

IN BLACK & WHITE

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Dick French presents a Life Membership blazer to Ian Wright



Bruce Whitehouse has a discussion during a trial fixture

Cover Photos: Top: Paul Wilson on field in his debut Test match – played between Bangladesh and Afghanistan in Chittagong
 Bottom: Eloise Sheridan and Claire Polosak make their way on field at the Women's T20 World Cup Qualifier for the Semi-Final between PNG and Thailand



Chairman's Welcome



Mark Hughes

Welcome to another edition of *In Black and White*.

By now, regular season competitions across the State are well and truly underway. I hope all members have started their season well.

Season 2019-20 will bring a variety of different challenges for all of our members. For some, elevation to higher panels or representative cricket will test their ability as they go to the next level.

Some will require resilience as they aim to bounce back from setbacks not umpiring at the same level they were the previous season.

For seasoned veterans, the opportunity to pass on knowledge and experience to ensure the next generation of umpires are well equipped to progress. For our newer members, it is a season to settle in, learn fieldcraft and technique as they start their journey as match officials.

Regardless of your situation, the challenge for all match officials remains the same –

to officiate to the best of your ability through thorough preparation and to ensure the game is played in the right spirit, that we leave the game of cricket in a better position after our involvement.

Whatever your scenario, my hope is that all of our members enjoy their season ahead, embrace their challenges, never stop learning and enjoy this great game.

Best wishes for your involvement in the sport this season, we hope you enjoy your cricket.



Sue Gregory and Dave Cullen

Executive Officer Update

Troy Penman

Dear Members and Affiliates,

It is an honour to be appointed to the position of Executive Officer, NSWCUA.

The Association has played a big part in my life and I owe it a great deal, having spent the past 10 years as, firstly, Administration Officer then as Administration Manager, I have seen first-hand the impact the Association has on so many.

You the members are what makes the Association tick, and at all times I will remain focused on what will provide the greatest benefit to the wider membership.

As an Association we have so much to be proud of, our members are excelling at all levels.

Women's International Appointments

Claire Polosak has been part of the umpiring team for both the T20 and One Day International series between Australia and Sri Lanka. Claire's colleagues for the 6 matches were Shaun Craig and Phil Gillespie. We congratulate Claire on these appointments.

Male Under 17 National Championships

State Panel members Roberto Howard and Sharad Patel recently attended the Male Under 17 National Championships in Mackay.

We congratulate Roberto Howard on being selected to officiate the Final and Sharad for his appointment to the Third-place playoff. Both umpires have done themselves and the Association proud.

NSW Country Youth Championships

NSW Country Youth Championships has commenced. A number of NSWCUA members from across New South Wales have attended carnivals in the Clarence Valley, Dubbo, Maitland and Raymond Terrace.

Cricket NSW Country Youth Championships

Male U14 Dubbo

29 September-1 October

Bob Allan
Ken Brooks
Dennis Chaplin
Peter Done
Anthony McGettigan
Graham Moon
Mark Munro
Doug Sandry

Male U14 Clarence Valley

29 September-1 October

Tony Blanch
Ian Furner
Ian James
Peter Kent
Bill McCarron
Rob Pye
Graham Rose
Chris Welsh
David Whitby

Male U13 Dubbo

2-4 October

Steve Carracher
Gary Crombie
Colin Harper
Geoff Hoy
Chris King
Gary McAulley
Glenn Pepper
Robert Ryan



Male U15 Dubbo**2-4 October**

Bob Allan
Dennis Chaplin
John De Lyall
Tony Hackett
Pat Kerin
Murray Le Lievre
Graham Moon
Peter Singh
Peter Smith

Male U15 Clarence Valley**2-4 October**

Bill Battese
Bruce Baxter
Tony Blanch
Keith Davies
Peter Kent
Kim Norris
Phil Rainger
Graham Rose

Female U15 Raymond Terrace**8-9 October**

Dennis Chaplin
Katie Collins
Dave Cullen
Geoff Hoy
Elizabeth O'Dwyer
Robert Ryan
Manjinder Sandhu
Abbey Sim

Female U18 Raymond Terrace**10-11 October**

Dennis Chaplin
Katie Collins
Dave Cullen
Sue Gregory
Geoff Hoy
Elizabeth O'Dwyer
Robert Ryan
Manjinder Sandhu

Male U13 Maitland**8-10 October**

Gary Crombie
Pat Holt
Chris King
Gary McAulley

Mike McKenzie

Graham Moon

Rob Pye

Graham Rose



Peter Done and Dennis Chaplin in Dubbo

NSWCUSA Training Courses

The training team was busy throughout September, delivering several Laws courses and PD workshops across the State. Thank you to the Zone Representatives and all in the affiliates who have assisted with the organisation and promotion of the courses.

Thank you as well to the trainers who have once again helped facilitate. These volunteers are not taken for granted and their work is appreciated.

Over the past month our trainers have visited:

- Camden
- Coffs Harbour
- Dubbo
- Fairfield
- Laurieton
- Merimbula
- Newcastle
- Orange

Claire Polosak has also done a wonderful job facilitating Community Officiating courses recently in Warringah and two on the states mid north coast.

Laws Questions

The Examination Committee under the guidance of Chair Andrew Coates has been providing excellent resources to members attending NSWCUSA Ordinary General Meetings. Starting this month, we circulated Laws of Cricket questions and answers to Members and Affiliates to assist with learning and development. The questions can be completed at your convenience and there is no requirement to return the questions with your answers for marking.



Kay Wilcoxon and David Redden in pre-season action

We thank the Examination Committee in advance for providing these resources.

Staffing NSWCUSA/Cricket NSW

Darren Goodger has commenced as Senior Manager, Cricket overseeing Cricket Performance Competitions, the Cricket NSW Pathway, and the Match Officials Team.

Darren will work directly with-

- Coaching and Talent Manager – Country (Mark Cameron)
- Manager, Metropolitan Pathway (Nic Bills)
- Manager, NSW Cricket Performance Competitions (Bruce Whitehouse)
- Executive Officer, NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association (Troy Penman)

The match officials' team at Cricket NSW is therefore-

- Executive Officer, NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association (Troy Penman)
- Administrator, NSWCUSA (Bede Sajowitz)
- Umpire Educator | Female Engagement (Claire Polosak)
- Education Officer (position to be filled)

Roles and Responsibilities

Darren will remain the NSW State Umpire Manager, as he is best placed to retain this Cricket Australia appointment. Darren will also continue as the State Umpire Coach to work closely with the State Panel for their development and progression.

Darren will appoint to representative matches in both metropolitan and country fixtures. Darren will also appoint umpires to NSW Premier Cricket First Grade matches, Plan B Regional Bash matches and all Kingsgrove Sports T20 competition matches.

He will remain part of the Selection Committee that will be formed later in the season for NSW Premier Cricket finals series matches.

Darren will continue to assistance with the Education and Training of members when available.

Matters relating to NSWCUSA should now be directed to myself instead of Darren as his new role has moved him away from working for the Association.

Rules Nights

Two rules nights took place in the lead up to the start of the NSW Premier Cricket season. Both sessions; Tuesday September 24 for returning umpires and Wednesday September 25 for new umpires; were well attended.

I'd like to thank Berend du Plessis for his work in presenting Game 3 to returning umpires and Darren Goodger for presenting Game 3 to new umpires. Bede Sajowitz is thanked for his role in producing the folders that were handed out to all attendees.

The contents of the folders were:

- Playing Conditions Handbook
- Match Report Pad
- Concussion Substitute Policy & Guidelines
- Extreme Heat Policy
- Additional Playing Timetable
- SCA Contact List
- Appointments for Round 1 of NSW Premier Cricket and Sydney Shires Cricket

New Umpire Training

A new umpire training session was held at the Cricket NSW office, Sydney Olympic Park on Tuesday September 17. The aim of the session was to provide training around technique, field craft, decision making and preparation.

I'd like to thank Andrew Coates and Darren Goodger for assisting with the training, both presented excellent sessions that

were informative and helpful to the inexperienced attendees.

The format for the evening was as follows:

- Welcome
- Introduction - Darren Goodger
- Decision Making - Darren Goodger
- Association Matters - Troy Penman
- New Umpires Advice - Andrew Coates
- Net session (arriving to departing the ground) - Troy Penman

A further session is scheduled for Tuesday October 15 to focus on the LBW law and the decision-making processes to further assist with the commencement of their match officiating journey.

