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CHAIR'S WELCOME

MARK HUGHES

Dear Members,

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

Winter has come and gone and for most of us, our cricket season is already underway.

I hope you have prepared well in the offseason. Our education staff and trainers have rolled out a number of courses in the non-playing season and I'd like to thank them all for their efforts in preparing you for another season of cricket.

Our Convention and 110-Year Anniversary Dinner were well attended, and we received excellent sessions from those who presented, as well as the opportunity to mix and mingle with members from across our state.

Can I encourage you all to prioritise attending our monthly Ordinary General Meetings to keep abreast of all the happenings across our State, as well as taking on the education sessions on the laws of cricket from our Education Officer Ben Treloar and from members of the Examination Committee.

To all our members, on and off field, I wish you all the best for season 2023-24.



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

EXECUTIVE OFFICER UPDATE

TROY PENMAN

Dear Members and Affiliated Associations,

The cricket season is well and truly here, and for those who have already started I hope you have gotten off on the right foot. Since the last edition of our Association Journal there has been plenty happening and much to keep members abreast of or updated on.

It was a pleasure to see David Dilley and Tim Donahoo awarded with Life Membership of the Association at Special General Meetings held prior to the AGM on Wednesday 2 August. David became the Association's 56th life member whilst Tim became the 57th life member in the Association's 110-year history, with both having provided dedicated service to officiating on and off field across their time with the Association. Both are worthy recipients of this honour, and we look forward to their contribution to the Association continuing in years to come.

During the Association's AGM four members were bestowed with Principal membership; Paul Dilley APM, Graeme Glazebrook, Lance Taylor and Matt Whitty; each having made an incredible contribution to NSWCUA and their local associations. All were worthy of the upgrade and will no doubt continue to make a positive contribution to the Association.

The Annual Convention took place over the weekend of August 26-27 at Panthers Leagues and Cricket Central, with 180 members and guests provided with two education-filled days to prepare them for season 2023-24. Our keynote speakers were engaging and shared wonderful insights for all others to consider and added to their umpiring and scoring kit bags.

The Education team of Ben Treloar and Claire Polosak planned and provided a highly engaging and educational weekend for those in attendance. Each session provided members with different information to assist with the upcoming season. Plenty of positive feedback was received in relation to our guest speakers and the breakout sessions.

Our 110-year anniversary was celebrated across the weekend of the Convention with a dinner at BlueBet Stadium, home of the Penrith Panthers. The evening recognised the many highlights of the Association's history whilst taking a look back at the many members to have contributed to making the Association what it is today.



The memorabilia display was enjoyed by everyone with highlights being a copy of the Association's second ever Annual Report, every Annual Report since 1975, David Frede's original membership card from 1965 and photo albums from Annual Dinner's and Annual Conventions held in the mid 1980s. A slideshow of photos from the Centenary Book - **No Dazzling Deeds with Bat or Ball** - ran throughout the evening, showcasing members from our first 110 years.

Bede Sajowitz is thanked for his efforts in the lead up to and during both the Convention and 110-year anniversary dinner. Bede's contribution to the weekend was significant and ensured that members had an enjoyable couple of days. He continues to serve the membership to an excellent standard.

In previous editions I've touched on Association spirit and highlighted members who have gone out of their way to assist management or fellow members and I'd like to acknowledge members who put their hand up across the Convention weekend to assist the Association and the experience for all members.

Gerard Abood is thanked for his assistance in collecting keynote speaker Sam Nogajski from the airport on Friday afternoon and transporting him to Penrith ahead of the weekend. Gerard reached out to volunteer his time given his friendship with Sam and we are very appreciative of this offer.

Bill Howard and Ray Marshall are thanked for their efforts in assisting John Evans with transporting merchandise to Panthers and preparing it for sale. Bill and Ray also spent Saturday selling items and then transported all items back downstairs into the truck. Completely seamless and without fuss, volunteering at its finest.

James Fernandez, Margaret Marshall and Malcolm Ward are thanked for their assistance with placing all 110-year anniversary glasses onto the table at BlueBet Stadium ahead of the dinner, which was a big help on the night.

Life Members Kim Norris, Arthur Watson and Ian Wright are acknowledged and thanked for being willing to share their time with the Association in a Q & A forum at the anniversary dinner, they provided wonderful insights for those in attendance.

One of the unsung heroes of the Convention is always our Merchandise Officer, John Evans who once again enabled members to purchase gear ahead of the season to ensure they are ready to go for their first ball. Having spoken with John following the Convention he confirmed that attendees spent over \$8,000. John is thanked, for once again putting members first and missing out on the start of some sessions to serve members.

During the non-playing season Directors have been busy attending affiliated association AGMs, firstly to support the executive of each Association and then to provide an update on NSWCUA matters. Directors highlight membership facts and figures, members selected on representative panels both with CA and NSWCUA, work undertaken across the past 12 months, and a highline summary of achievements by members.

By attending these meetings, the Board are across issues that affiliates are dealing with and can answer questions from members. I thank Directors for attending these meetings. Liaison Officer Neil Findlay is acknowledged for his coordination of this process and for liaising with the affiliated associations.



Ian Wright, Arthur Watson and Kim Norris being interviewed by Troy Penman

The September OGM saw the announcement of Committee and Office-Bearer appointments for the upcoming season. Volunteers are what keeps the Association strong, and I thank each for their willingness to help the Association. Michael Meehan has made the decision to step down as Chair of the Social Committee and I wish to thank him for the initiatives that he has overseen whilst Chair.

The Association 110-year anniversary polo has finally arrived and distribution to all members who have renewed their membership will be happening in the coming days. The polo is a sign of the Board and Management's appreciation for your continued support of the Association. We hope all members wear it with pride and it is the preferred off field polo of the Association.

An initiative which started last season was to increase the use of our Zoom account for educational and association matters. We are pleased to advise that these will be retuning this season with the team planning and working through suitable sessions for all members. If you have any thoughts or topics of interest that you wish to see, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Finally, best wishes to all members for their upcoming fixtures, enjoy your time on-field or in the scorer's box.



Simon Taufel closes the Convention at Cricket Central



Cricket Central welcomes NSWCUSA

STATE UMPIRING MANAGER UPDATE

DARREN GOODGER

U19 Women's Country Championships

At the time of writing the U19 Women's Country Championships are being played at various venues in Maitland, Newcastle and Raymond Terrace. The standard of umpiring has been very good, the dress and overall presentation of the umpires outstanding. The umpires have made an excellent contribution to these championships, their teamwork has been strong and positive. Congratulations, thank you and well done to all concerned.

U19 WCC Umpire Panel:

Bill Battese

John Davidson

Sue Gregory

Elisabeth Houston

Tom Maurer

Lauren McGill

Graham Moon

Rodney Porter

Kate Rowlands

We acknowledge the appointment of Lauren McGill and Graham Moon to umpire the final in which Central Coast 6-85 defeated Western 75. The player of the final was Eliza Thompson (Central Coast) who scored 26 and took 2-3 off 2 overs.

Thank you to Bruce Whitehouse for his organisation and management of this carnival. It was an exceptional experience for our players and umpires played at superb facilities, Bruce being a key contributor to this success.



Lauren McGill and Graham Moon

U16 CNSW Female State Challenge

Congratulations and best wishes to the umpires who have been appointed to the U16 CNSW Female State Challenge being played at Raymond Terrace October 4-5:

Leone Mizzi

Sophia Richards

Kate Rowlands

Manjinder Sandhu

Country Colts Carnival

The CNSW Country Colts Carnival is to be hosted in the Shoalhaven and South Coast DCAs October 3-6. Congratulations and best wishes to the following umpires who have been appointed:

Peter Bridle

Dave Cullen

Ian Davidson

John De Lyall

Greg Jones

Murray Le Lievre

Phil Rainger

Stephen Wade

NSWCUSA Life member Neil Findlay will be there to support the umpires and to manage the carnival as match referee.

ICC Men's Cricket World Cup

Congratulations to Rodney Tucker and Paul Wilson on their selection to umpire at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup to be played in India October 5 to November 19.

The World Cup umpire panel assembled by the ICC is:

Chris Brown
Kumar Dharmasena
Marais Erasmus
Chris Gaffaney
Michael Gough
Adrian Holdstock
Richard Illingworth
Richard Kettleborough
Nitin Menon
Ahsan Raza
Paul Reiffel
Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid
Rod Tucker
Alex Wharf
Joel Wilson
Paul Wilson

The umpires will be supported by Jeff Crowe, Andy Pycroft, Richie Richardson and Javagal Srinath; all members of the ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees.

