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CHAIR'S WELCOME

MARK HUGHES

Dear Members,

Welcome to the May edition of **In Black and White**.

Season 2022-23 is now complete and I trust you finished the cricket season to the best of your ability. I'd like to congratulate our members who were appointed to officiate in grand finals and hope you had a memorable and enjoyable experience, although I suspect weather may have intervened in a number of end of season fixtures!

The NSWCUA Annual Dinner and Awards night was held in mid-April and was an enjoyable evening for the 174 members and guests who were in attendance.

My thanks go out to all who attended the evening, as well as to our end of season awards winners and those who were acknowledged on the night for officiating representative fixtures, achieving years of service or reaching match milestones in season 2022-23. Many of these achievements will be highlighted throughout this edition of In Black & White.

I have been privileged to have had the opportunity to attend a number of end of season awards nights where NSWCUA members have been recognised for their season 2022-23 achievements and able to celebrate their seasons and those of their colleagues. It is clearly evident to me that the spirit within our association is strong and there is a genuine sense of members celebrating the success of so many of our members, which for me is so pleasing to see.

Please take the opportunity to enjoy your off-season, refresh and recharge the batteries and build up whatever brownie points you need to with your friends and families in the winter months! No doubt season 2023-24 will be upon us sooner than we think as we look forward to another exciting season of cricket.



Mark Hughes presents Sue Gregory with a representative match certificate // Steven K Smith

EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

TROY PENMAN

Dear Members and Affiliated Associations,

We have come to the end of another season, one where there was a degree of normality, and we were able to play through a season uninterrupted - a refreshing change from the previous four seasons. Match officials again led the way in ensuring that matches took place and were able to be played in the right fashion.

The SCA and Country Cricket's Committee of Management are thanked for their efforts in facilitating matches for players to play, umpires to umpire and scorers to score. The efforts of both committees leading up to and during the season were incredible and greatly appreciated by the Association.

The Cricket NSW Competitions staff led by Bruce Whitehouse are acknowledged for their work in organising matches to be officiated. The Competitions Team were able to deliver an incredible amount of cricket this season and it is credit to their commitment and dedication that all carnivals could be rolled out across the season.

The Cricket NSW Pathways staff are thanked for organising multiple underage representative fixtures for members to officiate. This season also saw the addition of new competitions to provide further opportunities to players and in turn match officials.

Once again, we have been able to achieve 100% coverage of all matches in Men's SCA competitions.

There were times where we were stretched, and it will be something we review leading into season 2023-24. Members who officiated in SCA competitions are thanked for their efforts over a long season.

The Men's Premier Cricket Observers completed 371 reports on 158 umpires. Laurie Borg, Graham Chudleigh, Errol Cranney, Bob Davis, Berend du Plessis, Rupert Mathews, Tom Ortiz and Graham Reed are thanked for their hard work and support of the umpires throughout 2022-23.

Each bring a unique perspective to the role and that assists in providing umpires with a variety of feedback, the old adage states 'it takes a village to raise a child' and observing is no different, each provide certain bits and pieces that assist in development and progression. In the group we have a former first-class umpire, former First Grade umpires, a recent Cricket Australia Underage National Carnival umpire, ex-players and umpires who each have a real gift in providing wonderful feedback our lesser experienced and newer umpires. This variety helps members improve across all facets of their umpiring.

Our members are very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of observers in NSW Men's Premier Cricket and I wish them all the best for the off-season.

The Management team have successfully completed our involvement with the Basil Sellers Scholarship Program, this season the team were asked to be a part of the program to give scholars a greater understanding and appreciation for match officials. The team delivered a five-hour program which focused on:

- Spirit of Cricket (working with umpires and getting involved)
- Leadership (transferable skills and qualities and elite umpires)
- Community Officiating Accreditation (in-person component partnering online modules)
- Fieldcraft and Technique (what you'll see umpires doing on-field and why)
- Panel Q & A (high performance umpiring and sharing experiences)

We thank the Cricket NSW Foundation and Mr. Sellers for the opportunity to be involved and hope that our contribution will assist with the development of scholars in their cricketing journey.

A number of incredible milestones were reached during the season, these highlight the commitment and dedication by these members to the Association. All have made significant contributions to the Association and we are grateful for this. Members make the Association tick.

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The Basil Sellers Scholars in attendance at Cricket Central with the Management team

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- 650 matches – Pat Kerin (Cootamundra CUA)
- 600 matches – Chris Weir (SCA)
- 500 matches – Chris Adams (Illawarra CUA)
- 500 matches – Geoff Hasler (Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and Hills CUA)
- 450 matches – Simon Moore (Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and Hills CUA)
- 400 matches – Stephen Blomfield (SCA)
- 400 matches – Brian Druery (Illawarra CUA)
- 400 matches – Darren Goodger (SCA)
- 400 matches – Rob Pye (Lower Clarence CUA)

Graham Chudleigh presents Pat Kerin with a 650 match certificate at the Annual Dinner // Steven K Smith



Our volunteer Committee members are thanked for their efforts throughout a challenging season.

The Examination Committee have done a sterling job providing education to members on a monthly basis. Thank you to Andrew Coates for his leadership of the committee. The Scorers Committee under the leadership of Adrian Tham have had another busy season. We've seen a large uptake of new scorer members through the number of training courses that have been facilitated.

The Representative Scorers Committee dealt with a number of challenges this season, I thank my committee colleagues Darren Goodger, Claire Polosak and Bede Sajowitz for their efforts and flexibility with appointing our scorers this season. Numerous zoom meetings and emails were required given the changing nature of the cricket schedule. Our representative scorers are thanked for their understanding and patience with the appointments this season.

Our office-bearers have also been very busy, John Evans has again done an outstanding job in delivering the role of Merchandise Officer in a COVID environment. No doubt John is excited and looking forward to this year's Convention being in-person once again.

Our Zone Representatives have again worked positively in their local areas to build spirit and ensure that matches are covered. We look forward to the winter months and holding training sessions in each zone.

Michael Schokman is thanked for his work with social match appointments, many requests were received, particularly after Christmas and were managed with aplomb. This was Michael's first season in the role and he did a wonderful job of taking over from Ian Wright.

Neil Findlay is thanked for providing excellent support to our affiliated associations throughout a challenging season.

Stephen Blomfield as Honorary Statistician has again provided excellent support to the Management Team to ensure milestones are appropriately recognised.

Directors are thanked for their continued support, assistance, and guidance of the Management Team.

We look forward to an off season full of face-to-face training courses. We know there will be a high level of interest from Zone Representatives and affiliated associations for training in their area and our training team are ready to go.

Our Annual Convention has been confirmed for August 26 & 27 to be held at Penrith Panthers on Saturday and Cricket Central on Sunday. The Management team are very excited for what we can offer to members that will a unique experience from previous years.

The next 12 months will see the Association celebrate its 110th year. Members will shortly be asked for their shirt sizes so that manufacturing can begin on commemorative polo shirts, which will be posted out with membership cards to those who have renewed for season 2023-24. To also recognise this milestone, we will be holding a special function on the Saturday night of the Annual Convention. On top of this we have a few other anniversary celebrations locked in for members to enjoy and be involved in.

To the team, Darren, Claire, Bede and Ben, thank you for the immense contribution you have made to the Association this season. You have all worked long hours to make sure the Association continues to move forward. Members receive excellent service and you all should be proud of your efforts in delivering an excellent season.

I again thank each and every member for their efforts this season, you have all gone above and beyond to deliver for our key stakeholders. Enjoy some time off and focus on recharging the batteries as no doubt season 2023-24 will be bigger than ever.

STATE UMPIRING MANAGER UPDATE

DARREN GOODGER

Thank you to all our active match officials across New South Wales for your contribution to cricket in season 2022-23. Equally our appreciation is extended to all volunteer administrators and training officers in affiliated umpire associations. They all do exceptional work to support their colleagues and the game.

Since the last edition of In Black and White the cricket season has finished and there has been much to celebrate with our annual dinner and awards presentation.

In our last edition we highlighted the excellent first-class umpiring debut of Troy Penman in the Victoria v Queensland Sheffield Shield match at the MCG. Sharad Patel went on to make his first appearance at first-class level, standing in the Tasmania v Western Australia Sheffield Shield match at Bellerive Oval. Sharad prepared thoroughly and handed in an exceptional performance. He was so well supported on debut by International Panel umpire Sam Nogajski, a selfless person and leader in our national match officials system.

Claire Polosak was consistently outstanding at the Women's T20 World Cup played in South Africa, being appointed to stand in the semi final between England and South Africa played at Newlands. Claire umpired four matches on field at the World Cup and was TV Umpire for a further two. She has now officiated in 55 WT20 Internationals.

Gerard Abood was appointed as one of the field umpires for the Marsh One-Day Cup Final in which Western Australia defeated South Australia by 181 runs at the WACA Ground.

Gerard had an excellent season in Cricket Australia programs and deserved his appointment to stand in the final. He was joined by in the middle by Sam Nogajski with Shawn Craig the TV Umpire.

Congratulations to Gerard on receiving the inaugural CNSW Representative Umpire of the Year which was presented at the CNSW Awards Night. This award is for excellence in umpiring performance by a member of the NSWCUA in Cricket Australia competitions in the current season. Gerard, a member of the Cricket Australia National Umpire Panel since 2009-10, performed to an exceptional standard in season 2022-23 officiating in five Sheffield Shield, three One-Day Cup and 13 Big Bash League matches, including The Eliminator between Sydney Thunder and Brisbane Heat. Gerard was TV Umpire for the both the Big Bash League Knockout and Final. He had an outstanding season in Cricket Australia competitions and was also appointed to umpire the Belvidere Cup Final for the eighth time. A most deserving recipient of the CNSW Representative Umpire of the Year.

Gerard Abood Umpiring Career

- Joined National Umpire Panel: 2009-10
- Women's Test: 1
- Men's ODI: 2
- Women's ODI: 9
- Men's T20 International: 13 (9 field; 4 TV)
- Women's T20 International: 14 (11 field; 3 TV)
- First-Class: 79 (78 field; 1 TV)
- One-Day Cup: 74 (51 field; 23 TV)
- Other List A: 4
- BBL: 132 (96 field; 36 TV)
- Other Domestic T20: 17 (14 field; 3 TV)
- WNCL: 5
- National Finals
 - Sheffield Shield: 2 (1 field; 1 TV)
 - One Day Cup: 5 (3 field; 2 TV)
 - WNCL: 1
 - Big Bash League: 4 (2 field; 2 TV)
- SCA Men's: 141
- Men's Premier Cricket First Grade: 98
- Belvidere Cup Finals: 8

Troy Penman was appointed TV Umpire for the Women's National Cricket League Final. Tasmania defeated South Australia by one run (DLS Method) in a wonderful final.