Ordinary General Meeting Dates and Venues

Month	Venue
6 November	Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown.
4 December	Bankstown Oval, Chapel Road, Bankstown.
5 February	Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown.
4 March	Bowlers' Club of NSW, 95-97 York Street, Sydney.
1 April	Bankstown Sports Club, 8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown.
6 May	Bowlers' Club of NSW, 95-97 York Street, Sydney.

Annual Dinner

The Association's Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation has been scheduled for Saturday April 18, 2020, once again to be held at Bankstown Sports Club.

State Umpiring Manager Update

Darren Goodger

The cricket season is underway across New South Wales and opportunity is taken here to wish all members the very best for an enjoyable and successful season.

Thank you to those who have facilitated training courses and PD workshops in the non-playing season for the benefit of other members. Well done to all members who have accepted participated in these in order to develop and upskill prior to the season.

The Annual Convention seemed to be a wonderful success. An outstanding attendance of 200 held at a superb venue in Bankstown Sports Club. Thank you to:

- Troy Penman and Bede Sajowitz for their fine work in organising all logistical aspects of the Convention.
- Claire Polosak who did a brilliant job in bringing together a quality program. Claire's work is commended.
- All members who facilitated sessions – your time spent organising and presenting your session is appreciated.
- Bill Hendricks who took photos for keepsake across the weekend.
- John Evans for his work as Merchandise Officer. John, as usual, was efficient and highly organised, and so well supported by Bill Howard and Ray Marshall. Thank you guys – a great job.
- Brian Freedman and Bankstown District Cricket Club for the use of the Stephen and Mark Waugh Pavilion for the Convention Dinner.

- The Board of the Association for approving expenditure on the Convention to ensure it is the best possible experience for all who attend.
- All members who attended for bringing to the weekend such a positive attitude and thirst for knowledge and learning. We also appreciated those who provided feedback via the survey, this allows the event to be improved so it continues to meet members' needs.

It was a pleasure to attend some annual general meetings during the off-season. Highlighted here is the AGM of Far North Coast Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association during which David Went was awarded the Ray Neilson Trophy for being the Umpire of the Year in that affiliate, the second time he has received this significant honour and recognition.



David Went receives the Ray Neilson Trophy from Flora Neilson

David has subsequently announced his retirement from umpiring.

An outstanding man and umpire, David has served umpiring on the far north coast (FNC) and at NSW and Australian Country levels with distinction.

David sent Neil Findlay (Country Umpire Coach) and I a note advising of his decision. Typically humble, David stated:

“I’ve decided to retire from on field umpiring. I know this is the correct decision for the game as the desire and drive is no longer at a level needed to deliver Umpiring at an acceptable standard. Simply, the ‘fire’ has diminished to a flicker. Thanks for making so many great memories for me.”

A two-time winner of the Kevin Pye Medal (2014 & 2015) as NSW Country Umpire of the Year, David set himself the highest of standards. Respected across North Coastal Cricket Zone for his match management and decision-making skills, David has mentored and encouraged many a colleague over the years of his involvement. So many count David Went as a friend.

David officiated at two Australian Country Cricket Championships (Albury 2010 & Wollongong 2017).

David is a distinguished cricket administrator, having served as treasurer of Lismore District Cricket Association (LDCA) for 18 years. David is a Life Member of the LDCA having been a wonderfully committed volunteer.

David umpired in the Brisbane first grade competition for two seasons before returning to umpire on the FNC, including standing in the inaugural Brisbane First Grade T20 Final played at the Gabba.

David is a Principal Member of NSWCUA, the Board choosing to recognise his commitment to excellence and his exceptional on and off field service to cricket and umpiring.

David’s retirement came as a genuine surprise to me, but it is a decision that is understood and respected. He is acknowledged for his exemplary contribution and service, and his integrity in all he undertakes.

Among many career highlights, David:

- Was a member of the Country Umpire Representative Panel for 12 seasons.
- Umpired three Women’s National Cricket League matches –
 - NSW v ACT at BISP (2012 with Neil Findlay)
 - NSW v Queensland at BISP (2013 with Muhammad Qureshi)
 - NSW v Tasmania at Manly (2014 with Marc Nickl)
- Umpired the Sydney Sixers v Hong Kong T20 fixture at Coffs Harbour in 2016 with Phil Rainger.

Congratulations ‘Pickets’ on a stellar career. The greatest compliment that can be paid to you is that you enjoyed the respect of the players and your colleagues. Thank you for all you have done and best wishes for your future endeavours which we hope will see you remain involved in cricket.

The Cricket NSW Youth Championships (Country and Metro) has commenced. The championships clarify the pathway to higher levels for all participants.

The inaugural season of the Cricket NSW Youth Championships will provide wonderful opportunities for players, coaches and umpires to experience representative cricket, with the response

among the cricket community across the state being most positive to this exciting new concept.

Our purpose at Cricket NSW is to inspire people to love cricket. By making the Pathway process easier to understand, we hope these championships enhance this purpose.

We express our gratitude to the Competitions Team led by Bruce Whitehouse and the Youth Championships staff, Jess McMahon and Stephen Blomfield, all of whom have done a fantastic job bringing the Youth Championships to reality.

The exceptional work of Stephen Blomfield in forming an umpires' panel for the Metro Youth Championships is acknowledged and appreciated. Thank you to all umpires, metro and country, for being available to umpire at the Youth Championships. Good umpiring contributes massively to a better cricket experience for the players and all stakeholders. Congratulations to all members who have been appointed. Enjoy your involvement this season.

Congratulations to Ben Treloar on his List A debut as an umpire in the Marsh One-Day Cup match at Karen Rolton Oval between South Australia and Tasmania. A thoroughly deserved appointment. Ben is an outstanding member who has given so much to the Association.

Congratulations to Roberto Howard on his appointment to umpire the U17 Male National Championships Final between NSW Metro and Western Australia at Ray Mitchell Oval (Mackay). Western Australia won the final in a nail biter by one run (WA 190, NSW 189). Roberto's appointment to umpire the final comes on the back of

thorough preparation and high-quality performance across the matches he umpired in Mackay.

We wish Berend du Plessis well and offer congratulations on his appointment to umpire at the U19 Male National Championships in Perth in December.

Umpire appointments to other Cricket Australia Youth National Championships will be announced in November.

Graeme Glazebrook has been selected to attend the Australian Country Cricket Championships in Toowoomba in January. Congratulations Graeme, we wish you the very best for the ACCC and know that you will represent New South Wales with distinction.

Special mention is made of Rod Tucker who continues to thrive as a member of the Elite Panel of ICC Umpires. Rod was appointed as third umpire for the World Cup Final between England and New Zealand at Lord's, highlighting the standing and respect he enjoys in world cricket. Rod umpired five matches on field at the World Cup and has recently been in the Caribbean where he stood in the first test between West Indies and India.

Paul Wilson's test debut as an umpire is acknowledged. Our congratulations are offered to "Blocker". He has been such a consistent performer in Australian domestic cricket in recent seasons and deserved this opportunity. Paul and Gerard Abood continue as members of the International Panel of ICC Umpires. We wish them the very best for the 2019-20 season.

Congratulations to Troy Penman on his appointment as NSWCUA Executive Officer and on him bringing up 10 years'



service as a Cricket NSW employee. Troy has served the Association with excellence since 2009. He has been dedicated and sincere in his work, doing a great job across so many different functions.

Among many successes, Troy has secured substantial sponsorship for NSWCUA, developed an appointment and selection strategy for NSW Premier Cricket umpires, improved the format of the Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation, revamped and improved the NSWCUA webpage, enhanced services provided to members, initiated various member gifts. Troy has never counted the cost and has done much of the 'heavy lifting' for the Association over the years. Thanks are offered to Troy for his commitment, loyalty and patience. We wish him well for his time as Executive Officer.

Congratulations to Bede Sajowitz on his promotion to Administrator. Bede has performed to an excellent standard and deserves the upgrade. He has been outstanding in communication with our members and in servicing them.

At a Special General Meeting of the Association on October 2, Neil Findlay and Geoff Garland were honoured with Life Membership of the NSWCUA. They were the 52nd and 53rd recipients respectively.