ICC & Cricket Australia Umpire Panels

NSWCUSA continues to be well represented in professional cricket:

Rodney Tucker | Elite Panel of ICC Umpires
Paul Wilson | International Panel of ICC Umpires
Claire Polosak | International Panel of ICC Development Umpires

On the National Panel we are proudly represented by Gerard Abood, Greg Davidson, Simon Lightbody, Ben Treloar and Paul Wilson. NSWCUSA has three umpires on the Supplementary Panel in Sharad Patel, Troy Penman and Claire Polosak.

Our Cricket Australia contracted umpires represent the NSWCUSA with distinction. We wish them the very best for season 2023-24.

State Umpire Panel

Congratulations to Mitchell Claydon, Andrew Hamilton, Roberto Howard, Daniel Moran and Bede Sajowitz who have been selected on the CNSW State Umpire Panel for season 2023-24. We look forward to their work in the WBBL, WNCL, Second XI and Cricket Australia National Championships. Mitchell Claydon joins the state panel for the first time on the back of an impressive 2022-23 season, standing in the final of the U17 Male National Championships and making his Second XI debut.

Country Umpire Representative Panel

Congratulations to the umpires selected to serve on the Country Umpire Representative Panel for season 2023-24:

Dave Cullen (Greater Illawarra)
John De Lyall (Western)
Jeff Egan (Riverina)
Graeme Glazebrook (Western)
Brenton Harrison (Riverina)
Greg Jones (Western)
Keiran Knight (Newcastle)
Murray Le Lievre (Riverina)
Phil Rainger (Newcastle)

Murray Le Lievre (cap no. 57) joins the panel for the first time. It was pleasing to see Murray presented with his cap at the 110-Year Celebration Dinner at Penrith. Murray deserves his elevation having performed with distinction at association, council, zone and country level for several seasons. He is committed to always developing as a person and umpire, and has taken the opportunity to umpire eight Men's Premier Cricket matches in Sydney, six of which have been in First Grade.

Greg Jones (cap no. 39) rejoins the panel and is a welcome addition being a highly experienced and capable umpire. Greg previously served on the Country Umpire Representative Panel in 2010-11 and from 2014 to 2018.

Acknowledged is the appointment of Neil Findlay, by the NSWCUA Board, as Country Umpire Coach for season 2023-24. Neil will work in a 1-on-1 coaching capacity with our representative panel umpires. His genuine commitment to working constructively with umpires to help them develop and progress is commendable. We are fortunate to have Neil in this role and so committed to our umpires.

Bruce Baxter retires from the Country Umpire Representative Panel

Bruce Baxter made the selfless decision to stand down from the Country Umpire Representative Panel having been an exemplary member and made an outstanding contribution. Bruce, a Principal Member of the NSWCUA, has served on the Country Panel since season 2017-18, having previously been a member of the Supplementary Panel. Bruce has given wonderful service to cricket since 1973. Examples include:

- Serving as either President or Secretary of his beloved South Services Cricket Club
- Serving as an executive member of the Clarence River Cricket Association, including several terms as President
- Bruce has, for 40+ consecutive seasons, coached the South Services Cricket Club U14 team
- Being delegate to the North Coast Cricket Council
- President of Clarence River District Cricket Umpires' Association
- President of North Coast Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association
- Being appointed on five occasions to umpire the Regional T20 Bash Men's Final at the SCG

It was in season 2021-22 that Bruce was President of four cricket organisations (SSCC, CRCA, CRDCUA, NCCUSA). His commitment and longevity have been exceptional. In all his roles in cricket, Bruce has displayed outstanding values and integrity being a most humble person and selfless servant of our game as a player, administrator, coach and umpire. He has been involved for 50 consecutive cricket seasons, a respected life member of South Services Cricket Club and Clarence River Cricket Association.

The good news is Bruce will continue to be involved in cricket as an umpire, junior coach, administrator and umpire selector. We look forward to him continuing to umpire in underage Country Cricket NSW programs and CNSW State Challenge carnivals. Players, coaches and staff enjoy Bruce's company and his common sense approach to umpiring at the various carnivals. They also respect and appreciate the quality of his umpiring.

I have learnt much from others about the spirit of cricket over the years and what it means to play hard, fair cricket within the spirit of the game. Bruce Baxter and Graham Rose, both heavily involved in north coast cricket, have been wonderful role models in this regard.

It has been a pleasure to have Bruce Baxter involved as a member of the Country Umpire Representative Panel for six years. We extend our thanks to Bruce along with congratulations on a sterling contribution and very best wishes for his future involvement in cricket.

We look forward to Bruce serving in his newly appointed role of Country Umpire Selector, joining life Graham Chudleigh as one of two independent selectors in this space.

Men's Premier Cricket Umpire Panel | First Grade

Congratulations to Andrew Coates, Nathan Harvey and Patrick Jackson on their well-deserved elevation to Panel 1 for season 2023-24.

Opportunity is taken to acknowledge and thank Tim Gumbleton and Kedar Oza for their service and all they have contributed, both having decided to stand down from umpiring Men's Premier Cricket. Tim and Kedar were positive members of the panel and fine umpires who will be missed.

We wish David Taylor the very best on his return to umpiring Men's Premier Cricket in Queensland. David is a member of the Cricket Australia Supplementary Umpire Panel.



Patrick Jackson and Andrew Yarad

AGM | Far North Coast Cricket Umpires' & Scorers' Association

It was a pleasure to attend the annual meeting of the FNCCUSA to represent the NSWCUSA Board.

During the AGM life membership was bestowed on two members who have served the Association to an exceptional standard over several years. Congratulations to Pat Holt and Bruce Johnstone.

They were proud to receive this recognition from their peers having provided outstanding service to cricket and umpiring, both characterised by their commitment to others and their humility.

Congratulations to Doug Trigg, the recipient of the Ray Neilson Trophy for being the Far North Coast Cricket Council Umpire of the Year. Doug is another who serves cricket and umpiring in an exemplary manner.



Bruce Johnstone & Pat Holt

AGM | NSW Country Cricket Association

Congratulations to NSWCUSA scorer member, David Redden who was recently honoured with life membership of NSW Country Cricket Association, highly respected for his dedication to country cricket and the NSW Bush Blues.

A summary of David's involvement is:

- Stockton & Northern Districts CC manager and scorer
- NSW Bush Blues scorer since season 2014-15
- Newcastle Zone scorer and manager for various teams since 2014-15
- Commentator on Frog Box and Bar TV for Country Cricket NSW representative matches
- Western Zone (2001 to 2014) in roles including Zone Administrator and team manager

David Redden's passion for cricket, service and helping people is infectious. It was wonderful to see him honoured with Life membership of NSW Country Cricket, richly deserved.

Bruce Whitehouse | 15 Years Service

Congratulations to our principal member, Bruce Whitehouse whose 15 years service to CNSW was recently recognised and celebrated at an all-staff meeting. Bruce has made such a genuine contribution to cricket in several aspects, but particularly as an umpire, a CNSW employee and as a volunteer for his beloved Georges River Cricket Club. He is highly respected in our game for his integrity, humility, dedication and for all he has contributed to the NSW Districts Cricket Association and the NSW Country Cricket Association. Bruce has been an advocate for umpires and a phenomenal supporter of our members who officiate in country cricket programs.

Ben Treloar | International Umpiring Debut

Congratulations to Ben Treloar who will make two debuts in October, both at international level:

T20 International Debut:

Australia Women v West Indies Women

North Sydney Oval | October 2 | 7:05pm (AEST)

Standing with Eloise Sheridan

One Day International Debut:

Australia Women v West Indies Women

Allan Border Field | October 8 | 10:35am (AEST)

Standing with Phil Gillespie

Ben has worked so hard to reach the National Panel and now international level as an umpire. He is a diligent, committed professional, an outstanding umpire and role model for all our members. We wish him the very best.

Mitchell Claydon | List A Umpiring Debut

Mitchell Claydon made his women's List A umpiring debut in the match between New South Wales and Queensland at Cricket Central. Mitch has so much cricket experience enjoying an exceptional career as a player and in coaching. Mitch played 113 first-class matches, 110 List A and 152 T20 fixtures.

He played professional cricket for 18 consecutive seasons in the UK having played men's premier cricket in Sydney. He has had coaching experience with the Sydney Sixers in the BBL and worked as a coach in Cricket NSW pathway programs.