Mitchell Claydon made his debut in men's State Second XI cricket standing with Roberto Howard in the NSW Metropolitan v ACT/NSW Country fixture played at Cricket Central Oval. ACT/NSW Country won by three wickets. Both umpires handed in very strong performances according to match referee David Gilbert. The leadership of Roberto in supporting Mitch with his preparation and throughout his debut was outstanding.

Congratulations to Gerard Abood and Ben Treloar on their appointment to and performance in the men's premier cricket first grade final. Both umpires were exceptional in their people and match management, and their decision making. The final was drawn with Parramatta receiving the Belvidere Cup.

Troy Penman has just returned from umpiring on the National Indigenous Tour to Vanuatu, a total of seven matches. It was a wonderful umpiring and educational experience for Troy. Congratulations to Troy and Lisa McCabe (Victoria) on their selection by Cricket Australia; outstanding recognition of their ability, performance and leadership to be selected for this tour.

Congratulations to those members appointed to umpire CNSW State Championships finals at Raby last month. This was the culmination of the boys country and metropolitan Youth Championships programs, the concept being very well received by players, coaches and parents, and equally well organised by Jess McMahon from CNSW.

The umpires appointed were:

- U13 | Clive Hitchen & Cam McGinn | Central Coast v Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District (State Champions: Central Coast)

- U14 | Stephen Blomfield & Ian Pryde | Central Coast v Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District (State Champions: HK&HD)
- U15 | Patrick Jackson & Andrew Yarad | Western Plains Outlaws v Parramatta (State Champions: Parramatta)

Our Annual Dinner and Awards Night was a most successful event at Bankstown Sports with a sincere vote of thanks extended to Troy Penman and Bede Sajowitz for their organisation, and to Daniel Anderson for being an accomplished MC. All did an exceptional job so members and guests were able to enjoy the evening. There was a wonderful spirit evident in the room as we celebrated season 2022-23.

Congratulations to our major award winners with the George Borwick Memorial Award being received by Daniel Moran and Aldo Cantori (Sydney Women's CUA) receiving the Ted Wykes Medal. I never experienced the privilege of meeting Mr Borwick, but sense he would have approved of Dan's commitment to the NSWCUA, his on-field performances in premier cricket and in Cricket Australia programs, his dedication to teamwork and to travelling from Newcastle to officiate in Sydney at every available opportunity in between his Cricket Australia umpiring commitments.

Aldo enjoyed such a strong season, an enthusiastic and passionate match official and a most deserving recipient.



Patrick Jackson and Andrew Yarad ahead of the State Championships // Bruce Whitehouse

It was pleasing to see so many umpires acknowledged for their commitment to officiating, with Pat Kerin receiving warm applause having stood in his 650th match in season 2022-23. A remarkable display of service and commitment to officiating from the veteran Cootamundra umpire and cricket administrator.

Nathan Harvey was a deserving and popular winner of the Panel 2 Medal in Men's Premier Cricket. An astonishing performance being "umpire of the year" for the third consecutive season (Panel 4 in season 2020-21; Panel 3 in season 2021-22) in the eyes of captains. He has made his mark in the competition in the most humble and positive manner and has a bright future in the game.

One of the highlights of the evening was seeing six of our contracted umpires in attendance and mixing in so positively with members and guests. We are most grateful to Gerard Abood, Simon Lightbody, Ben Treloar, Paul Wilson (National Umpire Panel), and Sharad Patel, Troy Penman (Supplementary Umpire Panel) for their humility and genuine support of the Association.

Claire Polosak would have been present, but was umpiring an international tournament in Hong Kong. We are very proud of all members umpiring professional cricket, each represents CNSW and the NSWCUA with distinction. They are also fine ambassadors for their employer, Cricket Australia.

Troy Penman (#85) and Sharad Patel (#86) were presented with their first-class ties and their names have been included on the honour board in the Ted Wykes Room at the Sydney Cricket Ground, along with David Taylor (#84) who was in season 2022-23 appointed to umpire his first first-class match as a member of the NSWCUA. Prior to this David made his first-class umpiring debut in season 2021-22 as a member of the Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association. Congratulations to David, Troy and Sharad. We wish them the very best in their ongoing umpiring endeavours.

To Greg Mail (representing CNSW), Roy Formica and Brian Freedman (representing the Sydney Cricket Association) and Paul Dilley (representing NSW Country Cricket) we offer our thanks for attending the dinner and for the support each Association offers the NSWCUA. The way match officials are treated and respected in New South Wales is appreciated, second to none in Australian Cricket. We are blessed to be in the Cricket Performance squad and value the opportunities our umpires and scorers receive to be involved in the various CNSW programs.

John McMahon was acknowledged for having been a member of the NSWCUA for 45 years. John provided exemplary service to cricket as a coach and administrator for more than 50 years. He has been honoured with life membership of CNSW and NSW Country Cricket Association, and awarded an Order of Australia for his service to our game. There are so many people in cricket who owe John McMahon their gratitude for his counsel, encouragement and mentoring. One of the most humble and sincere people you could hope to meet, and such a respected and knowledgeable coach and administrator.



Roy Formica presents Nathan Harvey with the Panel Two Medal at the Annual Dinner // Steven K Smith

State Umpiring Managers and Coaches held their annual conference at Cricket Central on May 9-10 with a packed and relevant agenda. Thank you to Tess Gilbertson and Ian Lock for pulling this together and leading the conference. One of the highlights was a keynote address by Steve Clark, Head of Technical Officials at Basketball NSW and a former rugby league referee with the NSWRL, ARL and NRL. He officiated in 314 first grade matches, 8 Test matches and 5 State of Origin fixtures.



Steve's presentation was around high performance. He was engaging and professional, a person who is authentic and passionate about high performance, committed to officiating and supporting match officials; clear, consistent and respectful with his messaging. He is no-nonsense in his approach and delivery, shoots straight about what's required and the choices to be made to be an elite match official; not one to compromise values or standards. Steve has contributed to the education, development and assessment of match officials and is a key member and director of the Officiating Collective.

There were several messages to take from his presentation, but here are six for reflection:

- All match officials are able to aspire to high performance, it is not just at elite and professional levels
- Attention to detail is crucial ... particularly in preparation (it's what you do when no one is watching that will determine how successful you are)
- Use the knowledge of others to make you better (none of us is as smart as all of us ... we are all smart together)
- Be a person who others wish to work with
- Have faith in your own ability; back yourself when you're doing the job ... what you first see will be right most of the time
- Own your mistakes, be honest in your self-assessment / we aim to be better from our review and our pitfalls

Steve spoke about aspects which will help make an environment high performance:

- Knowledge and application Laws
- Fitness
- Communication
- Attention to detail
- Cash in on strengths
- Develop weaknesses
- Establish reputation
- Be coachable
- Try things
- Take on advice
- Understand your role
- Understand the coach's role
- Being among and working with, first and foremost, good people
- Attitude is everything



Cameron McGinn & Clive Hitchen

Now is the perfect opportunity for umpires to review, reflect and reset.

- Positives
- Areas for improvement
- Key observations / lessons learned
- Reflection on season goals
- Were your personal/non-umpiring areas for development met, including those related to your health and wellbeing?
- For those who worked with on field colleagues, in what ways did you assist your umpiring colleagues this season to be the best they could be?
- What strengths/attributes did you bring to the umpiring team on match days?
- How did you feel about your working relationships with the various teams this season? Were they much the same or improved? What did you do to try and strengthen relationships with match day participants during the season?
- Preliminary process goals for season 2023-24

I recently read a small piece written by Marc Chernoff which is shared here for reflection:

'Over the years, through bouts of failure and hardship, I've learned the truth through experience: you can change paths anytime you want to, and oftentimes it's absolutely necessary that you do.

Yes, starting over and making substantial changes in your life is almost always feasible. It won't be easy of course, but neither is being stuck with a lifelong career you naively chose when you were a teenager. And neither is holding on to something that's not meant to be, or something that's already long gone.

The truth is, no one wins a game of chess by only moving forward; sometimes you have to move backward to put yourself in a position to win. And this is a perfect metaphor for life. Sometimes when it feels like you're running into one dead end after another, it's actually a sign that you're not on the right path.

Maybe you were meant to hang a left back when you took a right, and that's perfectly fine. Life gradually teaches us that U-turns are allowed. So turn around when you must!

There's a big difference between giving up and starting over in the right direction. And there are three little words that can release you from your past mistakes and regrets, and get you back on track. These words are: "From now on..." So from now on, what should you do?

Something that makes you feel like you're making progress. Something small. As long as you don't just sit in your seat, strapped down to a destiny that isn't yours. If you mess it up, start over. Try something else. Let go and grow, day by day. It's a practice of thinking better about the past and present, and then maintaining positive daily rituals so you can continue to evolve and fail forward. So often, the quality of our life is determined by the quality of our thoughts.

Finally, I wish to thank and acknowledge:

- Our CNSW officiating staff in Troy Penman, Ben Treloar, Bede Sajowitz and Claire Polosak for their hard work, commitment to excellence and our members.
- Our CNSW competitions staff in Stephen Blomfield, Roy Formica, Sean Mantle and Jess McMahon who do consistently outstanding work in an understated manner.
- Bruce Whitehouse for his first-rate leadership of our competitions staff and the excellent work undertaken by him in managing CNSW pathway competitions and the NSW Country Cricket representative programs.
- The Board of Directors led by Chairman Mark Hughes and Treasurer Laurie Borg for their support.
- CNSW for all it provides in support of the NSWCUA and match officials in New South Wales.
- The office-bearers in all affiliated associations for your selflessness, commitment and contribution.
- All members ... you are our heartbeat; we appreciate your resilience, your contribution to cricket and all you do to serve the game.

EDUCATION OFFICER UPDATE

BEN TRELOAR

With the southern hemisphere's cricket season now run and won, one would think it's time for some rest and relaxation, however at Cricket Central, the Education and Training Team are as busy as ever planning and preparing for season 2023-24.

Coming up we have a number Level 2 Laws courses confirmed as well as PD workshops which are free of charge for all NSWCUSA members.

Should you like to attend one or more of the below laws courses and/or PD workshops, please register your interest with NSWCUSA Education Officer Ben Treloar at:

Ben.Treloar@cricketnsw.com.au.

A huge thanks to our Affiliates for getting these up and running, and to our talented trainers and volunteers facilitating the courses.