Both were humble and proud in their acceptance and deserving of the membership upgrade. Further details are included in this publication by our management team, but I acknowledge here the amazing contribution of Neil and Geoff and thank them for their dedicated service to NSWCUA.

In closing I wish all members the very best for the 2019-20 cricket season and thank you for all you do for cricket across New South Wales. Prepare as best you can and respect every ball as you represent yourself and the Association to the best of your ability.

"Mental toughness is about giving 100% of your attention to the next ball bowled. To do this you have to eliminate all distractions and back yourself to handle anything that comes your way by being fully present for every ball." S. R. Waugh.

Darren Goodger
Senior Manager, Cricket
State Umpiring Manager (CNSW)



Roberto Howard, Steve Davis and Mattis van Eck ahead of the U7 National Championships Final

Ian Wright Elected to NSWCUSA Life Membership

Bede Sajowitz

The Association acknowledged the exceptional and outstanding service of one of its long-standing members; with the election of Ian Wright to Life Membership at a Special General Meeting on 3 July.

Having joined the Association in 1979, Ian became NSWCUSA's 51st Life Member in its 106-year history.

Joining the Association as an umpire, he was a regular feature in the Sydney Grade competition, as it was then known. Up until he decided to step away from on-field duties, Ian officiated in 292 Sydney Cricket Association fixtures, including 48 matches in First Grade.

After 22 years of on-field officiating, Ian moved into scoring where he has excelled further. Having since gone on to reach state and international level, he made his scoring debut in 2006 for Macquarie University Cricket Club and his NSW Premier Cricket First Grade debut with the Sydney Cricket Club in 2010.

Since reaching the representative level, Ian has performed with distinction. He scored the Women's National Cricket League Final in both 2011-12 and 2012-13 before making his first-class debut in the 2013-14 Sheffield Shield fixture between New South Wales and South Australia at the SCG.

In 2017-18, he scored his first Men's One Day International, making his debut in the

match between Australia and England at the SCG and last season saw Ian make his T20 International debut in the Australia v India match, also at the SCG.

His outstanding scoring record now reads:

State 2nd XI/Futures League	10
Futures League T20	3
Women's T20 Domestic	33
Women's One Day Domestic	15
Men's T20 Domestic	24
List A	31
First-Class	11
Men's T20 International	1
Women's One Day International	3
Men's One Day International	2

Away from the cricket ground, Ian has served the Association in various off-field capacities including the previous 11 seasons as the Association's Social Match Appointments Officer, a role he has filled for the last 11 seasons.

In addition to the Association, Ian continues to give distinguished service to NSW Premier Cricket's Sydney Cricket Club.

Ian's service to the Association and to the wider cricketing community sees him as a deserving recipient of the upgrade to Life Membership of the Association.



SCG XI Ashes Tour – The Umpires' Diary

Bruce Baxter

Pre-tour

I arrived two days prior to the tour began to take in some sights. Sunday was London's annual Bicycle Day. Roads are closed around London to allow 100,000+ cyclists to have free reign for the day. The day is designed to encourage more Englishman to get on a bike and off the sofa. There were no restrictions on the bikes used and the getups of some of the participants were a sight to see!

Having read that exercise helps overcome jetlag so I donned my new joggers and set off to Hyde Park. Took in the Science Museum and the Natural History Museum on the way, the latter being a most impressive building. With 400,000 geological specimens I was in Rock Heaven.

Murphy's Law was once again confirmed as being in Hyde Park and as far away from the Hotel as possible, the unmistakable feeling of blisters on my heel hit me. No band aids. Slow walk back to the Hotel but entered my first Pub for a pint. Good taste but my first warm beer.

English hotels have different processes to usual. Beds have one sheet only and a doona that would keep you warm in the Arctic. No light blankets or second sheets. No wonder the Pommies have a reputation for not showering. You need glasses and a PhD to work the showers. One dial to select the temperature and the other the flow rate.

Tour Day 1

A meet and greet. We decided to go to the nearest pub to watch the end of the

First Test. It was all over before the first beer was bought! It would have been a waste as the pub did not have any TVs and the cricket is not on free to air in England and only on Pay TV.

Tour Day 2

Players have a net at the Lord's Indoor Cricket Centre. Ex-English opener David Malan was also there with the Middlesex coach. Must have spent an hour against the bowling machine revved up from medium to fast. SCG boys bowled on one net and had another machine on the other which is programmed to bowl either leg spin or offies.



Bruce rings the bell at Lord's

The net followed by a three-hour tour of Lord's [normally only one hour] First stop

is The Eye which gives a great view of the ground followed by the Players' Pavilion. First thing you notice is how small the space is for both the visitors and the home teams. The room has bench seats and only four are allowed onto the balcony at any time. You can imagine the congestion on game days in the very limited space. Commissioned portraits adorn the walls of the stairs, the Long Room and the Writing Room. On the visitors' side you look up and Viv, Richie and Warnie are looking down at you.

Tour manager Rossco had organised a museum curator, Heather, to bring out some special exhibits for our group. We were able to don the white gloves and swing the bat that Victor Trumper and Monty Noble shared in the 1920s or the bat the Don scored his 300 with at Lord's. The scorebook of the Lords Test in which Bob Massie took his 16 wickets was there for us to see.

Luncheon at the Lords Tavern saw an address by Robert Hillman of the ECB outlining the new 'Hundred' format to be introduced next season in England. Some interesting PCs for the new format. 20 x 5 ball overs with a 4 over limit. A bowler may bowl two consecutive overs. During the innings, teams will bowl two overs from one end then two overs from the other. The idea behind the introduction is to speed up the game and improve TV ratings with a 6.30 pm start for each game. They are hoping to bring more players to the game. 14 counties will be divided somehow into 8 franchises for the duration of the competition.

Tour Day 3 - Match v Dulwich CC

A loss for the SCG XI against a young but talented Dulwich team. My colleague, Graeme Starc, was barely understandable with a broad English accent but the most up to date with our accepted NSWCUA

practices. Six rain interruptions did not detract from the game, but it did introduce me to the London weather as I needed two layers on all day. Dulwich had a sports centre with cricket, squash, croquet and lawn tennis in the complex. The club has 650 juniors on their books!!

Tour Day 4

The morning saw a guided tour around the sights of London. The boys hopped off around London for some shopping and further sightseeing. Yours truly opted for another walk this time with old shoes on around Regents Park and Primrose Hill.

In the evening we attended the local derby T20 match between Middlesex and Surrey at Lord's. The match was a sell-out as it was AB De Villiers last game for the home team. Eoin Morgan and AB went off with the bat and Steven Finn with the ball leading Middlesex to a comfortable victory. Great atmosphere at the ground with the crowd joining in the singing between overs to popular songs. *Sweet Caroline* and *Hey Jude* were the most raucous.

Footnote: Dawid Malan opened for Middlesex and took strike. Surrey opened with a spinner and Malan lasted only three balls. Should have practised against the spin machine!!

Tour Day 5 - Match v MCC XI

This one was a very different game with the MCC players arriving at the ground in their MCC blazers and tie. My colleague Keir Hopley was also in an MCC blazer and tie. Keir is the eccentric Englishman. No ball-counter but 6 Ludo tokens to keep count. Another cool day so no hat for Keir just his chrome dome to add to the atmosphere. MCC won the game.

In their hosting generosity the MCC offered a new Dukes for the SCG boys to use. It is clear after a few overs this Dukes is not of the highest quality. When MCC



came to bowl I noted it was a Dukes but was a grade 1 quality ball!!! Post-match we were hosted by the MCC in the writing room at Lord's, enjoying an impressive evening with a three-course dinner and drinks laid on. Of course, there was a Port to finish proceedings.

Tour Day 6 - travel day to Brighton via Hambledon and Arundel.

A traditional fish and chip lunch was enjoyed at the Bat and Ball Hotel in Hambledon. Hambledon is regarded as the birthplace of cricket because it was here that the Laws of Cricket were formulated.

The pub is a hive of historic artefacts. Being a Saturday, there was a club match going on at the adjoining ground in freezing gale force winds. We also called into the village of Arundel, a delightful village full of historical buildings.