Mitch has been umpiring for five years now and joins the State Umpire Panel in New South Wales for the first time in season 2023-24. He has earned this elevation in the umpiring pathway having been a strong performer in men's premier cricket, last season being appointed to umpire the fourth grade final. Mitch has now umpired 63 men's premier cricket fixtures, 38 of which have been in first grade.

Mitch loves the game and has taken to umpiring superbly. He is committed, a team player, always thoroughly prepared, is a strong and consistent decision maker, and has earned the respect of players for his outstanding people and match management skills. Mitch is respected by his colleagues who appreciate his ability and genuine willingness to share his cricket experience. They also value his great sense of humour and intuitive feel for the game.

Mitch deserved the opportunity to umpire in the WNCL and he prepared in a humble and diligent manner, performing strongly. With continued commitment to umpiring and strong work ethic, I am confident it will be the first of several umpiring debuts in professional cricket that Mitchell Claydon will experience in the ensuing years.

Mitch had an outstanding team to work with on debut. He was joined in the middle by State Panel colleague, Andrew Hamilton who has now umpired 23 WNCL matches having debuted in the 2009-10 season. Andrew has also umpired 37 women's domestic T20 matches, including 13 in the WBBL. He was an excellent on field support for Mitch. David Gilbert, who has recently been promoted to the International Panel of ICC Match Referees, was the match referee.

Annual Convention

To all members who attended the Annual Convention thank you for your commitment to developing as an umpire or scorer. There was a marvellous spirit evident across the two days. To our education team of Ben Treloar and Claire Polosak, and our administrators Troy Penman and Bede Sajowitz, we offer a sincere vote of thanks for all the work that went into making the weekend such an enjoyable and educational experience for our members.

What a privilege for those who attended to hear from Sam Nogajski about how he prepares for a match and the depth and detail he goes to in self-assessment. Authentic! Such an exemplary and humble ambassador for Tasmanian and Australian umpiring. No surprise Sam has umpired with such success in domestic and international cricket.

We were very pleased to welcome Damien Mealey, Cricket Australia Umpire Selection Committee Chairman, to our convention. Damien had an enjoyable time, appreciated the opportunity to be part of the weekend and was positive in his observations about the convention program.

110-Year Celebration Dinner

An outstanding function at BlueBet Stadium organised by Troy Penman and Bede Sajowitz, both of whom deserve to take a bow. It was a night of exceptional fellowship, good will and celebration. The slideshow, which highlighted so many great people who have been part of our history, was superb.

During the evening the Association expressed its appreciation to me for 15 years service as a member of CNSW staff. I was humbled and overwhelmed on the night, unable to adequately respond. I express my gratitude to the NSWCUSA for the opportunity to serve, experience and develop in my time as a member, as an umpire, administrator, trainer and coach.

To all in the Association who have mentored, coached and supported me, I offer a sincere thank you. To staff I have worked with, thank you for your energy, loyalty, commitment to excellence and patience; it has been a true pleasure for me. Thank you to our chairman, Mark Hughes, for your very kind words at the dinner. Thank you to the Association for the generous gift and beautifully written message on the accompanying card. To our current umpiring staff in Troy, Bede, Claire and Ben ... thank you so much for all you do to make the NSWCUSA what it is today. A special vote of thanks to Troy for his loyalty for 14 of those 15 years.

Thought for the 2023-24 season ...

If I am really passionate about something and I want to be good at that thing then it isn't really 'hard work' that is required but time, energy and enthusiasm. Some people may call this 'hard work' but I would rather call it the 'life effort' required to enjoy a magic moment. We can create great memories and magic moments, but the price we must pay for these rewards is endurance and effort.

Justin Langer

Reading this from JL, I immediately thought of Ben Treloar and the choices he has made to this point in his umpiring journey where he is to make his international umpiring debut, on the back of much endurance, effort and quality performance. I commend Ben and wish him the very best.



John Davidson & Kate Rowlands

EDUCATION OFFICER UPDATE

BEN TRELOAR

Here we are again at the beginning of another cricket season. The non-playing season feels like it's getting shorter and shorter each year, but what we have managed to achieve in such a short period of time is quite remarkable.

This is purely down to our many volunteers who are willing to give their time to benefit umpiring in NSW. The Training team is made up of many volunteers who through their assistance, passion and commitment to helping others, has allowed the NSWCUA to conduct numerous umpire education sessions.

We have been privileged to provide training and education opportunities in both regional and metropolitan areas. Since June we have seen over 300 people attend both the Level 2 Laws of Cricket course and professional development workshops.

We have conducted in total 10 Level Two courses in Bankstown, Grafton, Maitland, Newcastle, Ourimbah, Parramatta, Penrith, Silverwater, Wagga Wagga and online via Zoom. All this hard work saw 99 participants new to umpiring successfully obtain their Level 2 umpire accreditation. This has seen the Association continue to grow and we warmly welcomed 69 new members at our most recent Ordinary General Meeting in September.

In addition, we have conducted six professional development workshops in Coffs Harbour, Erina, Lismore, Oak Flats, Port Macquarie and Wagga Wagga. Again, a huge thank you to every single one of our trainers – the Association, and umpiring, would be lost without you.



Attendees at a laws course in Bankstown

We must also acknowledge our Zone Umpire Representatives and Affiliate Secretaries who did an enormous amount of heaving lifting liaising and organising at the local level.

August saw the 2023 Convention held across two venues. Day one we were stationed at Panthers Penrith Rugby Leagues Club, and day two we were at the home of cricket in NSW, Cricket Central.

Members and guests were provided with in-depth programs covering both umpiring and scoring across the weekend. Day one provided keynotes by Association members Claire Polosak and Patron Simon Taufel along with our special guest from Hobart, CA National Umpire Panel member Sam Nogajski.

Day two at Cricket Central provided everyone with the choice of a variety of breakout sessions presented by numerous NSWCUA volunteers covering topics of pitch analysis, umpiring on your own, umpire observations, LBW and short pitched bowling. 180 people attended this year's Convention with the feedback received overwhelmingly positive with many suggesting this has been the best yet. To everyone who contributed to the success of the weekend, volunteers and committee members, the NSWCUA management team sincerely thank you. We look forward to making next year bigger and better than ever.

Member training and education will continue throughout the playing season. We'll continue with education sessions at ordinary general meetings and the Exam Committee will provide focus questions on the laws of Cricket. Each month will also see further law questions provided. Online offerings will continue throughout the season with special guest speakers gracing our screens.

New umpire nights and rules nights will continue to provide umpires with support and guidance throughout the season.

Wishing everyone well for an enjoyable season ahead.



Members in attendance at the Annual Convention, at Panthers, Penrith (top) and Cricket Central (bottom)



TUCKER & WILSON TO UMPIRE MEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP

CRICKET NSW MEDIA

NSW umpires Rod Tucker and Paul Wilson have been selected by the International Cricket Council (ICC) to officiate at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 in India.

Tucker, who resides on the state's south coast, earns his fourth consecutive ICC Men's World Cup appointment, having last been a part of the quartet of match officials that oversaw the 2019 final at Lord's between England and New Zealand.

Wilson is set to umpire at his second ICC Men's World Cup and will oversee proceedings in the tournament opener as TV Umpire between the last event's finalists (above) on Thursday October 5, 2023.

The pair form part of a 16-umpire team who will officiate the 13th edition of the tournament including all 12 of the Emirates Elite Panel of ICC Umpires and four members of the ICC Emerging Umpire Panel, they are: Chris Brown, Kumar Dharmasena, Marais Erasmus, Chris Gaffaney, Michael Gough, Adrian Holdstock, Richard Illingworth, Richard Kettleborough, Nitin Menon, Ahsan Raza, Paul Reiffel, Sharfuddoula Ibne Shaïd, Rod Tucker, Alex Wharf, Joel Wilson and Paul Wilson.



The officials have been named for the entirety of the League segment, with the selections for the semi-finals and final of the tournament to be named on merit in due course.

Sean Easey, ICC Manager – Umpires and Referees said: "We are pleased to announce the match officials who will be overseeing the biggest ICC Men's Cricket World Cup ever. This group is the best from around the world and will be ready to perform a challenging job, with the eyes of the global cricketing community focussed on the event.

"We are confident that they will do an excellent job and wish them all the best of luck for what promises to be a World Cup to remember."

Cricket NSW Head of Competitions and Officiating, Darren Goodger, was delighted to speak on the pair's appointment.

"All at Cricket NSW are so pleased to see Rod and Paul involved at the upcoming ICC Men's Cricket World Cup. Both enjoyed exceptional careers as cricketers, but it is through umpiring where they have made such a wonderful contribution to our game," Goodger said.