Upcoming weekend Laws of Cricket courses

- June 17 & 18: Grafton
- June 24 & 25: Parramatta
- July 22 & 23, Maitland & Tenterfield
- July 29 & July 30: Bankstown & Ourimbah
- August 5 & 6: Newcastle & Penrith
- August 12 & 13, Wagga Wagga

In addition to the above, we will be facilitating a five-night laws course based at Cricket Central. Dates for this course are:

- Thursday 29 June, 6.30-9.30pm
- Tuesday 4 July, 6.30-9.30pm
- Thursday 6 July, 6.30-9.30pm
- Tuesday 11 July, 6.30-9.30pm
- Thursday 13 July, 6.30-9.30pm
- Tuesday July 18, 6.30-8.30pm (open-book exam)

Immediately following the course at Cricket Central, we will be facilitating an online Level 2 laws course delivered using Zoom. Dates for this course are:

- Thursday 20 July, 6.30-8.00pm (overview)
- Tuesday 25 July, 6.30-9pm
- Thursday 27 July, 6.30-9pm
- Tuesday 1 August, 6.30-9pm
- Thursday 3 August, 6.30-9pm
- Tuesday 8 August, 6.30-9pm
- Thursday 10 August, 6.30-8.30pm (online exam)

Upcoming PD Workshops

- Saturday July 8, Coffs Harbour
- Sunday July 9, Port Macquarie
- Sunday August 13, Wagga Wagga
- Sunday September 10, Lismore
- Saturday September 16, Wollongong
- Sunday September 17, Ourimbah

In between planning, preparing, and facilitating laws courses and PD workshops, August 26 & 27 will see the NSWCUSA hold its Annual Convention across two locations, on Saturday we will utilise Penrith Panthers Leagues Club and then Sunday will see the offices at CNSW, Cricket Central, play host.

In what will most certainly be a highly educational and enjoyable unofficial opening to season 23-24, we are all looking forward to seeing as many members as possible from across the state of NSW attend the weekend. As in previous years, members will have the chance to meet with Sports Psychologist Alan Mantle to assist with your season's preparations.

Leading into the season, we are locking in some new umpire sessions here at Cricket Central, covering topics such as technique and fieldcraft, decision making, being in the moment, in addition to getting umpires ready for NSW Premier Cricket. All of this and more to look forward to before we begin the season proper.

All the best for now and looking forward to seeing everyone very soon sometime during the non-playing season, either in-person or online.

MORAN CROWNED 2022-23 BORWICK WINNER

BEDE SAJOWITZ

NSW State Panel umpire Dan Moran has capped off a successful season, taking out the Association's highest honour at the Annual Dinner and Awards Night in Bankstown on Saturday.

Receiving the George Borwick Memorial Award on the back of strong performances in NSW Men's Premier Cricket, Moran was also appointed to an underage national final and debuted in the WNCL and WBBL during the summer.

Recognising dedication to the Association off-field and excellence on-field – Dan achieved an average captain's mark of 4.94 out of 5 across the season.

The E. F. Wykes OAM Association Medal – the equivalent award for affiliated associations – was awarded to Sydney Women's Cricket Umpires' Association's Aldo Cantori recognising his contribution to the SWCUA on and off the field during the 2022-23 season.

Greater Illawarra umpire Dave Cullen won the Kevin Pye Medal for Country Umpire of the Year, coming in his seventh season as a member of the Country Panel, where he was appointed to the Country Championships Final for the first time.

Nominated by her club for her dedication over the season, Sutherland DCC's Allison Brockley was awarded the Malcolm Gorham Scorers' Award for the first time.

The Alan Marshall Medal – with the same criteria as the Borwick, for first-season umpires – was presented to Ashish Kedia, who attended a majority of NSWCUA meetings and averaged 4.10 from his 12 matches.

Darren Goodger received the Panel One Medal for a 13th time – and eighth consecutive season – with a match average of 5 out of 5 from First Grade captains.

The Women's Panel One Medal was taken out by Varun Marwaha, officiating in 14 matches as a member of the panel and achieving a match average of 4.33.

Following on from winning the Panel Four and Panel Three Medals the last two seasons, Nathan Harvey won the Panel Two Medal with a 4.76 match average.

Andy Storey also backed up after winning the Panel Four Medal last season, taking out the Panel Three Medal with a match average of 4.50, with first-season umpire Nick Dowd awarded the Panel Four Medal for 2022-23, averaging 4.56 from 11 matches across the season.

Umpires making representative debuts during the season were also recognised, with Sharad Patel and Troy Penman presented with first-class ties acknowledging their Sheffield Shield debuts, whilst Patel's One-Day Cup and BBL debuts were also recognised alongside Moran's debuts in the WNCL and WBBL.



Award-winners in attendance at Bankstown Sports Club // Steven K Smith

VALE BRIAN BOOTH MBE

DARREN GOODGER

The Association mourns the passing of our co-Patron Brian Booth MBE.

Mr Booth was a former Australian and New South Wales captain, aged 89 on May 19 at the time of his passing. He played 29 Tests for Australia between 1961 and 1966 being the national captain on two occasions.

An elegant middle order batter, Mr Booth scored 1,773 runs, including five centuries, at an average of 42.21. A dual international, Mr Booth represented Australia in hockey at the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.

Mr Booth represented New South Wales in the Sheffield Shield on 93 occasions scoring 5,574 runs at 43.5 and had a lifelong association with St George District Cricket Club where he was a player, coach, president for 10 years and club patron for 40 years until his passing.

He proudly became a patron of NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association in 2012, being a regular attendee at annual dinners over the years and gave an outstanding keynote address on the Spirit of Cricket when the annual convention was held in Wollongong.

Outside of cricket, and in his professional life, Mr Booth was a respected teacher before lecturing in physical education at Sydney Teachers College (STC). Mr Booth served as head of the Health and Human Movement Studies Department at STC for five years.

Mr Booth received several honours during his life:

- 31st Australian Men's Test Cricket Captain | 1965-66
- Life membership of St George District Club | 1970
- Life membership of NSW Cricket Association | 1974
- MBE from the Queen | 1982
- St George District Cricket Club Team of the Century | 2010
- CNSW Hall of Fame | 2014
- St George District Cricket Club Hall of Fame | 2020
- Life membership of the MCC

Mr Booth was one of the most respected people in cricket. He had a reputation for walking when he knew that he was out, without waiting for the umpire's decision, and he was regarded as a player and leader of the highest principles.

He was known for encouraging high standards of conduct among his players and led by example in never showing dissent towards unfavourable umpiring decisions. He believed that the foundations of sport were courtesy and fairness.

In 2002, Mr Booth publicly condemned sledging and verbal intimidation tactics in cricket. He stated, "In the games that I played in, I can't ever remember being sledged, and I can't ever remember sledging anybody."

In acknowledging Mr Booth's passing, St George District Cricket Club President, Kevin Greene wrote, "Perhaps the most important thing that can be said about Brian Booth was that everyone who met him, liked him, basically because he was always respectful, courteous and interested in the person with whom he was conversing." How true.

NSWCUSA Chairman, Mark Hughes said, "Our Association mourns the passing of Brian Booth MBE whom we thank for his patronage and support over the past 11 years. Mr Booth was a revered figure in New South Wales and Australian cricket, he was also a man of great faith living these values on and off the cricket field. He was a sincere advocate for match officials and respected their place in the game.

"He would regularly make himself known around the grounds which was greatly appreciated by all umpires and scorers with whom he came in contact. He was also a wonderful support to the Executive and Management of the NSWCUSA, always willing to share his counsel when asked.

"Mr Booth was such a humble and selfless person who gave people time and was willing to share his experience to benefit others.

We are saddened by Mr Booth's passing, but we comfort ourselves with the knowledge that we had the pleasure and privilege of knowing Mr Booth. We acknowledge and celebrate his remarkable life of service to cricket and the community."

Mr Booth is survived by his wife Judy and four daughters. The Association extends its deepest and sincere sympathy to Mr Booth's family and many friends.



FIRST-CLASS DEBUT FOR SHARAD PATEL

CHRIS GRANT | CRICKET AUSTRALIA

Cricket Australia (CA) Supplementary Umpire Panel (SUP) member Sharad Patel makes his First-Class umpiring debut in the Marsh Sheffield Shield.

Patel stood in the match between the Tasmania and Western Australia at Blundstone Arena in Hobart. In doing so, Patel became the 86th cricket umpire from New South Wales to stand in a First-Class match.

Patel began umpiring over a decade ago after he joined the New South Wales Cricketers' and Scorers' Association (NSWCUSA) and was appointed to Premier and Shires matches in Sydney. Patel went on to make his New South Wales Premier Cricket First-Grade debut in November 2017. Patel finished that breakout season standing in the New South Wales Premier Cricket Finals was named the NSWCUSA's Panel 2 Umpire of the Year. Capping the season, Patel was awarded the prestigious George Borwick Medal for the first time.

Patel was appointed to the New South Wales State Umpire Panel, prior to the 2019/20 season. Patel was then appointed to the CA Under 17 Male National Championships in Queensland as part of the 10-strong tournament panel. In the same season, Patel was appointed to the Under 19 Male National Championships in Perth, a rare achievement. Patel stood in the first of his WBBL and WNCL matches during the 2019/20 season. Patel continued his progression in the 2020/21 season standing in his first Toyota Second XI match, subsequent WBBL and WNCL appointments, all whilst fulfilling a full New South Wales Premier Cricket schedule.

Patel's prolific season was again recognised by the NSWCUSA when he was awarded the George Borwick Medal for the second time.

Last season, Patel was again appointed to the CA Under 19 Male National Championships in Queensland where he was appointed to the Final. Prior to this season, Patel was elevated to the CA Supplementary Umpire Panel for the first time. Patel then undertook his Level 3 High Performance Umpire accreditation program, the invitation only accreditation run by Cricket Australia.

In October last year, Patel reached a significant milestone when he made his List-A umpiring debut when Queensland played South Australia in the Marsh One Day Cup at Allan Border Field in Brisbane. Patel made a second significant umpiring debut when he was appointed to his first KFC BBL match played between the Brisbane Heat and Adelaide Strikers at the Gabba also in Brisbane.

Off the field, Patel is an active member of the NSWCUSA where he has headed up the social committee and regularly facilitates learning and development sessions for umpires in New South Wales. Patel is joined on-field by National Umpire Panel (NUP) member Sam Nogajski for this Marsh Sheffield Shield encounter whilst National Match Referee Panel member David Johnston is overseeing proceedings at Blundstone Arena.



Sharad Patel during his Sheffield Shield debut // Getty Images

REGIONAL BASH FINALS LIGHT UP NORTH SYDNEY

BEDE SAJOWITZ

Early March saw some of the state's best regionally based cricketers converge on North Sydney Oval for the finals of the men's and women's Regional Bash.

Monday 6 March saw the Women's Regional Bash decided, with two semi finals played before the two winners faced off under lights.

This year's edition was the first time that the finals day had been overseen by an all-female umpire panel, with six of the state's best female umpires appointed to oversee the matches.