Tour Day 7 - Match v Sir Ron Aldridge XI

The first win on tour for the SCG XI. Colleague Miles Clark was the first umpire to resemble a NSWCUA member, however like Keir the day was cold so a hat not an option. I had three layers on and was still cool. Must have been 16 degrees with a chill factor making it 10! Ian Wright was the sole scorer and used an orange coloured board as a signal. Wrighty



Miles and Bruce

copped a workout during the day and his fatigued right arm needed copious G&Ts in post-match recovery.

Tour Day 8

Free morning. I took in the Royal Pavilion, a creation of George IV as vice regal [king in waiting]. Outside there are Hindu and Muslim influences while inside it bears a heavy Chinese influence in every room with all restored to their original magnificence.

In the afternoon a visit to the Keeley bat manufacturing shed, which was a real eye opener. The factory in the country was at the end of narrow country roads where the trees touched both sides of the bus - and it is was a two-way road!

The first thing you notice are random piles of logs and similar piles of off-cuts. We pull up and there were three Pakistani players picking up their newest bats, who then joined us on the tour. Co-owner Nick insisted we partake of the contents of the fridge which was full of all kinds of beer. Around the walls of the workshop and showroom was a collection of bats numbering hundreds from the last 60 years. The Keeleys make bats for a rollcall of Test players including Kohli, Head and Gayle. Most just get the blank bat then take them to their sponsor for the stickers to adorn their bats. After watching the bats being machined, I realised if they were subject to NSW work and safety practices, they would be closed down immediately. The Keeleys sales practices were effective with the boys taking seven bats away with them.

The evening was spent in the Sussex CC vault where we were dined by the county. Again, a three-course meal with beer and wine at the ready. Jason Gillespie was our guest speaker for the evening, was very generous with his time and rated Simon

Taufel and Rudi Koertzen as the best umpires of his experience.

Tour Day 9 - Match v Duke of Norfolk XI at Arundel Castle

The match and ground were highlight of the tour. The match saw the SCG XI win a close and exciting game. I met my mate and he proved to be another 6-rock counter umpire and a believer in the David Constant School of Umpiring – if you cannot count then you should not be umpiring, hence the business of two-to-go is totally unnecessary. Terry was not a total believer although a two-to-go signal was a concession to teamwork for the day.



Bruce, Terry and Ian

The day attracted 200-plus spectators to the ground with a Sponsors' Luncheon for 60 guests which was shared with the players. Lunch was pulled pork and roast veggies with strawberries and cream for dessert. There was a printed programme and a ground announcer for the match. Wrighty and my names were absent from the original programme and upon realisation from the ground manager, new

programmes were printed with our names added to the programmes.

SCG XI ran down a score of 266 off 40 overs with 2 balls to spare. Nick Govers 146 off 79 balls provided the match highlight. A few post-match pints then off to London for the Lords Test.

Tour Day 10 – Lord's Test Day 1

A washout. However, I was able to walk around the ground between showers and in the process ran into a Grafton couple. At Lords you are permitted to take a bottle of wine or four bottles of beer into the ground. I was able to share my bottle of Aussie shiraz with a Grafton couple.

Further around the ground I moved into a members' enclosure to escape the rain. I spoke to the friendly steward for a while and then a tap on the shoulder revealed another Grafton couple. The steward allowed us to remain in the members', so it was more pints until play called off then off to the Duke of Norfolk for more camaraderie with our new-found English friends.

Tour Day 11 – Lord's Test Day 2

Great atmosphere at the ground. Pressure was on everyone as Dar made a great decision for a caught behind. Poms bowled out for 258 and Australia needed to bat 18 overs to reach stumps. Warner copped the booing once again. In Australia, radio commentators had claimed the booing is coming from a vocal minority, but the reality is that the booing was universal and loud, even coming from a conservative Lord's crowd. I missed the Barmy Army at Lord's as the group are not considered appropriate to the Lord's ethos. We were joined in the stands by Rodney Hogg and he told some good yarns and gave some good insights. After play, it was a walk to the Prince Alfred for a post-match dinner and more pints.

Tour Day 12 - Match v High Wycombe

An historic club with a clubhouse adorned with photos from the 1800s and early 1900s. Unfortunately, rain intervened after 17 overs and there was no alternative but to enjoy the hospitality of our hosts. Food, pints and darts with the locals and their dogs in the bar. Englishmen certainly do love their dogs.

Tour Day 13 - Free Day

Four of us travelled to Cardiff for the England v Wales rugby match at Millennium Stadium. This was undoubtedly the non-cricket highlight of the tour and definitely a bucket list item for any person going to Wales. Arriving at Cardiff, the streets were all closed to traffic leaving a sea of people on the streets. Pubs are chockers with patrons spilling onto the streets and street vendors spruiking for business with a great vibe all round.

Entering the stadium, the roof was closed and a 200-voice choir was singing with a 50-piece pipe and brass band. Tears to the eye for the first time. Players are warming up and the choir starts singing *Hey Jude* and the crowd fills the stadium with sound. Tears to the eye once again. Players leave the ground. More songs from the choir, some in Welsh with all the Welsh singing along. To great fanfare, the teams returned to the ground for the anthems.

Firstly, God Save the Queen as the stadium filled with sound once more. Tears to the eyes again even as a republican! The Welsh national anthem came next. With every Welsh person singing the anthem had periods of light and shade before building to a mind-blowing crescendo which all but opened the roof. Tears to the eye for the fourth time and the match hadn't even started!

The match was a passionate affair with Wales prevailing 13-6 to take the World Number 1 ranking from the All Blacks. We left the locals to return to the pubs to celebrate while we travelled back to London to have Indian for dinner.

Tour Day 14 - Match v Old Wimbledonians

Rain in the morning meant a late start and reduced overs for the match. Like in High Wycombe, I was left mate-less in the middle. SCG XI made 297 off their 35 overs and were able to coast in the field.



With the rain cleared and the covers off!

They say you should learn something new each day [or at least strive to]. On this day my new learning came in taking guard - the opening bat for Old Wimbledonians asked for a number 1 guard. as the non-plussed umpire I had to seek education from the batsman. Seems they take five guard positions. Number One is leg to leg. Two is middle and leg. Centre is middle stump. Number four is middle and off and number five is off stump. Rather simple really and a system that could gain acceptance. After the match, it was a few pints of Guinness and a curry for dinner. What more could a sole umpire desire? Back to the hotel for a

tour debrief and sharing stories, both funny and personal. So, the tour ended.

Some Observations

English pitches are vastly different to our own. They are not as hard as ours and appear to have a component of silt in the soil. When they wear, they get dusty on top, whilst our pitches crack and the ball come on to the bat quicker. The grass on the pitches is not couch as in Australia.

English umpires also have different processes to our own. The toss is one area where umpires turn up in their civvies and the skips likewise. Teamwork does not appear to be a great priority. Black pants are not necessarily part of the uniform and

hats are an optional extra. Retired workers who are umpires will do 40 – 50 matches during the season.

Cricket is certainly a multicultural game in the 21st century. These some are the names of the bowlers encountered on the tour: Abhi, Nesan, Assan, Jaffa, Sala, Ahmed, Infaan, Rico, Apoorv, Rohit, Jibran, Imran (yes, he was Khan) and J (“just call me J - no one can pronounce, let alone spell my name!”)

The SCG Trust has given the opportunity for NSWCUA members to join their SCG XI tours. It was a great privilege to represent our association on tour and to receive the support I received from NSWCUA.



Ahead of the match v MCC

Ben Treloar Makes List A Umpiring Debut

Cate Ryan

Cricket Australia

Cricket Australia (CA) Supplementary Umpire Panel Member Ben Treloar made his List A umpiring debut in the match between South Australia and Tasmania at Karen Rolton Oval in Adelaide on 1 October.

After drawing his playing career to a close in 2006, Treloar returned to the middle to take up umpiring. In season 2010-11 and 2012-13 he was appointed to the CA Under 17 Male National Championships before starting a three-year consecutive spell in the CA Under 19 Male National Championships from 2013-14 to 2015-16.

Treloar was then exposed to international underage cricket the following season, when he was appointed to officiate in the Under 19 International Series between Australia and Sri Lanka in Hobart.

In season 2017-18, Treloar took the next step in his umpiring career and was appointed to the six-member CA Supplementary Umpire Panel. Since then he has umpired 20 matches in the Rebel WBBL competition; ten Toyota Second XI matches and has had exposure to the KFC BBL as Third and Fourth Umpire.