"Rod and Paul are highly respected for their decision-making accuracy, for their people and match management skills, their exemplary teamwork, and their willingness to mentor and encourage other match officials. They are exemplary ambassadors for New South Wales Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association, Cricket NSW and Cricket Australia.

"We wish Rod and Paul the very best for the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup and offer congratulations on their appointment."

DILLEY & DONAHOO AWARDED LIFE MEMBERSHIP

BEDE SAJOWITZ

The Association honoured long-serving members David Dilley and Tim Donahoo, as the pair were elected Life members ahead of the Annual General Meeting in August.

Dilley and Donahoo become NSWCUSA's 56th and 57th Life members respectively as they were upgraded unanimously by members in attendance. David Dilley has been a member of the Association since 1999, umpiring 193 SCA matches during his time as an active official.

During his career, he progressed to the representative level where he was appointed to women's List A matches and men's Second XI. Dilley made an exceptional contribution to NSWCUSA as a volunteer office-bearer over a period of 15 years.

First volunteering as a member of the Training Committee in 2001, he also assisted the Executive Committee and Technical Committee before being elected to the Board of Directors in 2004.

He served on the Board for a period of 12 years, including two years as Board Chair from 2008.

Whilst on the Board, he was the Association's Delegate to Cricket NSW and the Sydney Cricket Association from 2006 to 2016.

His contribution to cricket extended beyond NSWCUSA, spending time as a Director on the board of both Cricket NSW and Cricket Australia.

Tim Donahoo joined the Association in 1985 and continues as an active umpire in NSW Men's

Premier Cricket, with 389 matches to his name as of the end of the 2022-23 season. - 215 of those have been in First Grade, the ninth highest total for an umpire in the Association's history.

Donahoo umpired a women's ODI between Australia and England in January 2000 and 15 domestic men's and women's interstate matches up until 2007.

He has also made a significant contribution to the Association off-field as well, volunteering on both the Training and Executive Committees, becoming a Board Director in 2004.

He remained on the Board for six years, with two of those years in the role of Board Chair.

For two seasons he was an off-field umpire observer for Premier Cricket and from 2017, he spent three seasons as a Match Referee with Cricket Australia.

Chair of the Board Mark Hughes spoke to the nomination of each, whilst Life member Darren Goodger and Principal member Bill Hendricks respectively seconding the motions for Life membership.



Tim Donahoo and Dr. David Dilley with Life membership blazers and certificates

MITCH CLAYDON ELEVATED TO STATE PANEL

BEDE SAJOWITZ

Cricket NSW have confirmed the NSW State Umpire Panel for season 2023-24, with Mitch Claydon elevated to the panel for the first time.

He joins the State Panel after three seasons as a member of the NSW Men's Premier Cricket First Grade Panel, where he has performed strongly.

Claydon brings to the panel a vast amount of cricket experience, with 375 professional matches as a player across 18 seasons in the UK and in recent years has worked as an assistant coach with the Sydney Sixers and Cricket NSW pathways.

State Umpiring Manager Darren Goodger praised Claydon in announcing the appointment, "Mitch loves the game and has taken to umpiring superbly. He is committed, a team player, always thoroughly prepared, is a strong and consistent decision maker.

"He has earned the respect of players for his outstanding people and match management skills. Mitch is respected by his colleagues who appreciate his ability and genuine willingness to share his cricket experience."

Claydon made his men's First Grade debut in Round 14 of the 2019-20 season in a fixture between Sydney University and St George.

He has since accumulated a tally of 38 matches in First Grade, amongst a total of 63 Men's Premier Cricket fixtures, including the men's Fourth Grade Final in 2022-23.

In previous seasons he has attended Cricket Australia underage national championships –

including the U17 male carnival last season, where he was appointed to the Final.

Claydon has been selected to attend this season's U19 Male National Championships, to be held in Albury from November 30 – December 7.

He was on-field making his women's List A debut on September 22 at Cricket Central Oval as New South Wales defeated Queensland in the season-opening WNCL fixture.

Claydon was joined in the middle by experienced State Panel colleague Andrew Hamilton, on-field for his 22nd women's List A match, with the pair also appointed to the September 24 match between the same teams also at Cricket Central.

The full Cricket NSW State Umpire Panel for season 2023-24 is as follows:

- Mitch Claydon
- Andrew Hamilton
- Roberto Howard
- Daniel Moran
- Bede Sajowitz



Mitch with Peter George at the U17 Male National Final // Cricket Australia

110-YEAR ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Photos of members in attendance at BlueBet Stadium for the Association's 110-Year Celebration on 26 August.



BEN TRELOAR SELECTED FOR INTERNATIONAL DEBUTS

BEDE SAJOWITZ

Cricket Australia have appointed NSWCUA member Ben Treloar to make his international debuts as Australia host the West Indies in three-match T20I and ODI series.

Treloar has been selected as part of the officiating group across both formats and made his on-field WT20I debut on 2 October at North Sydney Oval in the second match of the series.

He will make his WODI debut on in the opening match of the ODI series between the teams at Allan Border Field on 8 October.

NSW State Umpiring Manager, Darren Goodger praised Treloar ahead of his debuts, "These appointments are pleasing recognition for Ben's consistent performances in recent seasons. He has displayed exemplary attitude, discipline, integrity, professionalism and teamwork.

"It takes a long time to become an overnight success; he has been patient, dedicated, and genuinely committed to excellence and self-improvement. We congratulate him on these appointments and wish him the very best."

Making his men's first-class debut in 2021, he has now umpired 8 Sheffield Shield matches and 8 Men's One-Day Cup fixtures.

He began his umpiring career in 2006 in NSW Men's Premier Cricket, having now officiated 180 First Grade fixtures – including the last three Belvidere Cup finals.

Joining him in the middle for the second T20I was Eloise Sheridan, with Phil Gillespie as TV Umpire and Kent Hannam the Match Referee.

Treloar was joined by three fellow NSWCUA members, including Claire Polosak, who was 4th Umpire, with scorers Darren Mattison and Ian Wright on duty.

For his coming ODI debut, his on-field partner will be Phil Gillespie, whilst Sheridan and Treloar will also be in the middle for the third and final ODI of the series at the CitiPower Center on 12 October.

The Match Officials team as Ben Treloar's debut is acknowledged at North Sydney Oval // Getty



COUNTRY PANEL CONFIRMED FOR 2023-24

BEDE SAJOWITZ

Greg Jones and Murray Le Lievre have been elevated to the nine-member Country Umpire Representative Panel for season 2023-24, with Bruce Baxter standing down after six seasons on the panel.

The pair receive the elevation on the back of strong performances in Country Cricket NSW programs in recent seasons, including last season's Country Colts carnival in Queanbeyan.

Officiating in the Bathurst Orange Inter District First Grade competition, Jones returns to the panel after a five-year absence for what will be his sixth season with the group.

In 2016-17 he was appointed to the Country Championships Final with Western Zone colleague Graeme Glazebrook and was previously a member of NSW Premier Cricket Panel 1 with 59 SCA matches to his name, 27 of which were in men's First Grade.

Hailing from the Riverina, Le Lievre joins the panel for the first time, becoming the 57th member of the panel since it was formed in 1991.

He has been a regular and consistent presence in Cricket Wagga Wagga competitions in recent seasons, with a number of appearances at underage country programs and has travelled to Sydney to umpire six matches in NSW Men's Premier Cricket First Grade.

Cricket NSW State Umpiring Manager, Darren Goodger, acknowledged the pair's elevation to the panel, "Greg and Murray performed strongly at the



Greg Jones & Murray Le Lievre

Country Colts carnival played in Queanbeyan in December 2022 to earn their elevation to the Country Panel through a clearly defined umpiring pathway for country cricket match officials.

"They have grabbed the opportunity presented. We offer congratulations to both and wish them the very best."

Long-serving Bruce Baxter has decided to step away after an exemplary contribution to the panel since he joined in 2017-18, with the highlight being appointment to five consecutive Regional Bash T20 Finals at the SCG.

Baxter's contribution to cricket extends beyond his time on the Country Panel, he has given wonderful service to cricket since 1973.

Graeme Glazebrook and Bruce Baxter together at the SCG ahead of the 2020-21 Plan B Regional Bash Final

He has had tenures as the President of the South Services Cricket Club in Grafton, the Clarence River Cricket Association, the Clarence River District Cricket Umpires' Association and the North Coast Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association – including the 2021-22 season where he served in the role for all four bodies.

Alongside his roles as umpire and administrator, he has also coached the South Services CC U14 team for 40+ consecutive seasons.