The morning semi-final featured the undefeated Newcastle Blasters and the ACT Aces, with the umpires being Sydney-based Sue Gregory and Elisabeth Houston, who umpires in the Newcastle DCA competition.

The Central Coast Rush and the Riverina Bullets contested the afternoon semi-final, which was overseen by NSW Premier Cricket umpires Alicia Humphrey and Leone Mizzi.



Jeff Egan, Neil Findlay and Graeme Glazebrook at North Sydney Oval ahead of the men's final

The Final was an all-Pool B affair with the Riverina Bullets and the ACT Aces facing off for the Women's Regional Bash title, with the Bullets emerging triumphant in a tight contest.

Illawarra-based Lauren McGill and Premier Cricket's Elizabeth O'Dwyer were appointed to the final, O'Dwyer officiating the final for the second year in a row.

The men's side of the draw was decided on 7 March, under the same format as the women's.

The two semi-finals were both officiated by Murray Le Lievre and Phil Rainger, who umpire in Wagga Wagga and Newcastle respectively.

The morning semi-final saw the Newcastle Blasters line up against the Border Bullets, with the Central West Wranglers playing the Coffs Coast Chargers for the second spot in the final.

Under lights, it was the Newcastle Blasters and the Central West Wranglers who competed for the Plan B Regional Bash title, with the Blasters winning by five wickets.

In the middle for the final was Western Zone's Graeme Glazebrook and Riverina Zone's Jeff Egan.

For Glazebrook, it was his sixth-consecutive appointment to the final of the Regional Bash – whilst it was Egan's first, coming in his first season on the Country Panel and after overseeing the Country Championships Final in December.

The umpires across both days were observed and assisted by Match Referees Graham Chudleigh (Women's) and Neil Findlay (Men's).

ABOOD RECOGNISED AT CNSW AWARDS

BEDE SAJOWITZ

National Panel umpire Gerard Abood has been awarded the inaugural Cricket NSW Representative Umpire of the Year, presented at the CNSW Awards Evening at Doltone House on April 5.

Abood enjoyed a stellar season, involved in 21 Cricket Australia matches, including being appointed to oversee two national finals – on-field for the One-Day Cup Final and TV Umpire in the BBL Final.

He performed strongly on-field in five Sheffield Shield matches, three in the One-Day Cup and nine BBL matches with an additional four matches as TV Umpire.

This season also saw him appointed to the Men's Premier Cricket First Grade Final, the eighth occasion he has officiated the fixture.

Abood is one of the longest-serving members of the National Umpiring Panel, with 2022-23 being his 13th season as a member of the group.

During his time as a contracted umpire he has significant experience both at the international and domestic levels, with a combined 39 men's and women's internationals and officiating 12 senior national finals.

He has been on-field for 78 first-class matches since debuting in November 2008, including the 2017-18 Sheffield Shield Final at Allan Border Field.

Off-field, he makes a significant contribution to Australian cricket as a member of the Playing Conditions Advisory Committee, which determines the regulations that national competitions are played under.

The award was selected from the 13 umpires representing New South Wales officiating in Cricket Australia's professional competitions, with five umpires on the National Panel, four on the Supplementary and the four members of the NSW State Umpire Panel.



Gerard Abood

POLOSAK APPOINTED TO WORLD CUP SEMI

BEDE SAJOWITZ

On February 24, Claire Polosak umpired her third Women's T20 World Cup Semi-Final, taking to the middle for the England v South Africa match in Cape Town.

The appointment comes at her fourth T20 World Cup – with her previous semi-finals coming in each of the last two editions.

During the preliminary rounds of the competition, she was on-field for three matches; West Indies v England, Ireland v England and Pakistan v Ireland; and TV Umpire for two; South Africa v New Zealand and West Indies v India.

Her involvement at the World Cup came after a busy period, which has seen her make an on-field debut in the BBL, umpire the WBBL final and four matches in the Australia v Pakistan women's series.

The match was her 43rd Women's T20 International in the middle.

Polosak's on-field partner was Jacqueline Williams (West Indies), with South Australian Eloise Sheridan to be TV Umpire.



Photo: Claire Polosak on-field with South Africa's Sune Luus // Getty

HISTORY MADE IN WOLLONGONG

AGRON LATIFI | ILLAWARRA MERCURY

LAUREN McGill and Claudia Boiano created Illawarra cricket history on Saturday 4 March when for the first time, two female umpires stood together and umpired a men's senior grade game.

The duo umpired the second-grade game fixture between Keira and Western Suburbs at Keira Oval.

Happy to be history makers the two women now hope more opportunities will open up for women in all facets of cricket.

"It's cool. It's a bit annoying though that it hasn't happened earlier, but it is good. I'm looking forward to Saturday," McGill said.

"Hopefully in the future we will see lots more females umpiring both females and men's cricket games at the highest level."

The 21-year-old is originally from Tamworth but now calls Wollongong home after moving here to study at the University of Wollongong.

McGill, who is in the second year of her Bachelor of Medical & Health Sciences degree, started playing cricket at school in Year 4 and now plays in Cricket Illawarra's T20 Women's Competition for the UOW Mighty Ducks.

She started umpiring two years after doing a community umpiring course when she was in Year 10.

"I decided to have a break from playing and give umpiring a go and I loved it and am still doing it," she said.

McGill has flourished in her umpiring career to date.

She has umpired first grade men's games in Tamworth and second and third grade men's games in the Illawarra.

To date, the highlight of her umpiring career has been officiating second-grade Premier Division men's games and first grade Premier Division women's games in Sydney.

Her fellow umpire Claudia Boiano has always had a passion for cricket.

She started playing cricket as a schoolgirl in Queanbeyan, finishing up playing at co-ed Queanbeyan High School.

Although Boiano has been umpiring for less than 12 months, she has already umpired Women's T20 and second and third-grade men's in the Illawarra and Women's Premier Division in Sydney.

"It was much harder to play cricket let alone be an umpire when I was younger," the 47-year-old said.

"Back in my day there was a lot less encouragement for females to be included in sports like cricket because it was quite male-dominated and it was definitely a little bit more of a struggle for me to be involved.

"I could only play with the boys or with my brothers for example. The opportunities didn't really exist 20-25 years ago like they do now.

"When I was a young child my brother taught me all the rules. He would sit me down in front of a TV and he would just go through all the rules with me because he was an avid cricket player himself.

"There wasn't as much an opportunity for me as there was for him.

"It was basically learning from him all the rules and all the big names and all the big stars of the past and it just sparked my interest from a very young age.

"It just continued from there and I never stopped having a passion for cricket."

But when she got married and had children she had to put her passion to the side.

It was only after her children grew up that Boiano decided to pursue an umpiring career.

"I only got involved in umpiring in the later years of my life because I thought my family has grown up, I have some time. I'm so glad I took the plunge, I'm loving being an umpire," she said.

"It just goes to show that regardless if you are female or 40 years-old you can do whatever you set your mind to. I'm hoping my story shows that it's never too late to chase after your dreams.

"I also hope that it encourages more females to become umpires and those that run the game in the Illawarra give more opportunities for female umpires."

A Cricket Illawarra spokesman said Saturday was going to be a great day for cricket umpiring in the Illawarra and certainly a red-letter day for female umpires.



Lauren McGill and Claudia Boiano // Wesley Lonergan

LISMORE FLOOD CHARITY MATCH

GRAHAM ROSE

One can only wonder how much time and effort went into planning and organising this event which took place at Oakes Oval, Lismore on Saturday March 11th – just over 12 months after the devastating floods of 2022.

What began as an idea, developed amid conversations between Lismore Mayor Steve Krieg, and Lismore Legend, Adam Gilchrist, came to fruition on a day which promised to be interrupted by – you guessed it – rain! Fortunately, the rain only commenced as the cricketers left the field, and some of the 4,000 spectators began to disperse.

With the game scheduled to commence at 3 pm, Law 13.4, "The Toss", was about to be overlooked – the Cricket NSW run sheet had the toss to be undertaken at 2.25 pm. The toss was performed by Lismore resident, Lynn Larsen AM, who had represented and captained Australia at cricket during the mid-80's to early 90's. The toss was won by Steve Krieg who asked the Gilchrist IX to bat first in this T20 fixture.

Some formalities and photographs were completed, with a Welcome to Country by Uncle Mickey Roberts, and captains' speeches which touched on events leading up to the fixture being proposed by Adam and Steve. Obviously a great deal of work had gone into arranging to have so many former (and some current) members of Australian cricket teams turning out on the day – a dozen or so of our local cricket players had the wonderful experience of sharing the field with players such as Adam Gilchrist, Ricky Ponting,

Jason Gillespie, Michael Kasprovicz, Andy Bichel, Stuart Clark, Stuart MacGill, Dan Christian, Steve O'Keefe, Jimmy Maher and Chris Lynn.

Gilly's XI opening batters put on an excellent partnership with Adam G scoring a quick 41 before falling victim to one of his old school mates, Geoff Venn. Chris Lynn took over from there, with a score of 40, which, to the delight of the crowd, included 3 sixes and several fours. Batting at number 4, R. Ponting made 21. Locals Sam McLean, Kaleb Armstrong and Grace Parsons also contributed to the final total of 5/161. Steve O'Keefe was the pick of the bowlers, with 2/19.

Following the break, some imaginative umpiring allowed Dan Christian to play some shots in scoring 48 – he had almost made it to the boundary on his way out for 0 (caught Ponting from the bowling of Kasprovicz), when a belated no-ball call saw him return to the battlefield. Apologies to scorer, Judy Disson, who had to make great use of some white out to cover for some very ordinary umpiring decisions on the day!

Fortunately, no-one seemed to notice, or care, that 12 fielders were on the field for the entirety of both innings. Local Tim Martin scored 38 for the Mayor's XI while the next best batter was Jason Gillespie with 10 runs to his name. Both Dan Christian and Jason Gillespie fell to wonderful outfield catches by 13-year-old local lad, Cooper Williams, who replaced injured Stuart MacGill in the field. Final score for the Mayor's XI was 7/133.

It must be said that the scores were irrelevant at the end of the day. It was the people of Lismore and surrounds who benefitted from the event – the stars of our game spent an enormous amount of time chatting to members of the crowd, signing autographs and posing for photographs. It was truly an exceptional day for Lismore locals. Many thanks must go to those involved in staging the event, and to the legends of our game who made the effort to support the people of Lismore.



Above: Graham Rose with the Mayor's XI
Below: John Pearce with Gilly's XI



SAM NOGAJSKI WINS CA UMPIRE AWARD

CHRIS GRANT | CRICKET AUSTRALIA

Cricket Australia (CA) National Umpire Panel (NUP) member Sam Nogajski has been announced as this year's recipient of the prestigious CA Umpire Award.