Treloar was also appointed Fourth Umpire to the Women's Ashes Test Match between Australia and England at North Sydney Oval in 2017.

In NSW Men's Premier Cricket, Treloar has stood in a total of 217 matches including 134

First-Grade and eight lower grade Grand Finals.

Off-field, Treloar received a place in the Australian Sports Commission National Officiating Scholarship (NOS) program in 2017.

The program was a key stepping stone for Treloar into High Performance Officiating. To complement his progression on the pathway, Treloar was later part of the inaugural Cricket Australia High Performance Officiating program.

Treloar's contribution to umpiring in New South Wales has also been duly recognised, being named the winner of the prestigious George Borwick Memorial Award, the NSW Cricket Umpires' & Scorers' Association's highest honour.

Treloar will stand alongside CA National Umpire Panel member Simon Fry with the match being overseen by CA Match Referee Bob Stratford.



Simon Fry, Ben Treloar and Bob Stratford ahead of the fixture

NSWCUSA Welcomes Two New Life Members

Bede Sajowitz

The Association recently celebrated a remarkable evening in its' history as Life Membership was bestowed upon two members at a Special General Meeting on 3 October.

Neil Findlay and Geoff Garland became the 52nd and 53rd Life Members of NSWCUSA after members in attendance voted unanimously to recognise their significant service with the honour.

Neil joined the Association in 1997 and was upgraded to Full Membership the following year before becoming a Principal Member at the first opportunity in 2013.

Findlay's on-field record is distinguished, serving on the Country Umpire Representative Panel for seventeen seasons from 2000-01 until 2016-17, whilst in his local competition, Neil has umpired more than 20 Cricket Illawarra First Grade finals.

During his career, he has officiated in excess of 550 matches both locally and across the State and he has also been recognised with Life Membership of the Illawarra Cricket Umpires' Association.

Neil's off-field service to the Association has been just as distinguished, serving as the Illawarra Zone Representative for NSWCUSA since 2005, working to ensure strong umpire numbers locally through facilitating regular education and development for new and active umpires.

Findlay has served as the Association's Liaison Officer since 2011, working with Affiliated Associations across the State helping them to forge a stronger link to NSWCUSA.

This season, Neil has undertaken the role of Country Umpire Coach, working closely with the Country Umpire Representative Panel to mentor the panel and assist with their development as umpires.

At a Cricket Australia level, Neil continues as a member of the Supplementary Panel of Match Referees entering his third season, since joining the panel in 2017-18.

Geoff joined the Association in 1991, being upgraded to Full Membership in 1993 and becoming a Principal Member in 2009.

On-field, Garland is the Sydney Cricket Association's tenth most experienced umpire in its' extensive history, having stood in 430 matches and counting – with 134 of those in First Grade.

A member of Panel 3 for the 2019-20 season, Geoff contributes significantly to enhancing the development of newer umpires through his work as an on-field observer and as a mentor.

Many of the new umpires he stands with, he has also been involved in their training prior to their first match – regularly assisting with the facilitation of training courses all over New South Wales.

Geoff has also served the Association with distinction in the Boardroom, being a Director since 2010, during which time he was also the Chairman – from 2013 to 2018 – guiding the Association from strength to strength.

He has been an Ex-Officio Director to many NSWCUA Committees in his time, sharing his knowledge and expertise with all for the benefit of the Association, currently working with the Examination Committee.

Geoff is currently a member of the NSW Premier Cricket Umpire Selection Committee, selecting umpire panels ahead of the season and then umpires to officiate in the finals series each season.

Both members have made significant contributions to the Association and are well deserving of the upgrade to Life Membership.



Dick French presented Life Membership blazers to Neil Findlay and Geoff Garland

U17 National Championships Umpires Confirmed

Bede Sajowitz

Cricket Australia have confirmed the umpires that will officiate at the 2019-20 U17 Male National Championships that were held in Mackay, beginning on 30 September.

Amongst the panel of ten umpires appointed to the tournament are two NSWCUA members, Roberto Howard and Sharad Patel.

This was Patel's first experience at the U17 level, having attended the U15 Male National Championships on the Sunshine Coast in February earlier this year.

Sharad was on-field for two matches in the Futures League T20 at Bankstown International Sportspark (BISP), which took place in January and also officiated in Cricket Australia's inaugural National Premier Cricket T20 Championships in Adelaide in March.

It was at that tournament where he was appointed to the semi-final between Victoria Premier Cricket club Carlton, the eventual winners, and NSW Premier Cricket's Sutherland.

The 2015-16 winner of the Association's Alan Marshall Medal in his first season, Patel has now officiated 63 Sydney Cricket Association (SCA) matches, including 20 in NSW Premier Cricket First Grade.

A member of the 2018-19 NSW State Umpire Panel, this was Howard's third time attending the U17 National

Championships, having previously attended the 2017-18 edition on the Sunshine Coast and 2018-19 tournament, also held in Mackay.

Following his elevation to the State Panel last season, Roberto was appointed to two WBBL fixtures as well as also officiating a match in the Futures League T20 at BISP.

Having made his first appearance on-field in NSW Premier Cricket in the 2010-11 season, Howard has now officiated in 131 matches in SCA competitions, including 29 in First Grade.

Unlike previous editions of the tournament, this season did not feature a mentor umpire from Cricket Australia's National Umpire Panel, allowing further opportunity for umpires in the national pathway.

The full panel of umpires for the 2019-20 U17 Male National Championships was as follows-

- Simon Burns (Tasmania)
- Ashlee Gibbons (Western Australia)
- **Roberto Howard**
- Nathan James (Queensland)
- Jerry Matibiri (Tasmania)
- **Sharad Patel**
- Jack Paterson (Western Australia)
- Andrew Scotford (Australian Capital Territory)
- Harsimran Singh (South Australia)
- Mattis Van Eck (Victoria)

Technical

Darren Goodger

Four questions are posed by the Technical Committee for the consideration of members. Answers are on the page below.

1. The ball is hit into the outfield and the batsmen run. After they have crossed on their second run a fielder gathers the ball and throws it towards the bowler's end wicket. The throw is off target and the ball runs to the boundary, by which time the batsmen have completed three runs. How many runs are scored from that delivery?
2. The striker tries to avoid being hit by a No ball but makes no attempt to hit it with his bat. The ball hits him on his shoulder, is missed by the wicket-keeper and then hits a fielder's helmet that is on the ground behind the wicket-keeper. How many runs, if any, are added to the total?
3. A match starts at 12.15pm. A member of the fielding side arrives late and takes the field at 12.45pm. What is the earliest time she can be permitted to bowl?
4. In her delivery stride, the bowler accidentally knocks one bail off the stumps with her hand holding the ball. What shall the umpire do?



Working through Laws questions at the Annual Convention

ANSWERS

1. 6 runs. (**Law 19.8**)
2. 6 runs. The runs being recorded as 1 No ball and 5 penalty runs to the batting side. 1 run is debited against the bowler, this being for the No ball. (**Laws 28.3.3 & 18.10.2**)
3. 1.15pm. (**Law 24.2**)
4. If, in delivering the ball, the bowler's person, clothing or other object falling from the bowler, breaks the wicket at the bowler's end in the run-up, delivery stride, or first foot placement of the follow-through, the umpire shall call and signal No ball. (**Law 21.6**)

Aussie Trio Scale New Umpiring Heights

Emily Collin | cricket.com.au

Former Australian Test fast bowler Paul Wilson will stand in his first Test match next month while leading female umpires Claire Polosak and Eloise Sheridan continue to blaze a trail in the sport.

Wilson will become Australia's 90th umpire to reach the pinnacle of the sport for officials and stand in a Test match when he takes the field for the one-off Bangladesh v Afghanistan Test match in Chittagong next week.

He's already umpired 28 ODI matches and 11 T20 internationals. He earned a Baggy Green playing one Test for Australia in Kolkata in 1998.

"The past 21 years since that match in Kolkata have gone by very fast," Wilson said ahead of his debut match alongside Englishman Nigel Llong.

"I'm looking forward to getting out there and enjoying some quality red-ball cricket. Test matches are the pinnacle of our game and it is a privilege to be joining a select group of people to have officiated at this level.

"It is also a great thrill to join Paul Reiffel as one of a handful of people to have played and now umpire at Test level."

