semi-finals, T20 Regional Bash area knockouts and did the final in an u18 Women's State Champs. Ted Wykes Medal in 2018-19
Best cricketer you have officiated?	My SCA First Grade debut – Greg Mail (scored another century) and Sean Abbott in the same match, Daniel Smith also played.
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	The wicketkeeper diving down leg to stop a ball, on moving back into position saw both the soles from his shoes in the grass. The sprig tightener wasn't going to solve that!!!

Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	Simon Taufel – he presented me with my Ted Wykes medal. His arm probably still hurts from the shaking and wringing I gave it. We owe him so much for what he has shared with us.
Any superstitions?	Not as an umpire, but when playing the box went in before any of the other protective equipment. Only because I forgot it once as I was rushing to get ready after a hat trick had me scrambling.
Any special talents?	As a cricketer I was really good at collecting the money, doing the scorebook, and standing in the middle as the umpire...
Best piece of advice?	Life advice – from a Naval Dental Hygienist “Don’t clean your teeth before breakfast, that’s like wiping your bum before ...” Cricket advice – give every ball the respect it deserves. Took me a while to appreciate that properly.
What got you into umpiring?	I normally opened the batting and then would umpire the next 30 odd overs. I’ve always liked cricket, was not that successful at it, but wanted to remain in the game.
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Kerry O’Keefe – I enjoy his humour. Bon Scott – original ACDC front man – imagine the stories. Laurie Borg – you know the meal is going to be a battle skill.

NEW MEMBERS

Name	Suburb	Name	Suburb
Aditya Shah	Quakers Hill	Nilantha Ranasinghe	Epping
Alan Bell	Bradbury	Paul Cullen	Tuross Head
Daman Kahlon	Parramatta	Peter Rashleigh	Cherrybrook
Darren MacClure	East Maitland	Peter Todd	Mystery Bay
Gowdham Balasubramanian	Parramatta	Rejith Rajagopal	Cherrybrook
Muhammad Haris	Punchbowl		



Nathan Harvey observes from the striker's end // Bankstown CC

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Elite Panel of ICC Umpires

Bruce Oxenford (Aus.)

Rodney Tucker (Aus.)

Paul Reiffel (Aus.)

International Panel of ICC Umpires

Gerard Abood (Aus.)

Shawn Craig (Aus.)

Sam Nogajski (Aus.)

Paul Wilson (Aus.)

Development Panel of ICC Umpires

Heath Kearns (Jersey)

Claire Polosak (Aus.)

Eloise Sheridan (Aus.)

CA National Umpire Panel

Gerard Abood

Darren Close (Tas.)

Shawn Craig (Vic.)

Greg Davidson

Phil Gillespie (Vic.)

Mike Graham-Smith (Tas.)

Donovan Koch (Qld.)

Sam Nogajski (Tas.)

Tony Wilds

Paul Wilson

CA Supplementary Umpire Panel

Darren Close (Tas.)

Nathan Johnstone (WA)

Simon Lightbody

Troy Penman

Claire Polosak

Ben Treloar

CNSW State Umpire Panel

Andrew Hamilton

Roberto Howard

Sharad Patel

Bede Sajowitz

Country Umpire Representative Panel

Bruce Baxter

Ken Brooks

Gary Crombie

David Cullen

John De Lyaal

Graeme Glazebrook

Tony Hackett

Brenton Harrison

Keiran Knight

Ross McKim

Phil Rainger

Neil Smith

Examination Committee

Kevin Battishill

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Christine Bennison

Merilyn Fowler

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Tim Donahoo observing the field changes at Manly Oval // Ian Bird



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