Darren Goodger paid tribute to Baxter's involvement in cricket, "It has been a pleasure to have Bruce Baxter involved as a member of the Country Umpire Representative Panel for six years. We congratulate Bruce and thank him for his sterling contribution to the panel.

"The good news is Bruce will continue to be involved in cricket as an umpire, coach and administrator. We look forward to him continuing to umpire in underage Country Cricket NSW programs and CNSW State Challenge carnivals. Players, coaches and staff respect and appreciate the quality of his umpiring."

Western Zone umpire Graeme Glazebrook continues on the panel, in what will be his tenth season as a member of the group.

The nine-strong Country Umpire Representative Panel will continue to be coached by Country Umpire Coach Neil Findlay, entering his fourth season in the role.

Selected umpires may be appointed to stand in Country Cricket NSW programs, CNSW State Challenge carnivals, Regional Bash T20 and NSW Men's Premier Cricket First Grade.

The Association offers congratulations and best wishes to the selected umpires for a successful 2023-24 season.

2023-24 Country Umpire Representative Panel

- Dave Cullen (Greater Illawarra) #44
- John De Lyall (Western) #53
- Jeff Egan (Riverina) #56
- Graeme Glazebrook (Western) #43
- Brenton Harrison (Riverina) #54
- Greg Jones (Western) #39
- Keiran Knight (Newcastle) #55
- Murray Le Lievre (Riverina) #57
- Phil Rainger (Newcastle) #42



Graeme Glazebrook and Bruce Baxter together at the SCG

2023-24 CRICKET AUSTRALIA UMPIRE PANELS CONFIRMED

BEDE SAJOWITZ

Eight NSWCUA members have been retained by Cricket Australia on their umpiring panels for season 2023-24, announced last week.

Gerard Abood, Greg Davidson, Simon Lightbody, Ben Treloar, and Paul Wilson all continue as members of the National Umpire Panel whilst Sharad Patel, Troy Penman, and Claire Polosak have been selected to continue on the Supplementary Panel.

Abood and Wilson were both on-field in national finals last season, the One-Day Cup and BBL Finals respectively, and continue on the National Panel for their 15th and 14th seasons.

Davidson, Lightbody and Treloar were heavily involved in each of CA's men's domestic competitions, including each being on-field for five Sheffield Shield matches across the last season.

Patel and Polosak both made BBL debuts on-field last season, whilst Patel and Penman became NSWCUA's newest members to officiate in men's first-class cricket.

The only change to the two panels is the addition of now South Australian-based umpire Drew Crozier, who joins the Supplementary Panel for the first-time.

Chair of the CA Umpire Selection Panel, Damien Mealey noted the opportunities received by emerging umpires last season,

"The Selection Panel is encouraged by the emergence of new umpires developing across all States and Territories, which has resulted in several first-class debuts placing match officiating in a very strong position moving forward.

"The quality of the panels is an endorsement of the outstanding umpiring talent within Australian cricket."

Claire Polosak and Paul Wilson have been nominated to continue their involvement in international cricket, whilst Rod Tucker continues as a member of the ICC's Elite Panel, his 14th season.

The full 2023-24 Cricket Australia Umpire Panels are listed at the end of this edition.



Ben Treloar and Greg Davidson during a Sheffield Shield match last season // Getty

CHUDLEIGH & REED AWARDED SCA LIFE MEMBERSHIP

At the 2023 Annual General Meeting, the Sydney Cricket Association awarded three Life memberships, to umpires Graham Chudleigh (No 35), Graham Reed (No 36) and former outstanding Randwick Petersham allrounder Adam Semple (No 37) Life Membership.

The Chair Graham Gorrie read the below citations acknowledging the contributions of NSW/CUSA Life members Graham Chudleigh and Graham Reed:

Graham Chudleigh

Graham played cricket at three premier grade clubs; Central Cumberland (now Parramatta), St George and Sutherland, including first grade at Central Cumberland under the captaincy of Richie Benaud. He was also a respected lower grade captain at Sutherland.

Graham has made an outstanding contribution to our game and the SCA, particularly by way of his involvement in umpiring, on and off field.

Graham umpired 452 SCA matches being eighth on the all-time list of matches officiated in our competition, 109 of these appointments being in first grade. He was the winner of the George Borwick Memorial Award for New South Wales Umpire of the Year in 1992-93. He also officiated at men's state second XI level.

On retiring from active umpiring, Graham has for seven consecutive seasons been an honorary umpire observer in men's premier cricket, being a welcome figure around the grounds as he observes and provides feedback to umpires across the grades. He has made a genuine contribution to help raising umpiring standards through the detail and quality of his feedback to umpires.

Graham has been a mentor to premier cricket umpires for 23 years, also an umpire selector for the SCA umpiring panels and for the SCA finals series for every season since season 2008-09.

Graham has made an immense contribution to the education and development programs of SCA umpires, literally hundreds of match officials being trained on the Laws of Cricket by Graham over the past 35 years.

His expertise in the training space being recognised by Cricket Australia Global Development when he was selected to facilitate train the trainer programs for umpire educators of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, Graham travelling to work in Mumbai in 2008. He also played a significant role in developing coaching programs for the BCCI umpire coaches. Graham was also engaged to facilitate Level 2 Umpire Programs for the Bangladesh Cricket Board in 2008-09. He is highly respected in Bangladesh and India by the umpires and cricket boards for his contribution to these programs, his humble leadership style, knowledge and understanding of cricket and umpiring, and his ability impart knowledge and share experience.

It is the unanimous view of the SCA Committee of Management that through his service to match officiating Graham Chudleigh has given outstanding and sustained service to the Sydney Cricket Association being worthy of this nomination for life membership of the Association.

Graham Reed

Graham Reed played first grade at two clubs: Mosman and Sydney University. However, it is around umpiring that he has made such a distinguished contribution to cricket and the Sydney Cricket Association.

Graham was an outstanding match official.

- He umpired:
- 2 Women's Tests
- 13 men's first-class matches
- 3 men's List A matches
- 2 Male Under 19 Test Matches
- 161 SCA matches (80 of which were in first grade)

Graham was also a respected Cricket Australia umpire coach and match referee.

He has for 31 consecutive years been an honorary umpire observer in men's premier cricket, his expert knowledge and willingness to share experience benefitting umpires in all grades, helping to improve cricket through raising umpiring standards.

Graham has been a selector of the SCA umpiring panels, and for finals series matches, since season 1992-93, serving continuously to the present day.

He was the recipient of the George Borwick Memorial Award in season 1984-85, being recognised as the New South Wales Umpire of the Year in this season.

On Australia Day 2023 Graham received the Medal of the Order of Australia for his distinguished service to cricket and to officiating.



Graham Reed has been a selfless and humble servant of the Sydney Cricket Association and to the umpires in its competitions.

His dedication to helping our umpires improve their craft has been of great benefit to them and the Sydney Cricket Association. He has played a genuine role in helping produce a generation of SCA first grade and New South Wales first-class umpires.

It is the view of the SCA Committee of Management that through his service to match officiating Graham Reed has given exceptional, long and committed service to the Sydney Cricket Association being worthy of this nomination for life membership of the Association.

SCA Chair Graham Gorrie with Graham Chucleigh (left) and Graham Reed (below) // SCA



MCC CLARIFICATION ON GOLDSWORTHY HIT WICKET INCIDENT

MCC

During Somerset's LV= County Championship Match against Kent at Taunton this month, there was an unusual occurrence that sparked discussion about the Laws of Cricket.

Somerset batter Lewis Goldsworthy played a delivery from Kent's Jaskaran Singh. The bat made contact with the ball, before the toe of the bat splintered off, hitting the stumps and breaking the wicket. The umpire, however, had already called a No ball.

It was a No ball, because Singh had over-stepped. **Law 35.2** (Hit wicket) states that:

"The striker is not out under this Law... [if] the delivery is a No ball."

So Goldsworthy, correctly, was not given out.

But what if it had been a fair delivery? Well, in that case, as unfortunate as it may seem, Goldsworthy would have been dismissed. Law 35.1 states:

"The striker is out Hit wicket if, after the bowler has entered the delivery stride and while the ball is in play, his/her wicket is broken by either the striker's bat or person as described in Laws 29.2.1.2 to 29.2.1.4 (Breaking the wicket fairly) in any of the following circumstances:

35.1.1.1 in the course of any action taken by him/her in preparing to receive or in receiving a delivery"

That refers us back to Law 29.2.1.3 which says that the wicket can be fairly broken:

"29.2.1.3 for the purpose of this law only, by the striker's bat not in hand, or by any part of the bat which has become detached"

A part of the bat which has become detached is therefore specifically covered by Law, as is any other part of the striker's clothing or equipment – with one exception.