Awarded annually, the CA Umpire Award is presented to an International Cricket Council (ICC) Elite Panel or National Panel Umpire adjudged all-round most outstanding, with consideration not only to an umpire's on-field performance but also their contribution to elite umpiring in Australia by way of significant achievement or off-field work.

It has been a strong year for Sam both at the domestic and international levels. Nogajski umpired in the home men's internationals being on-field during the Zimbabwe ODIs, New Zealand ODIs, West Indies T20s, England T20s, and England ODIs, performing well across each series.

Nogajski also umpired in all men's domestic competitions, where strong performances earned him on-field appointments to all three competition finals: the KFC BBL12 Final, the Marsh One-Day Cup Final, and the Marsh Sheffield Shield Final. Nogajski achieved a significant career milestone, bringing up his 50th domestic List-A match appearance in the Marsh One-Day Cup final.

On the International front, Nogajski stood in all men's Dettol One Day and T20 International series featuring Australia, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, the West Indies and England. Nogajski was also appointed fourth umpire for the First NRMA Insurance Test Match between Australia and the West Indies at Optus Stadium in Perth.

Off the field, Nogajski contributes to Australian Umpiring as a member of the CA Umpire Leadership Group, a role appointed by the NUP and Supplementary Umpire Panels (SUP) by ballot.

CA Match Officials Manager Sean Easey succinctly summarised Nogajski's season. "Sam has clearly achieved great things on the field this season. Importantly, he also contributes strongly off-field and is a respected member of the officiating team. He is a true professional in approach and strives for excellence in all that he does. Congratulations to Sam and we wish him well for the future".

This is the first time Nogajski has won this award, capping off an outstanding season.

Recent winners

- Phil Gillespie - 2021-22
- Bruce Oxenford - 2020-21
- Paul Wilson - 2019-20
- Paul Wilson - 2018-19
- Paul Wilson - 2017-18
- Simon Fry - 2016-17
- Simon Fry - 2015-16
- Simon Fry - 2014-15
- Simon Fry - 2013-14
- Bruce Oxenford - 2012-13



Sam Nogajski whilst Adil Rashid bowls // Getty

FROM CAPE TOWN TO GWAWLEY OVAL, TAREN POINT

SUTHERLAND SHIRE CUA

Claire Polosak, Australia's World Cup umpire, visited the Shire on 25 March to observe one of our newest female umpires in the Sutherland Shire Umpires' Association.

Ella Briscoe, of Miranda, 'on duty' for the Caringbah v Engadine U16A match, the last of the regular rounds... with a spot in the grand final on the line.

Claire had just flown home to Sydney from the Women's World Cup in South Africa and was keen to check on the umpiring progress of 16-year-old, Ella.

A cricket player for Sydney Thunder and the NSW Breakers in her own right, Ella qualified as a cricket umpire last season and has been mentored by the Sutherland Shire Cricket Umpires' Association.

On the day, coaches, spectators and players of both clubs at Gwawley Oval came to realise that umpiring royalty was on the ground.

The U16 captains were introduced to Claire and then took the field to play their 50-over match under Ella's watchful eye.

Claire's process of observing new umpires, includes noting the umpire's ball-by-ball application of the Laws of the Game, positioning to ensure accurate decisions on run outs with a clear view of fielder's movements and communication skills with the players on the field and the scorers on the boundary.

Claire took extensive video of Ella throughout the match so she could highlight areas of improvement in a later debrief session.



Claire Polosak and Ella Briscoe at Gwawley Oval

Ella said "It was special that an international umpire would come to one of our local suburban matches, with the intention of helping my technique, knowledge of the Laws of the Game, and encouraging me with self-confidence and concentration tools. As Claire was recently awarded NSW's 2022 Official of Year (in all sports), I'm inspired by what she has achieved."

Craig Lardner is her local umpire mentor and said "Ella has a calm and measured approach to umpiring, supported by a full knowledge of the Laws of Cricket, with that foundation, she has a great future ahead in the cricket world."

Claire added, "It was a pleasure to observe Ella. She looks like she certainly has potential in the officiating space, with her obvious composure in an important match a clear highlight. Obviously though, we want Ella to be playing cricket as long as she is able to before picking up the counter fulltime.

All Credit to Craig and the Sutherland Shire Cricket Umpires' Association for their continued support of Ella on her journey."

AROUND THE ZONES

COMPILED BY NEIL FINDLAY

A compilation of appointments to finals across New South Wales, as submitted by affiliates:

Bankstown / Canterbury:

1st Grade: Brighton Lakes v. Kingsgrove
Bill Howard and Khurram Mahmood.
2nd Grade: Pananian East v. Sydney Risers Seniors
John Griffin and Peter McGrath.
3rd Grade: Kingsgrove v. Gladesville Rissoles
Dale Arnall and Dom Credentino.
4th Grade: Magpies v. Newtown Blue Bags
Lindsay Le Bas and Kane Thorburn.
5th Grade: Ashfield v Earlwood Wanderers
Tony Bergman and Ray Marshall.
6th Grade: De La Salle Kingsgrove Gold v. Revesby
Workers Club
Robin Smith and Dhammika Radsranwaka.
7th Grade: Bankstown Trotters v. Summer Hill
Seniors
Andrew Honey and Shekinah Lowe.
8th Grade: St Christopher's Maroon v. Panania East
Hills RSL
Steve Lavender and Barry Thebridge.
STM: Sydney Tamils Masters Old Buddies v.
Generation Lipitor
Andrew Honey.

Camden:

1st Grade: Ingleburn RSL v. Bradbury
Robert Pinney and Peter Murray.
2nd Grade: Collegians v. Camden
Barry Thebridge and Derek Dowle.
3rd Grade: Tahmoor v. Cobbitty Park
Peter Woodyatt and Graeme Gartrell.

4th Grade: Westerners v. Campbelltown Diggers
Erica Looyen and Shannon McEwan.

5th Grade: Ingleburn RSL v. Cobbitty Narellan
Geoff Schliebs and Greg Franklin.

6th Grade: Oran Park Green v. Collegians
Venkata Chada and Frank Jenkins.

7th Grade: Tahmoor v. Cobbitty Narellan
Chris Harvey and Alister Marshall.

8th Grade: Cobbitty Narellan v. Magpies
Ray Garnsey and Michael Bartlett.

9th Grade: Camden v. Ingleburn RSL
Phil Daws and Stephen Burrige.

10th Grade: Ingleburn RSL Gold v. Oran Park
Chad Smith and Laurie Mackie.

Central Coast:

1st Grade: The Entrance v. Northern Power
David Grainger and Mark Ronson.

2nd Grade: Kincumber Avoca v. Narara Wyoming
Tom Maurer and Paul McIvor.

3rd Grade: The Entrance v. Narara Wyoming
Scott Begnall and Lyle Fry.

4th Grade: The Entrance v. Northern Power
Hamish Millen and Darryl Webb.

5th Grade: Lisarow Ourimbah v. Northern Power
Orange

Anthony Booth and Malcolm Emerson.

6th Grade: Lisarow Ourimbah v. Brisbane Water
Michael Wheeler and Brett Rowe.



Sharad Patel with David Grainger at Raby during the season

7th Grade: Kincumber Avoca v. Lisarow Ourimbah
Geoff Peebles.

8th Grade: Lisarow Ourimbah v. Narara Wyoming
David Hearh.

1st Grade T20: The Entrance v. Brisbane Water
David Grainger and Tom Maurer.

Glenn Rowland Shield: The Entrance v. Warnervale
Stuart Owen and Hamish Millen.

Over 40's: The Entrance v. Narara Wyoming
Anthony Booth and Brett Rowe.

Women's 1st Grade: Terrigal Matcham v. Lisarow
Ourimbah

Rob Bowen and Stuart Owen.

Women's 2nd Grade: Northern Power Orange v.
Lisarow Ourimbah White

Alison Ayres and James Figallo.

Women's 3rd Grade: Lisarow Ourimbah v. The
Entrance

Alison Ayres and James Figallo.

Clarence River:

1st Grade: GDSC Easts v. Tucabia Copmanhurst
Bruce Baxter and Tony Blanch.

Coffs Harbour:

1st Grade: Nana Glen v. Bellingen
Garry Campbell and Graham Doust.

2nd Grade: Nana Glen v. Sawtell
Chris Davies and Kevin Walker.

Dubbo:

1st Grade Whitney Cup: CYMS White v. Macquarie
CC White

John De Lyall and Dwayne Kent.

2nd Grade Pinnington Cup: Newtown Ducks v.
Newtown Demons

Nathan Astri and Andrew McKittrick

3rd Grade Kelly Cup: RSL Colts v. CYMS
David Low and Ernie Tink.

4th Grade Dawson Cup: Newtown Tigers v.
Newtown Kings

John Murray and Angus Ridge.

Gilgandra:

1st Grade: Coonamble v. Coonabarabran
Colin Harper.

Fairfield Liverpool:

1st Grade: Preston Hornets Green v. Hoxton Park
Tigers

Dave Brown and David Stewart.

2nd Grade: Preston Hornets Gold v. Preston
Hornets Maroon

Peter Moore.

3rd Grade: Green Valley v. Preston Hornets Maroon
Peter Murray and Frank Jenkins.

4th Grade: Liverpool Leopards v. Preston Hornets
Maroon

Faizel Mohammad and Prakash Chaudray.

5th Grade: FRSLCC Scorpions v. Preston Hornets
Gold

Paul Knight and Nitin.

6th Grade: Cabra-vale Diggers v. Moorebank
Sports

Peter Roberts and Dhruv Yadav.

7th Grade: Preston Hornets Gold v. Green Valley
David Birss and Phil Daws.

Georges River St George District / Moore Park South-East:

1st Grade: DLSK v. ICC

Graeme Fleming and Bill Howard.

2nd Grade: Penshurst West v. DLSK
Steve Tiberti and Garry Winney.

3rd Grade: ICC v. Coogee
Clement Fong and Steven Lavender.

4th Grade: Kingsford v. Beverly Hills
Dave Power and Leigh Martin.

5th Grade: ICC v. Clovelly

Peter Smith and Peter McGrath.

Georges River St George District:

6th Grade: Doncaster v. South Park
Kevin Felton and Joe Vitale.

7th Grade: ICC Gold v. South Park
Dory Karam and Leon Shiner.

Gold Coast:

Premier League Division 1:

Two Day: Mudgeeraba Nerang v. Helensvale
Pacific Pines

Peter Larter and John White.

One Day: Mudgeeraba Nerang v. Broadbeach
Robina

Justin Cooke and John White.

T20: Palm Beach Currumbin v. Mudgeeraba
Nerang

Peter Larter and Sam Goswami.