Wilson was last summer awarded CA's Umpire Award as the game's best official for the second successive year.



Claire Polosak, Paul Wilson and Eloise Sheridan

Polosak and Sheridan are two of six women appointed to an all-female umpiring panel for the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup Global Qualifier tournament in Scotland.

Polosak and Sheridan will be joined on the panel by Jacqueline Williams, Sue Redfern, Kim Cotton and Lauren Agenbach all from the ICC Development Panel of Umpires.

The qualifying tournament commences on August 31 and will see eight teams compete for two places at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 to be held in Australia.

The appointment marks the latest milestone for Polosak and Sheridan, who have blazed a trail for female umpires among the elite levels of the game.

"To have an all-female umpiring team at an ICC event for the first time is really exciting," Polosak said.

"It shows female umpires across the world are making the most of their opportunities which ensures the officiating family continues to get stronger."

Last year's Rebel Women's Big Bash League season saw the pair make history as the first female umpiring duo to officiate a professional fixture on Australian soil.

On top of that, Polosak has also made strides in the men's game – last year

becoming the first woman to umpire a men's One Day International in Namibia.

Sheridan was the first female umpire to be appointed to the South Australian State Umpire Panel, having decided to take up officiating to remain involved in the game after her playing career ended.

The pair will be on-field umpires for four fixtures each throughout the tournament, including the match between Thailand and Namibia which they will officiate together.



Paul Wilson and Nigel Llong walk off the field for an interval in the Bangladesh v Afghanistan Test

Female Umpire Engagement

Claire Polosak

Sunday 15 September saw the third annual Female Umpire Training Day held at the Cricket NSW office in Sydney Olympic Park.

Eight females who are intending on umpiring in a variety of competitions attended as part of their preparation for the fast approaching 2019-20 season.

The morning sessions were based around an activity of questions of the 2019 Code of the MCC Laws of Cricket. The umpires also completed a season plan that will focus them on their umpiring and development for the season.

There was also a scenarios-based session where different groups role played what they would say when faced with different situations on the cricket pitch.

The umpires were very fortunate to have National Umpire Panel member Greg Davidson present to the group around the different types of pitches they are likely to

encounter throughout the season, as well as tips and tricks for managing Ground, Weather and Light.

We thank Greg for being so willing to share his experience and learnings from a lifetime of being involved in cricket.

After lunch, which was a lovely chicken curry cooked by Manjinder Sandhu, the umpires headed for the nets.

Alan Mantle was also on hand to speak to the umpires individually about different aspects of their umpiring and their own day to day situations.

In conjunction with the sessions with Alan Mantle, the umpires were also in the nets for a session with some net bowlers and batters who provided the umpires with practical experience umpiring at both the bowler's end and striker's end. This was a valuable opportunity for the returning umpires to start to find their routines and rhythm again, and for brand new umpires, an opportunity to experience umpiring for the first time in a supportive environment.

Cricket Australia have recently developed a Virtual Reality umpiring app, which was also on hand to provide the umpires with several overs from both the bowler's end and the striker's end.

These deliveries also provided the umpires instant feedback as to the decisions that they had made.



Greg Davidson presents to the group

2019 Convention – A Scorer's Ac-count

Adrian Tham

The off-season seems to get shorter and shorter as scorers from a variety of backgrounds gathered again for the 2019 NSWCUA Convention at Bankstown Sports Club.

As usual the program was filled with a mix of thought-provoking reflections, game scenarios to ponder and practical scoring activities to blow the cobwebs out. The first morning commenced with Life Member, Marilyn Fowler who presented the 7 “Cs” of Scoring – a summary of the characteristics demanded of scorers and a great reminder of what we should strive for.

Troy Penman informed us about Association procedures, the pathway to representative scoring and his own cricket journey to his current standing as one of the emerging talents in Australian umpiring. Another talent on the rise, Ben Treloar joined us with his regular spot about the Laws and how they are applied in real scenarios. I always take something out of this session as each scenario is played out on video and we are asked, “what should happen according to the Laws” particularly from a scoring perspective. A range of situations require scorers to know the Laws then and there without input from the umpires.

After a hearty lunch break, Kay Wilcoxon, who made her Test debut last summer, provided a different scoring activity – reconstructing a scorecard from linear worksheets. Linear sheets are a short-hand version of the scorecard and allow scorers to readily determine statistics such

as a batter's current score and balls faced, batting partnership runs and balls, and to answer questions such as “how many balls did the batter take to get from 50 to 100?” or “how many boundaries did that batter score off that bowler?”.

Performance specialist, Alan Mantle then joined us to focus on how to better focus and prepare for scoring. Alan is also a popular regular who guides us with exercises we can all do to calm the mind and be as ready as possible to perform at our best during a match – one exercise called the Alpha technique allows the subconscious to be free and clear, removing other thoughts from the mind that can take focus off the task at hand.

The first day concluded with Greg Davidson who presented his insights about match management and the highlights of his umpire exchange in South Africa, giving a taste of the cricket talent that he witnessed and the cultural features of the communities in which he stayed. We proceeded to Bankstown Oval next door for a delicious dinner, a great accompaniment to the Ashes action on the big screen!

On day two of the Convention, Marilyn opened up discussion about scoring solo – something that we may even need to do at some representative games! This session was again good preparation for something that most, if not all of us will face at some point. The keynote guest of the Convention was Chris Nunn, who came back to present following rave reviews from Wagga Wagga 2018. Chris



provided all of us in attendance with a greater awareness of personality types and how each will approach a situation differently. Do we tend towards dealing with facts and detail, or being more strategic at a big picture level, or do we tap into people's emotions to come up with a solution? The session prompted us to understand others better in order to achieve beneficial outcomes for everyone.

Our most recent Test umpire debutant, Paul Wilson presented to us about his World Cup experience in the UK and noted the camaraderie amongst all of his colleagues while answering questions from the floor including one about the next "step" in no-ball detection technology which may see sensors under the crease to alert umpires of an overstep!

One final scoring exercise was undertaken to make sure our pens were flowing, and the Convention was already at an end.

Thanks to Marilyn and the Scorers Committee for putting together the program alongside Darren, Claire, Troy and Bede, all of our presenters, Bankstown Sports Club and Bankstown Cricket Club for hosting us. We look forward to next year's Convention and the possibility of visiting another part of NSW!

Note: I add my personal thanks to all our wonderful guest presenters who help make the scorers' program both education and entertaining. Also, thanks to Adrian for volunteering to write this informative report.

***Merilyn,
Chair, Scorers' Committee***



Scorers in attendance at the Annual Convention

Umpiring in the UK 2019

Tony Carr

Andrew Coates

In June and July this year we were fortunate to spend six weeks in the UK umpiring just North of London in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire, and in the Greater Manchester area. This was a wonderful experience which we'd recommend to anyone who enjoys umpiring.

Preparation

Preparation for our trip started well in advance of leaving. NSWCUA member Ian Herbert is the appointments officer of the Greater Manchester Cricket League and he put us in touch with his counterpart in Hertfordshire, who in turn connected us with his colleague in Bedfordshire. We knew of 3 different leagues we'd be standing in, with the prospect of several others while we were there. We downloaded and summarised playing conditions and read and digested a number of policies including lightning and underage bowling which come from the ECB ACO rather than the leagues themselves.



Herbie looked after us pretty well while we were there

Memberships

While none of the associations we received appointments from required it, Andrew joined the ECB Association of Cricket Officials (ACO). This included insurance and made explaining our working with children check procedures to those unfamiliar with it unnecessary. It did, however, require a couple of things that either took some time or were not necessarily easy.

Firstly the ECB ACO (and all its' affiliated associations) require a "DBS Check" which is similar to the NSW Working with children check. However, the ACO won't accept a WWC certificate as a replacement. They require a National Police Check from the AFP. While this can be applied for online, the lead time listed is up to 15 working days (although it was significantly less than this in our case).

Secondly, to be a registered umpire and be covered, you cannot be an international member, which in turn means you need an address in the UK. In our case, Andrew had family in the UK whose address could be used.

Travel

We travelled independently to the UK but while we were there, we managed pretty well with a single hire car for most of the trip. This was made much easier in Manchester where we were appointed together for all our matches.