That exception is the striker's helmet, or any part of the helmet that becomes detached. This was specifically excluded from the Law in 2022, because some batters had worried that if they wore certain helmets with neck protectors, those may dislodge and hit the wicket.

In order to allay these fears, and ensure that no player should be disincentivised from wearing the necessary protection on their head, helmets (or indeed parts of helmets) are not able to break the wicket fairly.

Aside from that exception, however, it is the batter's responsibility not only for his/her body, but for anything he/she holds or wears. If they become detached, and break the wicket, while the batter is in the action of playing the ball, then the striker is out under the Laws.

Unless, of course, the bowler has over-stepped.

This was fortunate for Goldsworthy, who avoided what would perhaps have been the most unusual dismissal of the English summer - and he went on to make his first century of the season.

A video of the incident can be viewed here:

<https://twitter.com/SomersetCCC/status/1704802910347891137>

A DAY IN THE MIDDLE - AT LORD'S

ANDY STOREY

I had the great honour of being invited to umpire the MCC Schools v English School Cricket Association (ESCA) game at Lord's on 8 September. And what an experience it was!

It all started with a quick trip up to the scoreboard to see the scorers, followed by a stroll out into the middle and looking back to see the umpires' names on the main scoreboard. Back in the pavilion we had a dressing room attendant and third umpire to look after us. This was welcome on such a hot day as he relayed drinks out to us. The food at HQ is legendary and lived up to the billing with a superb three-course lunch requiring an extended interval. After medals were presented to players and officials, there was a reception in the Long Room which all made the day extra special.

Walking out to the middle for the start of play was an amazing experience looking around at the iconic structures and with your name announced on the PA as one of the umpires.

ESCA batted first and reached 250 all out; a good effort after being 7 for 77 and largely due to a magnificent score of 166 from opener Henry Rogers. The ESCA captain took 6 for 47 including a hat-trick from my end. With 4 wickets down for 7 runs, MCC Schools looked in trouble but another brilliant century from Ollie Pascal (watch out for him) saw them through.

So many memories – I just want to do it again!



Andy in the middle and the
umpire's room at Lords

FIVE UMPIRES EXPLAIN THE CRAFT

JAMES WALLACE
WISDEN CRICKET MONTHLY

Ian Gould, David Lloyd, David Millns, Michael Gough and Peter Willey on life in the middle

The attraction of umpiring

Ian Gould: I never had myself down as an umpire. Never! I used to scream and shout at umpires when I played, I was a pain. I was coaching at Middlesex and, once or twice during a second-team game, the umpire was late or ill so I went out and did it and quite enjoyed it. It had never entered my mind before that.

David Lloyd: I'd always been interested in being an official. I became a reserve umpire as there wasn't any room on the list. The matches I did were university matches and I'm umpiring with the very best – Dickie Bird, Alan Whitehead, Lloyd Budd and Ray Julian are showing me the ropes.

David Millns: I got myself qualified while I was still playing in the Nineties but I was running a marketing company after I retired. After the Ashes series of 2005, all the euphoria and buzz in general, I just thought, "I want to get back involved with cricket."

Michael Gough: When I first went into it every single person thought I was crazy. They thought I was weird for giving up playing [in 2003, at the age of 23] but I'd fallen out of love with it. I was always a daydreamer, I must have been a nightmare to captain. I'd find myself at square-leg chatting to the umpires and that was probably where the seed was sown.

The first game

Lloyd: Dickie [Bird] used to say to me: "These young lads, students, it's everything they've wanted to do to play against county cricketers, so we won't be giving them out lbw." My first match was bitterly cold, late April. We umpired in bobble hats and had a cup of tea at the drinks interval.

Gould: I loved it, it just felt natural. The day went very quickly, even though, as Peter Willey would say: "Every day is a fielding day."

Millns: I did my first pro game in 2006. I was umpiring with Tim Robinson, who was my skipper at Notts in the 1980s and I remember coming off at lunchtime and thinking: "This is what I want to do."

Gough: I was so young, just a kid really. I'll always remember my first meeting with the ECB and [the former umpire] Barry Leadbeater turned to me and he couldn't believe it, he thought I was there on behalf of the players to give a speech to the umpires! I had turned up to grounds and ask where the umpire room was and everyone would look at me weirdly and direct me to the players' changing rooms.



David Lloyd umpiring in 1987 // Chris Cole, Getty

The trade

Gould: When I first started out as an umpire I wanted to umpire the way I would have liked to be umpired as a player. I never liked that headmaster thing. The modern umpire, he puts his ego in his cricket bag in the morning.

Lloyd: Nobody crossed you as an umpire when I was doing it in the mid-1980s. Absolutely not.

Peter Willey: I tried to umpire knowing as many rules and regulations as would get me through the game and then use common sense and speak to people. Having played Test cricket gave me some respect. Most of my games were quite calm, as people knew that I was a cantankerous old bugger.

Millns: I remember after I'd had my first decision overturned on DRS, I walked over to my colleague at square-leg – Bangladeshi umpire Masadur Rahman – and he said: "I think we all missed that day at school – the day when they teach you to be perfect." I thought that was a brilliant thing to keep in your head as an umpire. You can't guess; you give what you see.

The on-field antics

Gould: I remember I was mic'd up for a T20 game on Sky and Dominic Cork, he wasn't happy about a decision or something, comes stomping towards me, and I know I'm getting an earful. Next thing in my ear is Bumble: "He's on his way, Gunner. You better be careful" So I thought bugger it, and me and Bumble just stopped the game for five minutes as we were chatting away and I'm saying on live TV, "I'd rather be looking after my granddaughter at this moment than looking after Dominic Cork!"

Willey: I umpired a World Cup game between New Zealand and India at Centurion in South Africa in 2003 and Craig McMillan was yapping on to the opposition. Someone had put a roll of tape in my pocket and when he walked past I pulled a bit off and stuck it over his mouth. Can you imagine doing that now? You'd be done for assault!



Peter Willey shares a joke with New Zealand player Craig McMillan // Mike Hewitt, Getty Images

Lloyd: I was doing a game at Taunton between Somerset and Middlesex. Ian Botham was batting, three balls left and 12 to win. Wayne Daniel is running in to bowl and Botham backs away to prod the pitch and ask me, "Who are you backing in this one?" I told him, politely, to get on with it and he smacks the first one for six and blocks the next one, just to ramp up the theatre! He then dispatched the final ball for six. As he ran off he patted me on the backside with his bat and said, "You stick with me pal, I'll make you famous."

Millns: Myself and Russell Evans, we grew up together. He was best man at my wedding. Tragically he passed away a couple of years ago. I remember we had four days umpiring in Scarborough for a Yorkshire game. Always a great trip. Ryan Sidebottom is bowling at my end, he was quite a theatrical applier. He goes up for a big lbw, I gave it not out. Next ball he's up for another and again I give it not out, there was a little inside edge. Third ball in a row, he has a massive appeal, I think the batting side are about 100 for 0, it was way too high, and I said, "Not out and that's lunch gentlemen." Ryan snatches his jumper off me and shouts at the top of his voice, "Fucking hell!" and storms off like a petulant child. So we've got to book him. Three points.

The next morning as we're taking the field, Ryan comes running up between me and Russell and puts his arms around us, and he says: "Lads, those three points you gave me last night ... I've had a word with the missus and she's gonna take them."

Gough: I remember a match between India and Australia, and Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma were putting on a huge partnership. I was stood next to Aaron Finch at square-leg and he said to me, during the game, how it was unbelievable to watch these two great players. Then he asked me how I would bowl at them! I looked at him and said, "I've got enough on my plate, you're on your own there!"

Gould: I was lucky last year to do an IPL, which was a bucket-list job for me. There's Kohli and Sharma... that was as exciting a thing as I've ever seen. You're 22 yards away, the best seat in the house. But it can be dangerous. Chris Gayle hit one back at me and if it had hit me, I wouldn't be here.

The camaraderie

Gould: There is a great camaraderie between all the umpires, and some great characters. You see your name pinned up next to someone like [South African umpire] Marais Erasmus, or Jeff Crowe as match referee, and you know it's going to be great fun.

Lloyd: Ray Julian was one of my favourites. There used to be a great band of umpires, as there is now. You are a team. There's a batting team, a fielding team and an officials team.

Millns: We're all in it together. You do not want to see any official, in any corner of the world, having a bad day. It's a tough job.