Premier League Division 2:

Two Day Palm Beach v. Helensvale Pacific Pines
Sam Goswami and Justin Cooke.

One Day: Broadbeach Robina v. Helensvale Pacific
Pines

Bob Myatt and Mal Pearson.

Premier League Division 3: Bonogin Valley v.
Mudgeeraba Nerang

Mal Pearson and Colin Eadie.

Community League Division 1: Palm Beach v.
Broadbeach Robina

Michael Guy and Ian Fisher.

Community League Division 2: Runaway Bay v.
Broadbeach Robina

Bob Myatt and Tony Richards.

Community League Division 3: Palm Beach v.
Coomera Hope Island

Leigh Buckingham and Michael Duncanson.

Masters Over 40s:

Division 1: Queens v. Albert Ormeau Hurricanes
Leigh Buckingham and Rob Hayter.

Division 2: Burleigh v. Helensvale Pacific Pines
Mal Pearson and Pat Carty.

Division 3: Bonogin Valley v. Runaway Bay
Bob Myatt and Tony Richards.

Masters Over 50s: Logan Village v. Southport
Labrador

John Mathes and Neville Taylor.

Highlands:

1st Grade: Hill Top Northern Villages v. Bowral
Iain Greaves and Aidan Hughes.

2nd Grade: Hill Top Northern Villages v. Wingello
Bill Croese and Byron Kauflin.

3rd Grade: Moss Vale v. Robertson-Burrawang
Julies Borbely and Tony Capps.

Tina McPherson Cup: Bowral v. Wingello Tigers
Mark Coles and Iain Greaves.

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai and Hills District:

A Grade: Berowra Maroon v. WPHC Red
Geoff Hasler and Jason Fletcher.

A2 Grade: St Ives Wahroonga v. WPHC Blue
Simon Moore and Steve Redman

B Grade: Normanhurst-Warrawee v. Hornsby
Ian Lewis and Peter Lee.

B 2Grade: WPHC v. Mount Colah
Tim Davidson and Damian Lewis.

C Grade: Kissing Point v. St Ives Wahroonga
Steve Williams and Mark Telford.

C2 Grade: Thornleigh v. Castle Hill
Bruce Wood and James Fernandez.

C3 Grade: St Ives Wahroonga v. WPHC Red
Scott Reid.

C4 Grade: St Ives Wahroonga v. Berowra
Alf James and Roger Friend.

D Grade: Hornsby v. St Ives Wahroonga
William White.

D2 Grade: Beecroft v. Thornleigh
David Finlay and Matthew Heddo.

Illawarra:

1st Grade: Northern Districts v. Wollongong –
Dave Cullen and Greg Heys

2nd Grade: Northern Districts v. Wests-Illawarra –
Lauren McGill and John Oliver.

3rd Grade: Wollongong Black v. Helensburgh –
Peter Murphy and Steve Saye.

4th Grade: IPCC White v. Keira Black –
Claudia Boiano and John Burgoyne.

1st Grade T20: Northern Districts v. University
Dave Cullen and Neil Findlay.

2nd Grade T20: Wollongong v. Keira
Frank Ciocci and Peter Murphy.

3rd Grade T20: Wollongong White v. Keira
Greg Heys and John Oliver.

4th Grade T20: Northern Districts Gold v. IPCC
White
Brian Druery and Steve Saye.

Women's T20 League: Port Panthers v. Corrimal
Cougarettes
Claudia Boiano and Frankie Ulcigrai.

Inner West Harbour / Churches:

A Grade: Western Tigers v. Castle Hill Wesley
Richard Christen.

B Grade: CRCC v. LWCC
Geoff Mansfield and Graham Parsons.

C Grade: Concord Briars Black v. ACC
Richard Christen and Leone Mizzi.

D Grade: Royal Nomads v. Gen X Warriors
Ian Janda.

Lower Clarence:

1st Grade: Lawrence v. Harwood
Steve Cameron & David Whitby.

Maitland:

1st Grade: Thornton Thunder v City United
Mike Wilson and Robert Humphries.

2nd Grade: Northern Suburbs v City United
David Tuite and Glenn Miller.

3rd Grade: Paterson v Raymond Terrace
George Kuszelyk and Ross McEntyre.

4th Grade: Kurri Workers/Mulbring v Tenambit-
Morpeth Green
Robert Purss and Brian Magill.

5th Grade: Kurri Workers/Mulbring v Tenambit-
Morpeth
Erwin Taskaa and Tom Frost.

B Grade One Day: Seaham v Bowthorne
Robert Purss and George Kuszelyk.

C Grade One Day: Eastern Suburbs v Lochinvar
Todd Winterburn and Brian Magill.

Murray Border:

Provincial A: St Patricks v. Lavington
Peter Bridle and Neil Smith.

Provincial B: Raiders v. St Patricks
Anthony Holmes and Norm Maclure.

District A Grade: Yackandandah v. Barny-Chiltern
Stuart Lancaster and Paul Johnson.

District B Grade: Yackandandah v. Baranduda
Roger Burns and H. Fidge.

C Grade Division 1: St Patricks Green v. Albury
Geoff Beer and Glenn Stevenson.

C Grade Division 2: St Patricks v. New City
Tony Wood and S. Farrington.

C Grade Division 3: Barny-Chiltern v. Kiewa
Wayne Cook and N. Dedic.



Neil Smith with Murray Le Lievre

Murray Valley:

A Grade: Nathalia v. Barooga
Matthew Sizer and Matt Whitty.

B Grade: Cobram v. Katunga
G. Laird and M. Bennett.

C Grade: Finley v. Deniliquin
J. Ashcroft and Lindsay Riedell.

Nepean:

1st Grade: EPCC v. Panthers

Jason Bradley.

2nd Grade: Hawks v. EPCC

Lewis Munday.

3rd Grade: St Mary's Leagues v. FCC Oaks

Warren Ward.

4th Grade: Penrith RSL v. Mulgoa Valley

Dennis Farrar.

5th Grade: GBCC Seniors v. GBCC Redbacks

Subra Shanmugam.

6th Grade: EPCC v. JSCC Champions

Robert Dorrrough and Richard Minton.

7th Grade: Panthers v. Penrith RSL

Adam Thomas.

8th Grade: Mulgoa Valley v. Jamison Hotel

Derek Linden.

Newcastle:

1st Grade: Wallsend v. Stockton Northern Districts

Keiran Knight and Phil Rainger.

2nd Grade: MDCC Lions v. Waratah-Mayfield

Stephen Wade and Scott Thomas.

3rd Grade: Stockton Northern Districts v. Waratah-

Mayfield

Terry Collins and John Davidson.

4th Grade: Stockton Northern Districts v. CBs

Nathan Burg and Paul Olsen.

1st Grade Tom Locker Cup: Wests v. Stockton

Northern Districts

Phil Rainger and Scott Thomas.

2nd Grade Royce McCormack Cup: Wests v.

Stockton Northern Districts

Paul Olsen and Stephen Wade.

Development League: HamWicks v. MDCC Lions

John Canning and Lachlan Hall.

T20 NCC Summer Bash: HamWicks Pumas v.

Magpies

Phil Rainger and Stephen Wade.

T20 Denis Broad OAM Cup: Wests v. Port Stephens

Glenn Benton and Graeme Bruce.

T20 U21s: Newcastle City v. Stockton Northern

Districts

Brian Dryden and Terry Collins.

T20 S.G. Moore Cup: Newcastle City v. CBs

Terry Collins and John Canning.

T20 Gilmour Cup: Belmont Whips v. Newcastle City

Greg Briggs and Geoff Scully.

T20 Women's Cup: Newcastle City v. Waratah-

Mayfield

Glenn Benton and Peter Tate.

T20 Women's Plate: HamWicks v. Toronto Workers

John Canning and Chris Kuszelyk.

Suburban Districts Division 1: Port Stephens

Pythons v Wests Waterboard

Ross McKim and Darryl Price.

Suburban Districts Division 2: Port Stephens

Pythons v. Glendale Old Boys

Elisabeth Houston and Graeme Bruce.

Suburban Districts Division 3: Maryland Fletcher v.

Beach Hotel

Alan Nichols and Geoff Scully.

Suburban Districts Division 4: West Lakes v.

Adamstown

Sophia Richards and Bill Bannon.

Suburban Districts Division 5: Valentine Eleebana

Gold v. Valentine Eleebana Greys

Brian Dryden and Phil Baldwin.

Suburban Districts Division 6: Warners Bay v.

Waratah-Mayfield

Keith Davies and Braedyn Deamer.

Suburban Districts Division 7: Valentine Eleebana

Reds v. Club Charlestown Bin Chickens

John Arthur and Matt Bundy.

Newcastle City and Suburban:

A Grade: Medowie v. Yarnteen

Steve Rafter and Stan Rippon.

Northern Coast Cricket Council:

Premier Grade: Valleys v. Harwood

David Honeybrook and John Pearce.

Senior T20: Lower Clarence v Valleys

Trent Lobb & Rob Pye.

Northern Inland:

MA Connolly Cup: CNZ Colts v. Gwydir
Leon Erich & Matthew Apps.

Parramatta:

A Grade: Baulkham Hills v. Wenty Leagues White
Ken Bakon and Rob Dryburgh.

A Reserve Grade: Guildford Leagues v. Hills
Barbarians

John Kennedy and Gerry Serrao.

B1 Grade: Kings Langley White v. Hills Barbarians
Siva Thuraiwamy and David Henry.

B2 Grade: Baulkham Hills v. Kings Langley
Derek Everton and Denis Vella.

B3 Grade: Baulkham Hills v. Kellyville Supersonics
Ayush Gupta and Sujeewa Kodituwakku.

B4 Grade: Baulkham Hills v. Harris Park
Vipin Bansal and G. Gnarasegara-Sarma.

B5 Grade: Wenty Leagues v. Guildford Leagues
Bharad Chellapa and Mani Balakrishnan.

B6 Grade: Seven Hills RSL v. Kings Langley
Santosh Gangula and M. Mahinthan.

B7 Grade: Baulkham Hills v. Seven Hills RSL
N. Shah.

B8 Grade: Hills Barbarians v. Western Legends
White

Daksh Trivedi and J. Sarkar.

B9 Grade: Rouse Hill Rams v. Greystanes
A. Searle.

B10 Grade: Wenty Leagues v. AKA Crusaders
Ganesh Ramanathan.

B11 Grade: Winston Hills v. Erskine Park
Naresh Narendiran.

B12 Grade: V One v. Guildford Leagues
Sriram Gopalsami.

B13 Grade: Harris Park v. Hills Barbarians
Madan Alagarraja.

B14 Grade: Hills Barbarians v. Baulkham Hills
Hari Balasubramaniam.

B15 Grade: Seven Hills RSL v. Cheetahs
S. Kolla.