Accommodation

We both stayed with or around family for the first week and then flatted together for the next five weeks in a couple of Airbnbs. Having a stable base in Manchester, particularly, was a good decision. Six weeks is a long time to be living out of a suitcase, so having facilities like a washing machine, some space to spread out and a kitchen made a big difference.

Clothing/Equipment

While the ECB ACO and several of the local associations have extensive online clothing shops, we only made one purchase each of additional clothing – an umpire's jacket. These are reversible – white on one side and black on the other in case you're standing in a white ball game (which neither of us did while there). We both just took our standard umpire's attire, plus a couple of white shirts and these were more than adequate.

Those of you who have stood with us will realise that neither of us travels light and this showed in our equipment. In retrospect, we probably didn't need to take as much as we did.

Appointments

We ended up with about 16 appointments each over the 6 weeks, with the weather playing almost no role until the final weekend (after Tony had gone) where Andrew had 2 washouts.

Weekend

For weekend appointments, we went through the local associations. Hertfordshire appointed us to one Saturday game and put us in touch with the Bedfordshire league for Sundays where we got two appointments. While we were in Manchester, Ian Herbert, the

appointments officer of that league, ensured that our cards were full on both Saturdays and Sundays.



Before our first appointments we got together in the lovely market town of Hitchen for some breakfast and some PCs revision. Love the Tudor-style Starbucks in the background

Weekday

Weekday appointments were harder to come by. Several of the associations use a web-based appointments system called *Who's the Umpire*. You register with the league and are emailed possible appointments. You respond and, if successful, get all the details via the site.

We got a couple of mid-week games during the Southern part of our trip this way including one at the picturesque Welwyn Garden City ground where they were playing the MCC. This was a lovely day and we had one more MCC match in Manchester later on.

We decided we'd do a couple of things differently next time to help get mid-week games. Firstly, we'd register our interest with more associations as each has its own appointments officer and its own mid-week opportunities. Secondly, we probably should have known, for example, that there were at least two NSW Premier Cricket clubs touring England at the same time we were there – if we had been in touch with them there

might have been opportunities to umpire some of their matches.

Having said that, if we'd umpired much more during the week, we might not have got the opportunities we had to explore some pretty nice bits of the UK – the canals of Manchester, the roman fortified city of Chester and, of course, a Beatles tour of Liverpool.

Grounds

The grounds we stood at were amazing – a mixture of village and inner-city grounds. All of them were prepared fastidiously and none of them was used for anything other than cricket – a real boon for keeping the place in good nick.

The locations were often gorgeous as well. In a Sunday match – Harrold v Great Bricknell, we were buzzed by a Lancaster Bomber sweeping lazily over the surrounding fields. On a couple of occasions the ball had to be retrieved

from the adjoining churchyard attached to the Norman church with its steeple towering over us.

Payments

Our Association can take credit for having an excellent schedule of umpire fees. The standard rate for a day of umpiring for us was between £35 and £45 – about \$70-\$90 Australian. Bottom line here is don't expect to go umpiring in England and come back rich. Having said that though, the payments are usually cash before or during the game and it makes it pretty easy to buy a beer at the clubhouse without having to worry too much about foreign exchange conversions.

Conclusion

This trip was a great experience, both in terms of umpiring and as a wonderful holiday. We'd do it again. If you're thinking of doing a trip like this, feel free to have a chat to either or both of us.



The beautiful village ground at Roe Green – the boundaries were pretty small, but there were around 300 locals enjoying a beer on the terrace and watching the 3rd XI Sunday game.

SCA Milestones

Stephen Blomfield

Congratulations to the following members who have reached milestones in the opening rounds of Sydney Cricket Association fixtures!

- Andrew Yarad – NSW Premier Cricket First Grade debut
- Derek Ponsford – 150 matches in Sydney Shires Cricket
- Tommy Ang – 200 matches in the Sydney Cricket Association
- Peter Mooney – 250 matches in Sydney Shires Cricket



Andrew Yarad and David Rodgie after the toss ahead of Andrew's First Grade debut



Tommy Ang and partner Brian Ferguson receive a guard of honour, walking out for Tommy's 200th fixture

CRIC-O-KU Number 7

Clue: Intent of all T20 batsmen

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

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

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

Enjoy!

- The Nightwatchman

CRIC-O-KU No 6: Solution

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October 2019 Merchandise Winner

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McDonald's & Beastwear

Troy Penman

Last season saw NSWCUSA undertake two sponsorship agreements; one with global fast food chain McDonald's and the other with custom made sportswear company Beastwear. These two agreements will both continue into the 2019-20 season.

The sponsorship deal with McDonald's will run in conjunction with a larger deal between Cricket NSW and McDonald's. The sponsorship will see McDonald's take over the branding on the back of the field shirts. McDonalds will pay \$30,000 + GST to the Association in two \$15,000 + GST amounts, one each season of the agreement for this advertising.

Beastwear will continue to manufacture the field shirts and have their logo on both the sleeves and across the front of the shirts. Beastwear will be supplying \$10,000 worth of sponsorship in the form of contra to the Association.

The Association has ordered shirts to allow all umpires in the NSW Premier Cricket competition, Sydney Shires competition,

the NSW Premier Women's Cricket competition and the Country Cricket NSW representative programs to have access to two shirts each.

The sponsorship with Beastwear does not cover the cost to order all the shirts which means that members are required to pay \$10 per shirt.

The revenue from the sponsorship deal with McDonald's will be invested in items for members, education and development, offset costs for members and guests to attend Association events and an upgrade to Association products.



A screenshot of the Beastwear website banner. At the top left is the Beastwear logo with the tagline 'Unleash The Beast Within'. To the right is a navigation bar with links: SPORTS, PRODUCTS, DESIGN, INFO, NEWS, and a search icon. A green button in the top right corner says 'FREE SAME DAY QUOTE CLICK HERE'. The main part of the banner features a woman in a blue polo shirt and cap, smiling, with three other people in similar attire blurred in the background. Text on the left side of the banner reads: 'Upgrade to our Express Production Service 10 Business Days That's Australia's best delivery time! Speak to our sales team for more info'. Navigation arrows are visible in the bottom right corner.

60 SECONDS WITH...

Margaret Marshall



Sharad Patel



Andrew Yarad

60 SECONDS WITH MARGARET MARSHALL

Name:	Margaret Marshall
Day Job?	I am a Senior Analyst with the Commonwealth Department of Industry Innovation Science
Officiating Debut? The first time you fired someone?	1990 at 16 (I think). I don't remember firing anyone in those days. I do remember dropping my counter, breaking it and trying to put it back together stealthily
Career officiating highlight (so far)?	I have had the opportunity to officiate at national tournaments and six women's Grand Finals in Canberra. My highlight is always officiating teenage women because of the passion and love of the game that is evident and the positive memories this evokes
Best cricketer you have officiated?	Bronwyn Calver
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	When I was 16, I was warned for intimidatory bowling. In the same year, I also ripped out the back of my trendy culottes while fielding
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	Darren Foster because I learned some masterful organisation techniques from him in my second year of umpiring and have rarely forgotten anything on field since (touch wood)
Any superstitions?	No, but I have some habits I don't like to miss on game days, for example preferring to be an hour early rather than being even a minute late
Any special talents?	My eldest daughter says my organisation skills are something else. I passed 7th Grade Piano
Best piece of advice?	I feel happiest when I have given more than I have received. Be kind
What got you into umpiring?	To contribute and serve the game that brought me so much as a young person
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	The Queen – I reckon that now she's in her 90s, I might just be taller. Michelle Payne and Belinda Sharpe (both fabulous role models and trail blazers)



60 SECONDS WITH SHARAD PATEL

Name:	Sharad Patel
Day job?	Business Analyst – Currently working in the Education Sector
Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?	<p>The first game I ever officiated was a 2nd Grade Women's T20 at Bankstown Oval in October 2012. I stood with Dr John Colwell and I distinctly remember wearing a tan cowboy styled hat that I had found in the office. Luckily Troy was nice to me at Christmas and got me a proper umpiring hat!</p> <p>The first time I fired someone came a few years later in 2015 during a 5th Grade Match at Bensons Lane where I stood with Lalith Jayatilake. I gave the Eastern Suburbs batsman out LBW when he actually edged the ball through gully. With a storm brewing and strong winds it sounded all pad and looked plumb. A key learning tip was to probably take into consideration the pace and trajectory at which the ball travelled past gully – Lalith saw the lighter side from square leg, the batsman didn't</p>
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	Earlier this year I was fortunate to stand with Marc Nickl in two Futures League T20 matches at BISP. The standard of cricket was noticeably higher, and it was an enjoyable experience
Best cricketer you have officiated?	Steve Smith
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	I have heard many Laurie Borg stories stretched over the past two decades, however watching Laurie Borg drop the stumps he was carrying then to attempt to pick them up, but only for his pants to fall after he picked the stumps up was a funny sight. Sue Woodhouse nor I will ever forget that day
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	I am grateful for having come across many umpires who have assisted me in my umpiring journey and continue to do so. I don't have a particular official, but there are always things you can learn from keenly observing your partners, officials on TV and officials in other sports
Any superstitions?	No superstitions, just expect the worst
Any special talents?	I'd like to think I'm handy with the camera
Best piece of advice?	Give 100% of your attention to the task in front of you now.
What got you into umpiring?	It was my dad actually who came across the NSWCUA website and he suggested that I should do the course to understand the Laws better
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	The three other people in my family.