Willey: Shep [David Shepherd] was brilliant. Everybody respected him. He was very calm and collected. He didn't allow any trouble.

Gough: I remember speaking to Merv Kitchen when I was starting out; he was always good to talk to, and Peter Willey as well – he would always give you his honest opinion. He never holds back, but I found it really useful. Peter Hartley and Richard Kettleborough, I'd pick their brains all the time. I've been lucky enough to spend a lot of time with Gunner [Gould] and that has been great for me.

Gould: I just love to umpire with Neil Bainton. He's underrated. He's one of our best. He probably doesn't get the credit he deserves as he never played the first-class game. He's a postman in the winter. He knows the laws. We all go to him when we need a law. His humour is ... astonishing. Marais [Erasmus] is a good bloke, a proper gentleman. He's someone I know I can go to the trenches with. But we are chalk and cheese. I've done three Boxing Day Tests with him and on Christmas Day he goes off to church and I go to the pub, but we do leave the hotel at the same time!

The final decision

Gould: I've been the luckiest bugger. I've roamed the world. Cricket is full of fantastic people and I think the game is going the right way. In the last five or six years, with the introduction of DRS, people are understanding umpiring a bit more and how hard it is, and people start respecting you for it.

Willey: It's fair to say you need to have a thick skin.

Gough: I feel like I got a second chance with the game and I want to make the most of it. Cricket has been my life and I feel I owe it to the game and the players to be as good as I can be every single day.

Lloyd: The very best umpires, they get 95% of decisions correct but you know what, the umpire, even when he's wrong ... he's right.

Millns: Sometimes you're under the pump. Yes, you're going to cop a bit of abuse sometimes from the crowd, but you've got to take that on the chin. Out in the middle – it's a great place to be.

The cast

Gough

A former England Under-19 and Durham opener, Gough quit playing at 23 and was appointed to the first-class umpires list in 2008 before umpiring his first Test match in 2016. He joined the ICC's elite panel last year.

Gould

'Gunner', a former England, Middlesex and Sussex keeper, joined the ECB list of first-class umpires in 2002 and was promoted to the international panel in 2006. He retired after the 2019 World Cup.

Lloyd

The former England and Lancashire batsman umpired first-class matches between 1985 and 1987 before moving into coaching and broadcasting.

Millns

The ex-Leicestershire and Notts fast bowler was appointed to the first-class umpires list in 2008 and has stood in 19 women's internationals.

Willey

A tenacious allrounder for England, Northants and Leicestershire, Willey was appointed to the first-class umpires list in 1993 and stood in 25 Tests and 34 ODIs between 1996 and 2003.



Rob Keogh appeals to David Millns // Andy Kearns, Getty Images

TECHNICAL

BEN TRELOAR

During the 16th edition of the Asian Cup, we saw a great example of how Law 19.5 shall be applied.

During the final overs of the second innings Bangladesh striker Nasum Ahmed struck a hefty blow straight down the ground from a Maheesh Theekshana delivery. For all in attendance at the ground and those watching on TV across the globe, the ball looked to be sailing well over the boundary before substitute fielder Dushan Hemantha jumped up from a position inside the field of play parrying the ball back into the field after failing to affect the catch.

What looked initially to be a wonderful piece of fielding, just as the game was coming down to the wire, ended up being adjudged a Boundary 6 by the TV umpire.

How could this be you ask?

Even though the fielder had left from a position from within the field and at no stage been in contact with the ball and the boundary at the same time, he was still considered to have been grounded beyond the boundary when he contacted the boundary marker. In theory and in practice, the fielder was considered to have contacted the ball having come from a position outside the field of play.

In this example, the sponsor adorned Toblerone was the boundary marker, which Hemantha contacted as he leapt into the air prior to contacting the ball for the first time. This meant the fielder's last contact with the ground was with the boundary marker and not the field of play as he thought.

When the ball came into contact with the fielder, it became immediately dead and a Boundary six awarded.

Law 19.5.2 states A fielder who is not in contact with the ground is considered to be grounded beyond the boundary if his/her final contact with the ground, before his/her first contact with the ball after it has been delivered by the bowler, was not entirely within the boundary.

According to the Laws of Cricket, Hemantha was grounded beyond the boundary before contacting the ball for the first time and thus a Boundary 6 was scored to the batting side.

Tom Smith's goes on to say that 'the important moment, for any fielder, is the last contact with the ground before the FIRST touch the ball.' Hemantha's last contact with the ground was within the field of play, however, his final contact before touching the ball was with the boundary marker.

The video of the incident can be viewed here from 10 mins and 35 seconds:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S7UTTvsCmP4&t=631s>



FEMALE ENGAGEMENT

CLAIRE POLOSAK

15 July saw NSWCUSA's female umpires meet for a pre-season training day, with an agenda set up to assist umpires in the beginning of their preparation for the 2023-24 season. 17 Female umpires met at Cricket Central for this training - the largest group of female umpires we have had together for a training session.

The agenda consisted of a variety of different topics. The day started with a game of human bingo - a quick way to get to know our fellow umpires. Laws questions, as a staple of our preparation featured early as well.

We also had a session around the topic of an introduction to Sports Psychology with friend of NSWCUSA, Alan Mantle. Ben Treloar also offered his expertise with a session on LBW as well as fieldcraft and Technique.

There were also sessions around match management scenarios and goal setting for the upcoming season. Thanks to Elizabeth O'Dwyer, Katie Collins and Sue Gregory who assisted with leading the group discussions.

A new aspect of the training included a session with Associate Professor Deirdre McGhee, an APA Sports Physiotherapist, Director of Breast Research Australia (University of Wollongong) and Fellow of Sports Medicine Australia who presented around the importance of a correctly fitting sports bra, and the impact this has on health and athletic performance.

All in all, it was a day where friendships were started and umpires had the opportunity to begin their preparations for the season which as we find out every year comes around quicker and quicker.

Active female umpires this season

This year it is pleasing to see so many female umpires be selected on the Men's Premier Cricket Panel. These umpires are Sue Gregory, Shekinah Lowe, Shannon McEwen, Leone Mizzi, Elizabeth O'Dwyer, Manjinder Sandhu and Rebecca Stefan.

Female umpires who have been selected on to the NSW Women's Premier Cricket Panel 1 are Katie Collins, Sue Gregory, Lauren McGill and Elizabeth O'Dwyer. This equates to a quarter of Panel 1 for the NSW Women's Premier Cricket First Grade competition.

Outside of metropolitan Sydney, there also several female umpires who are active in their local competitions which is really pleasing to see. As seasons' and competitions around the state begin I will confirm in the next edition of in Black and White where female umpires are active.

Community Officiating Workshops

It has been really enjoyable to be able to hold the Cricket Australia Community Officiating workshops around the place during the winter, and in the lead up to the season. Workshops have been held at Cricket Central, Ballina, Canberra, Blacktown, Manly, West Pennant Hills and Revesby. In excess of 120 people have attended a Community Officiating Workshop, with four workshops planned for October.



THE BAT'S REVENGE

JOHN MCMULLEN

Greedy sod that I am, not content with alienating all the batsmen, I had to return the favor. This did it.

I've been oiled up and sanded, ready to go
Out in to combat now I shall go
Show my opponent that he should know
I am superior, I'll show blow by blow.

The first ball I see is down the leg side
It's belted for four by smacking his hide;
The next – a bit closer is given the leg-glide
The next is so bad that the umpire's called it a 'wide'.

The battle goes on – the ball's' getting frustrated
Getting hit by me – I can see the ball's hatred
Unable to stop the run-fest I led
His cherry red gloss is now pale red.

The ball keeps on trying but try as he might
He can't find the key that sheds some new light
The runs keep on flowing as the batsmen take flight
It's a pleasure to watch such a great sight.

Off-breaks are tried, leg—breaks as well –
Yorkers and bumpers – they don't seem too gel
The good 'uns that come can't ring the bell
'Tis the day of the bat and the balls hell.

Play carries on with the bat having fun
Hitting the ball for run after run
Fours and sixes all add to the sum
Having some fun 'til our day is done.

Still we continue both near our century
Attacking the ball, playing audaciously –
Hit the ball to the outfield – we call for three
Knowing that this will bring my century.

We run the first two then look around
I call for third – sure that I'll make my ground;
Ball is returned – knocks stumps out of the ground
The umpire's given me out – found me short of my ground.

Although I trudge off disconsolate today
Out for one short of my century I can say
This was my day and I did it my way –
The bat's revenge – yes, this was MY DAY!