TWL: Hills Barbarians v. Blacktown Warriors
Frank Pitt.

Shoalhaven:

2nd Grade: Bay and Basin v. Ex-Servos
Peter Done and David Schofield.

3rd Grade: Ulladulla United v. Ex-Servos
Malcolm Granger and Paul Cullen

4th Grade: Ulladulla United v. Bay and Basin
Terry Richmond and Shawn Higgins

South Coast:

1st Grade: The Rail v. Lake Illawarra
Jeff Charlesworth and Gary Paget.

2nd Grade: Lake Illawarra v. Kiama
Greg Miles and Steve O'Meara.

3rd Grade: Gerringong v. Lake Illawarra
Greg Miles and Steve O'Meara.

4th Grade: Kiama v. Shellharbour
Ty Barton and Evan Lane.

1st XI T20 Cup: Lake Illawarra v. Shellharbour
Frank Ciocci and Ian Davidson.

2nd Grade T20: Gerringong v. The Rail
Evan Lane and Greg Miles.

South West Slopes:

Division 1 Cup: Cootamundra Ex-Services Club v.
Temora Bowling Club

Dennis Elphick and Jeff White.

Division 2 Cup: Temora Bowling Club v. Harden
Hornets

Thomas O'Brien and Robert Ryan.

Elders Cup: Wyangle v Coolac

Pat Kerin and Graham Moon.



Dennis Chaplin and Graham Moon in Dubbo

Sydney Shires:

1st Grade: Strathfield v. Burwood
Simon Dodwell and Stephen Blomfield

2nd Grade: Burwood v. Warringah
Tim Overland and Ian Pryde.

3rd Grade: Burwood v. Mt Pritchard Southern Districts
Cameron McGinn and Michael Wheeler.

4th Grade: Warringah v. North West Sydney
Scott Pryde and Geoff Wheeler.

5th Grade: Pennant Hills v. Auburn
Peter Mooney and Arun Shankar.

Chappelow Cup: North West Sydney v. Roseville
Andrew Steindler and Bob Shield.

Frank Gray Shield: Epping v. Warringah
Simon Dodwell and Stephen Blomfield.

Sydney Women:

1st Grade: Penrith v. Northern Districts
Bob McGregor and Varun Marwaha.

2nd Grade: Sydney v. Parramatta
Sue Gregory and Elizabeth O'Dwyer.

3rd Grade: St George- Sutherland v. Manly Warringah
Katie Collins and Kevin McFarlane.

Brewer Shield (U18): Sydney v. UTS North Sydney
Kevin Battishill and Katie Collins.



Graeme Glazebrook and John De Lyall

Tamworth:

1st Grade: North Tamworth v. Tamworth City United
Leon Erich and Paul Purdy.

2nd Grade: North Tamworth v. Bective-East
Geoff Hoy and Ian James.

3rd Grade: North Tamworth v. Tamworth City United
Warwick O'Rourke and Wayne Solomons.

4th Grade: Bective-East v. North Tamworth
Fred Baker and Mike McKenzie.

Tumbarumba:

Rosewood v. Tooma
Steve Carracher and Dennis Chaplin.

Wagga Wagga:

1st Grade: Kootingal Colts v. Wagga City Cats
Jeff Egan and Anthony McGettigan.

2nd Grade: Lake Albert Bulls v. Wagga RSL Bulldogs
Lee Barclay and Graham Moon.

3rd Grade: St Michaels Warriors v. Wagga RSL Bulldogs
Brian Robinson and Justin Beer.

4th Grade: Wagga RSL Bulldogs Orange v. South Wagga Blues
Jack Jolley and Mick Marien.

Western Zone:

Premier League: Dubbo v. Bathurst
Graeme Glazebrook and Colin Harper.

Plate: Gilgandra v. Mudgee
Nathan Astri and Andrew McKittrick.

FEMALE ENGAGEMENT

CLAIRE POLOSAK

The 2022-23 season was a very busy one for female umpires in New South Wales. The number of females involved in umpiring this season grew by 30%, and as a result of this increase, the 2022-23 summer saw a 55% increase in umpire appointments filled by females.

The biggest increase in appointments for the season was in the Cricket NSW Youth Championships and Women's Premier Cricket. A thank you especially to Stephen Blomfield and the Sydney Women's Cricket Umpires Association for their support of female umpires this season.

Comp.	2021-22	2022-23	YOY%
Men's PC	57	65	14%
Women's PC	54	154	185%
CNSW Pathway	66	60	-9%
Affiliates	139	167	20%
Youth Champs	12	47	292%
TOTAL SCA	111	219	97%
TOTAL	319	493	55%

The geographical spread of competitions with females involved has also grown - with 12 different associations appointing females to at least one game during the season. These were spread through both metropolitan Sydney and regional NSW.

With the finish of the season, it was exciting to see 25 umpire appointments of female umpires to grand finals across the state.

There were two significant series this season where solely female umpiring teams were used, the Women's Plan B Regional Bash Finals Day and the CNSW U15 Female State Challenge.

Women's Plan B Regional Bash Finals Day

Semi Final 1: Sue Gregory and Elisabeth Houston
 Semi Final 2: Alicia Humphrey and Leone Mizzi
 Final: Lauren McGill and Elizabeth O'Dwyer

CNSW U15 Female State Challenge

Alicia Humphrey, Leone Mizzi, Kate Rowlands and Lauren McGill.

In January, Alicia Humphrey was selected to represent NSW at the U16 Female National Championships, held in Canberra. Alicia should be proud of her work there - she performed strongly. With the end of the season now upon us, we are going through an end-of-season review and reflection process, a crucial step in the umpire improvement cycle.

All the best for the winter months, and look forward to seeing everyone for the new season in 2023-24.



Leone Mizzi during a Women's Regional Bash Semi-Final // Ben Churcher

BALL'S EYE VIEW

JOHN MCMULLEN

Written from the cricket ball's point of view in respect [or disrespect] of the batter

The bowler's at the top of his mark
 He's shined me up – I'm looking smart
 Ready to break the batsman's heart-
 Knock him over 'fore he's off the mark.

The first one is shouldered through to the 'keeper
 The next is skied and dropped by the sweeper -
 The slips do that to the very next tweaker -
 This slipshod fielding is making me weaker.

The bowler sensing the batsman's on top
 Says to me "Let's get 'em on the hop
 Bang some in short – it's what they won't want
 Restore some order with the ball back on top."

And so 'twas doe – one batsman gone –
 They came and went – 'twas a procession;
 Some tail resistance – I was not worn
 But still I had to soldier on.

Just a few more wickets still left to take
 To put the icing up on the cake;
 Bowler imparts on me a wicked break –
 Batsman nicks me and 'keeper takes.

Up to the crease walks the last bat
 I notice that he's not wearing a hat;
 Three card trick – Yorker under the bat
 Stumps knocked askew and that is that.

Now of my job that has been done
 I've had my fun out here in the sun
 Having the batsmen under the gun
 And the match has been lost and won

The scorebook says a hat-trick there's been
 The bowler in question was proud and keen
 I was his trophy all spruced up and clean
 Mounted up on the mantelpiece and proud to be seen

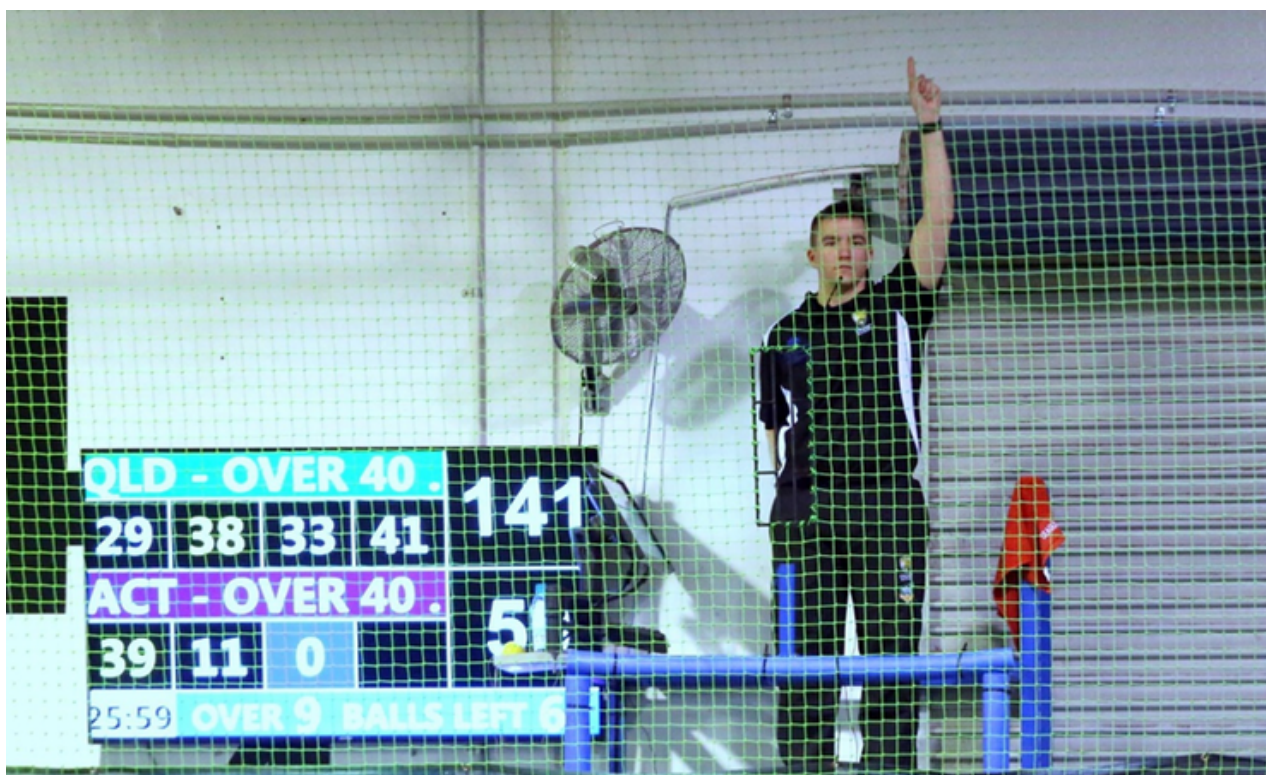
INDOOR CRICKET

Calling all umpires! If you are looking for a way to keep umpiring during the off-season and earn a little extra cash, why not try umpiring indoor cricket.

There are various competitions and indoor cricket centres throughout NSW that would love to have you involved.

If interested, please contact Marc Nickl via ljbdesktop@gmail.com or phone on 0434 795 080.

Look forward to getting you on board!



LAWS OF CRICKET PUZZLE

JOHN MCMULLEN

One minute remains for play. One over remains for play.