LAWS OF CRICKET PUZZLE ANSWER

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?

Answer: The easiest way is to look at it in small bite size chunks rather than the whole. It doesn't matter what order you put them in but I am putting it in this order just to make it easier to check.

Start off with the easy dismissals:

Ball 1 Bowled - Law 32

Ball 2 Caught - Law 33

Ball 3 LBW - Law 36

Still with Ball 3 - Timed out - Law 40.1.1. Neither Laws 40.1.2 nor 16.3 are used. [obviously there has been an appeal which the fielding captain upholds].

There are now five wickets still yet to take, there are just two legal deliveries allowed and two runs to be conceded. On the surface it appears impossible but could it really be possible?

Here's how they fall [no particular order].

Ball 4 [and the fifth wicket down] sees the striker out Hit Ball Twice Law 34.1.1 thru 34.1.3

Ball 5 [sixth wicket] sees the striker out Hit Wicket. Law 35.1.1 thru 35.1.3 and law 29.2.1.2 thru 29.2.1.4

There are now no legal deliveries allowed to be bowled and three wickets must be taken, however two runs must be conceded. Thus everything from here in considered as ball 5.

Ball 5 sees the striker out stumped off a 'wide', the first run conceded. Law 39.1 & 22.9. [seventh wicket]

Ball 5 due to the urgency of the situation, the batsmen attempt to steal a run. As the bowler has commenced his/her run-up, the ball is considered as being in play and the bowler, before entering the delivery stride and seeing the actions of the batsmen, throws the ball at the non-striker's wicket, misses, but breaks the striker's wicket with no batsman in that ground. Thus one batsman is out 'Run Out'. Law 41.16.1, 41.17 & Law 21.4. [eighth wicket]

Last, but not least, [and still ball 5] the ninth and final wicket falls 'Obstructing the Field' under Law 37 however Law 37.1.3 says that this can happen off a 'no ball'.

So there you have it, a real brain teaser, seemingly impossible and guaranteed make umpires search through their Law Books for the solution and here it is, broken down into small bite-size chunks.

Note: As you can see, there are just two runs conceded [one no ball and one wide] and just five legal deliveries.

ONLINE LAWS QUIZ USER GUIDE

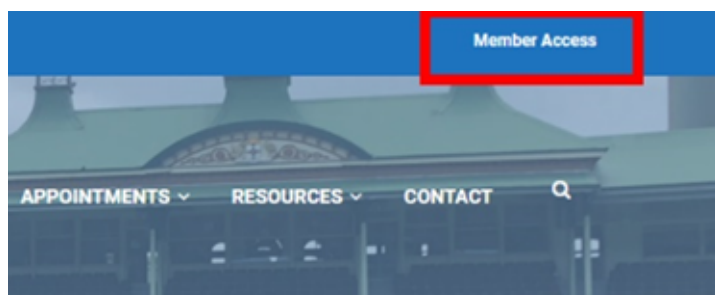
BEDE SAJOWITZ

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.



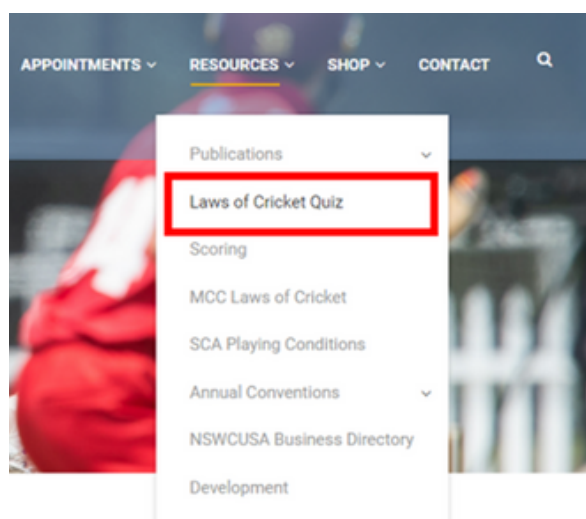
Once you hit 'Start Quiz', navigating the questions is relatively straightforward. Once you choose an answer from the options presented, select the green 'Check Answer' option to receive instant feedback on your answer. You'll then be able to proceed to the next page and be presented with the next question. 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

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

FROM THE VAULT

PRE-SEASON SEMINAR | 1983-84

A week before the Sydney Grade Cricket season opened in September, an all - day umpiring seminar was held at Macquarie University, North Ryde.

A total of 87 umpires attended the seminar, with visitors coming from South Coast, Bathurst, Western Suburbs, Shoalhaven, New England, Highlands, Lithgow, Wagga Wagga, George's River - Penshurst, Armidale, Lismore, Illawarra, Young, Southern Districts, Mittagong, Orange and A.C.I. Associations. A healthy number of local umpires were in attendance, but noticeable was the small number of First Grade umpires present.

The Saturday was a very busy day, with a wide range of activities programmed, including practical field work, films, discussion sessions and guest lecturers, and the Association is indebted to C.B.F.C. Ltd (courtesy of Alan Marshall) for their generous sponsorship in providing an attractive clipboard folder for seminar participants.

The accent was on participation, with people contributing on a positive sensible basis to the interpretation of various Laws of Cricket. The agenda items set down for the day were of such variety and interest that the Seminar Sub-Committee found it well - nigh impossible to keep to the timetable as laid down.

Particular thanks must be recorded for the addresses given by the newly - elected Chairman of the Australian Cricket Board, Mr Fred Bennett, O.B.E., to whom we extend our sincere congratulations, and Mr Alan Crompton, a member of the Board's Umpires Appointments Sub-Committee.

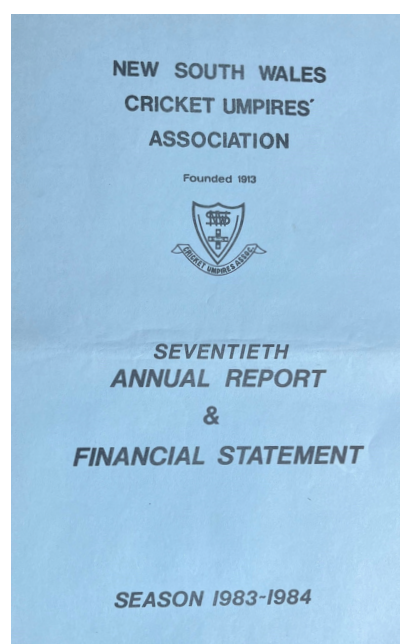
Greg Hartshorne, Captain of the Petersham - Marrickville First Grade team, gave an illuminating talk on his expectations of umpires, and the Seminar Sub- Committee put in many hours of dedicated work to help make the day a success.

However, the hardest working group of all was the Social Committee, led by its Secretary, Eric Manwaring, and the Association thanks these people for their wholehearted efforts during the day in providing lunch, morning and afternoon teas, and refreshments. Special thanks are also extended to Eric's wife for her untiring efforts in preparing the food.

Because of the success of the day, and the interest shown, it is proposed to hold a similar seminar this coming September, on Saturday/ Sunday, September 22 - 23, again at Macquarie University.

Note the dates down in your diary now, pending further advice in due course when arrangements have been finalised.

R.A. FRENCH,
Chairman,
Seminar Sub - Committee.



CRIC-O-KU Number 21

Clue: Fielding captain's thoughts, when six catches were dropped by his players

H	A		M					G
	R	I		G			H	
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	M			A		R	I	
A					R		E	H

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

With **Críc-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!

CRIC-O-KU No 20: Solution

S	Z	I	O	A	T	J	W	B
A	B	J	W	I	Z	O	S	T
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O	I	B	Z	W	A	T	J	S
J	W	T	I	S	B	Z	A	O
Z	A	S	T	J	O	B	I	W
B	S	A	J	O	W	I	T	Z
I	J	Z	B	T	S	W	O	A
T	O	W	A	Z	I	S	B	J

Explanation of No 20 solution: Bede Sajowitz was encouraged to juggle three axes by the entertainer at the Association Dinner in April. The front row of the audience moved away very quickly!

OCTOBER 2023 MERCHANDISE VOUCHER WINNER



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TROY PENMAN

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

We thank each partner for their assistance and support throughout season 2022-23, it was greatly appreciated by Management and Board.

Season 2023-24 will see NSWCUA 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 2023-24.

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 to commemorate the Association's 110th year which is in the process of being distributed to renewed members.

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 2023-24. Discussions with McDonald's and Cricket NSW before last season saw a three-year deal finalised for CNSW and NSWCUA. The funds received during the period will be used to improve the experience for all members.



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