Three runs are required for victory. The batting team, having only 10 available batsmen, lose all nine available wickets, each under a different Law, leaving the scores tied and the last over still incomplete with the game being played strictly in accordance with the 2017 Code of the Laws Of Cricket. (3rd edition 2022).

How could this impossible situation be possible?

The answer will be featured in the next edition of In Black and White!

ONLINE LAWS QUIZ USER GUIDE

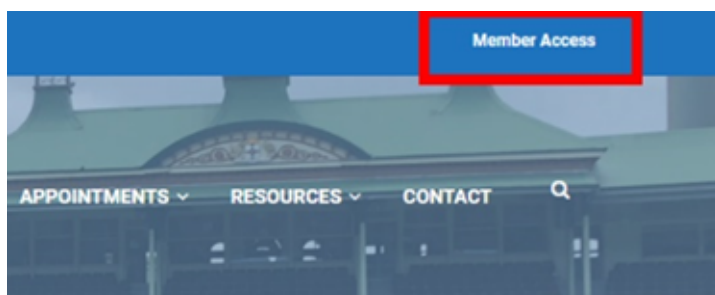
BEDE SAJOWITZ

The Association is delighted to continue offering its online Laws of Cricket Quiz to aid the continued education and development of members. The initial quiz available is made up of ten multiple choice questions, with each question randomly generated from the database of 375 potential available questions, with more to be added in the future.

Whilst designed for use on computers, the quiz is mobile-friendly and can be used on all phones and tablets, both Apple and Android. All attempts and responses are anonymous and are not linked to your website account or your membership.

To access the quiz, you'll need to login to the Member Access section of the site, using your email address as the username – the link to login can be found in the top right corner of your screen. Once logged in the Laws of Cricket Quiz will appear under 'Resources' on the main menu.

Alternatively, you can also use this link: nswcusa.cricketnsw.com.au/resources/laws-of-cricket-quiz - though you will still need to login using your email and password.



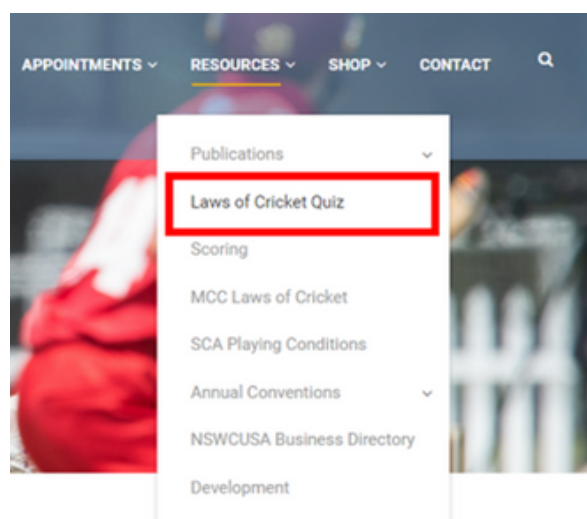
Once you hit 'Start Quiz', navigating the questions is relatively straightforward. Once you choose an answer from the options presented, select the green 'Check Answer' option to receive instant feedback on your answer. You'll then be able to proceed to the next page and be presented with the next question. Once you've completed the set of ten questions, there are two options – to 'Review Answers' or to 'Retake Quiz'.

Choosing to review your answers will provide details of the ten questions that you attempted and will re-present the feedback on each for you to refer to. Selecting 'Retake Quiz' will take you back to Question One of a brand-new set of ten questions for you to attempt.

Thanks to the Association's Examination Committees of recent years for the work that has gone into ensuring the questions and answers are accurate and compliant with the current Laws of Cricket as well as the Board for their support of the project to publish these questions to ensure members are able to access and utilise them.

You can attempt the quiz as often as you like - happy quizzing!

Note. The questions are based on the 2019 edition of the Laws - with work being done to update the database to 2022



CRICKET ARCHIVE PROMO

Cricket Archive are the world's leading authority on compiling cricket data and by building the only source of fully searchable first-class, List A and T20 cricket records from around the globe, their team of distinguished statisticians have created the game's definitive database of professional cricket.

Subscribers have access to:

- More than 300 years' worth of data, containing 1.2 million players, 700,000 scorecards and 14,000 grounds.
- Their exclusive Official Oracle – search and find historical records for umpires, scorers and match referees.
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- Stats for all Australian domestic men and women's cricket, (Second XI), and under-19 state competitions for men and women.
- A thoroughly searchable, definitive database of professional and amateur cricket across the world.
- Player records from junior grassroots to Test arena.

The platform are offering NSWCUA members a special discount for a year's subscription to the platform and its database, with a **20% discount** available.

To redeem this discount, visit cricketarchive.com/subscribe, choose the Annual Plan, and enter the coupon code **TCM20**.

FROM THE VAULT

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE | 2003-04

The Examination Committee is responsible for all aspects of examinations for the Association. Primarily this involves the preparation of examination papers and materials, conducting the examinations and responding to the candidates, across the length and breadth of New South Wales.

This season's gathering of Committee members was set a very high benchmark by the previous committee. We saw two new faces join the team in Geoff Callaway and Peter Tate; this provided us with some fresh perspective to complement those in "for a second dig".

I am pleased to say that we were up to the challenge and our committee was able to continue on the endeavors commenced by the outgoing members.

Some achievements this year have been:

- The creation and adoption of an additional examination paper, bringing the total papers to five. This will give us an examination cycle of 2½ years.
- The review of the data base for currency of the amendments to the Laws.
- Expansion of the data base of questions. Working with the Schools sub-committee to provide guidance as to the formulation of an examination for that training module.
- Writing the proposal for conducting examinations electronically. This should be close to being in the market place by the time this report is published.

This year we examined 183 candidates across the state. A pass was gained by 57.4% of the candidates with 10 of those passes being Student passes.

The number examined is down on last years because this year we did not have the additional special training and examination nights. However the pass rate has climbed 12.1%

The increase, I believe, can be attributed to two things; first, the changes made to the training format. The content of the training has been structured very clearly, stating not only the Laws in a factual terms but there intent and application and secondly, the examinations questions are of a less theoretical and more of an "on field" nature.

We are constantly reminded that we are a State-wide organisation. We were able to maintain a presence for our regional candidates, ensuring that those applicants were afforded the same opportunities as those in the metropolitan areas. Committee member Ern Brooks visited Cootamundra as a part of this ongoing commitment. It is hoped that next season shall afford our committee the chance to do more of these visits.

This was my second year on the committee and my first as Chair. My job was made easier by having such a diverse team that made for some rather interesting discussions.

I would like to say thank-you to all of the Committee members, particularly to the two new members, Geoff Callaway and Peter Tate for their contributions and hope that you both enjoyed your first of many terms of service with the Committee.

As always our "old salts" Ern Brooks and David Timbs were there, with their extensive experience to draw on. Gent's your efforts are greatly appreciated, not only by the Association, but by me.

Our "Scribe", Laurie "I'll take care of that" Borg did a superlative job as usual.

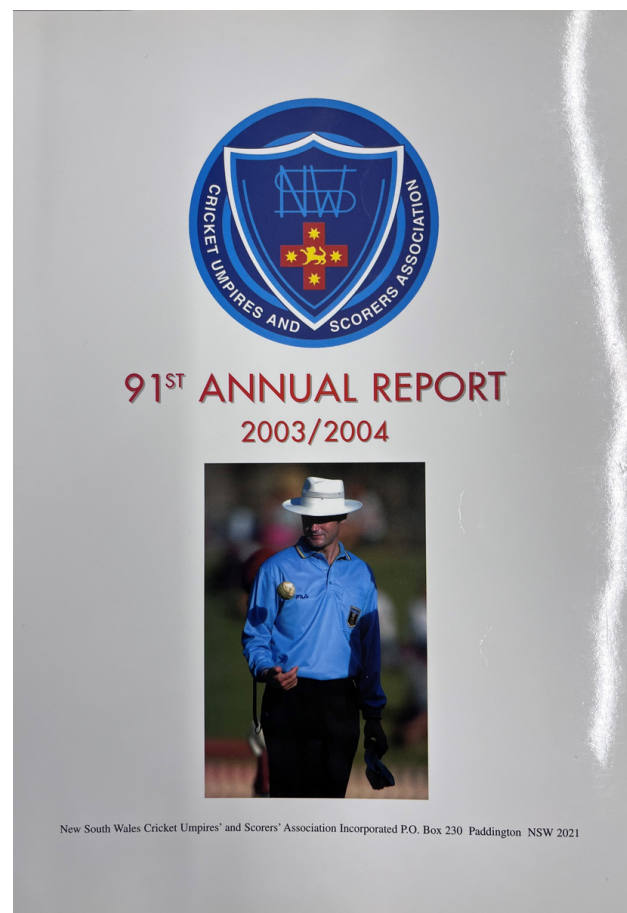
To Executive Officer Peter Hughes, the Treasurer and past Chair David Wiseman I thank-you for your counsel. I thank also Arthur Watson for the mountain of past reference papers he provided to the Committee.

Last, but by no means least, to the "bearded one, Dr David Dilley and his merry band of scholars a very large thank-you to you and your Training Committee members. The Association is indeed very fortunate to have such a knowledgeable and dedicated group of men and woman delivering such high quality training.

So as a last comment to my report, I shall put a few questions to you all; when did you last pick up the Law book and give it a good read? And have you ever put your hand up to say, "I've got something to offer the Association"? If you're not happy with the answers you give yourself then do something about it! This is our Association, be a part of it!

Best wishes to you all with your endeavors for next season.

Paul Parnaby,
Chair
Examination Committee



CRIC-O-KU Number 20

Clue: Excellent umpire, aspiring axe juggler!

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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 word.

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

Enjoy! – *The Nightwatchman*

CRIC-O-KU No 19: Solution

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H	E	N	D	R	I	C	K	S
S	C	I	K	H	E	R	D	N

**MAY 2023 MERCHANDISE
VOUCHER WINNER**



ASSOCIATION PARTNERS

TROY PENMAN

The Association is in a fortunate position where we have strong partnerships and relationships with a number of recognisable brands and companies.

Season 2022-23 saw 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. McDonald's are continuing on the back of the Association's field shirts.

With the revenue from the sponsorship deal with McDonald's being invested in items for members, education and development, it offsets the cost 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 season 2022-23.

The Association looks forward to continuing this partnership into the future and ensuring members are provided with quality on and off field wear, including a polo-shirt for all members which is currently in the works.

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.

It is a pleasure to be continuing our relationships with each of our partners into season 2022-23. Discussions with McDonald's and Cricket NSW before the season saw a three-year deal finalised for CNSW and NSWCUSA. The funds received during the period will be used to improve the experience for all members.



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