60 SECONDS WITH ANDREW YARAD

Name:	Andrew Yarad
Day job?	Deputy Master of the Senior School, Trinity Grammar School. Teacher. Cricket coach.
Officiating Debut and the first time you fired someone?	December 2014. Cannot recall firing someone, but I'm sure someone will put their hand up as the victim.
Career (to date) officiating highlight(s)	Various State Challenges, Intra Squad Blues match and Premier Cricket QFs and SFs. Winning a panel award last season. However, what I have really enjoyed is umpiring many former students who I coached and are now playing Premier Cricket
Best cricketer you have officiated?	Steve Waugh: in a friendly invitational match at Trinity Grammar a few years ago where he played against his son Austin, who was in our 1st XI.
Strangest (funniest) thing to happen whilst on a cricket field?	During the over 50s World Cup last season my partner, Tony Carr and I decided to cease play for a period of time due to swarming bees all over the field. We'd never seen anything like it, nor did the Welsh or Sri Lankans playing the match.
Who is your favourite official to have or still is officiating in a sport (any sport)? Why?	Don't have a favourite. I have learned to admire and respect any sporting official as they serve the sport they officiate as best they can.
Any superstitions?	None
Any special talents?	None that I will put in writing.
Best piece of advice?	1) When dealing with students they often say they are disappointed as they failed a test or didn't score enough runs, etc. So when mentoring, I try and avoid using the word 'failure'. I outline it is not a case of having failed, but more the fact that you have not reached your goal, yet! The emphasis on the word 'yet'. In other words, never give up. 2) When you think you are at the top of your game, it is time for further self-reflection.
What got you into umpiring?	When I was coaching the 1st XI, the captain of the team in 2014 (Tom Doyle, now playing 1st grade at Sutherland) actually sent me the details of the course at Cricket NSW. As a young player, he suggested it would be handy to have this skill to enhance my coaching. After coaching for many seasons and playing before that, I felt it was time to complete the third dimension of the game, umpiring!
Three people you would love to have dinner with?	Anyone who doesn't finish their meal, so I get the left overs! But seriously, my wife and three kids.



NEW MEMBERS

Name	Suburb	Name	Suburb
Abhijeet Suryavanshi	Wentworth Point	Marius Shepherd	Thurgoona
Alexander Brown	Springfield	Matthew Smith	Lane Cove
Andrew Watson	Coogee	Michael Schokman	Killara
Andrew Whale	Spring Flat	Michael Vella	Blacktown
Ashutosh Jha	Campsie	Michael Wheeler	Kincumber
Ashwini Sikerwar	Blacktown	Mohammad Rafiqul Islam	Lakemba
Barry Thebridge	Campbelltown	Nathan Harvey	Yowie Bay
Benjamin Middlebrook	Currabubula	Pakajan Narendiran	Lidcombe
Brett Paul	Dubbo	Paul Marsh	Cabramatta
Bulbul Ahmed	Kingswood	Peter Eccleston	Penshurst
Chris Roussos	Mosman	Phillip Angel	Wagga Wagga
Christopher Beecher	Lindfield	Rahil Kapur	Liverpool
Clement Fong	Sylvania Waters	Raihan Khondoker	Lakemba
Daanyal Saeed	Dulwich Hill	Ranganatha Rangappa	Bella Vista
Daksh Trivedi	Mays Hill	Richard Clarke	Box Hill
Daniel Nader	Earlwood	Richard Rowlings	Tamworth
David Bamforth	Calala	Robert Ward	Lake Albert
David Stewart	Grasmere	Roberto Abbonizio	North Strathfield
Deborah Nader	Earlwood	Rodney Ford	Fairfield West
Doug Cattanaach	Yenda	Rohan Kesavaram	Westmead
Edward Neylan	Bexley	Rohit Kapur	Castle Hill
Erica Looyen	Camden South	Ross McEntyre	Aberglasslyn
Garry Burkinshaw	Niagara Park	Sabharinath Balasubramanian	West Pennant Hills
Gladson Soans	Norwest	Saif Siddiqui	Homebush West
Gobinathan Subramaniam	West Pennant Hills	Salim Khatri	Hurstville
Harish Sivaramakrishnan	Westmead	Sanjay Chellaney	Epping
Ian Cranston	Strathfield	Scott Thomas	Belmont
Ian Hills	Manly Vale	Siva Thuraiwamy	Girraween
Imran Ashab	Lakemba	Steve Redman	Hornsby Heights
Jagdeep Singh	Seven Hills	Suresh Kumar	Westmead
Jake Gunns	Lalor Park	Tapan Das	Bankstown
Jake Teague	Scone	Terry Pontikos	Marrickville
James Boyd	Telopea	Thomas Maurer	Lisarow
Jeffrey Costa	Summerland Point	Tim Hand	Campbelltown
John Ferguson	Gymea	Trevor Tink	Dubbo
John Kennedy	Girraween	Varinder Singh	Woodcraft
Kamran Khalid	North Parramatta	Vinod Yalla	Harris Park
Kevin Brooks	Bensville	Vipin Bansal	Baulkham Hills



Kunal Rupani	North Kellyville	Visy Rangubhatla	Wodonga
Lalit Rishi	Meadowbank	William Callinan	Bolwarra
Leonard Gregory	Northmead	Zalak Kansara	Westmead
Mahesh Nath	West Ryde	Zale Atkins	Cammeray
Maqsood Khan	South Granville		



Members and guests in attendance on the night of the
2019 Annual General Meeting

NSWCUSA COMMITTEES & REPRESENTATIVE PANELS

Elite Panel of ICC Umpires

Bruce Oxenford (Aus.)

Rodney Tucker (Aus.)

Paul Reiffel (Aus.)

International Panel of ICC Umpires

Gerard Abood (Aus.)

Shawn Craig (Aus.)

Sam Nogajski (Aus.)

Paul Wilson (Aus.)

Development Panel of ICC Umpires

Heath Kearns (Jersey)

Claire Polosak (Aus.)

Eloise Sheridan (Aus.)

CA National Umpire Panel

Gerard Abood

Shawn Craig (Vic.)

Greg Davidson

Simon Fry (SA)

Phil Gillespie (Vic.)

Mike Graham-Smith (Tas.)

Geoff Joshua (Vic.)

Donovan Koch (Qld.)

Sam Nogajski (Tas.)

John Ward (Vic.)

Tony Wilds

Paul Wilson

CA Supplementary Umpire Panel

Darren Close (Tas.)

Nathan Johnstone (WA)

Simon Lightbody

Troy Penman

Claire Polosak

Ben Treloar

CNSW State Umpire Panel

Berend du Plessis

Andrew Hamilton

Roberto Howard

Keiran Knight

Marc Nickl

Sharad Patel

Bede Sajowitz

CCNSW Country Umpire Representative Panel

Bruce Baxter

Ken Brooks

Gary Crombie

David Cullen

John De Lyaal

Graeme Glazebrook

Tony Hackett

Anthony Hobson

Ross McKim

John Pearce

Neil Smith

Examination Committee

Kevin Battishill

Andrew Coates (Chair)

Berend du Plessis

Sathish Kumar

Glen Stubbings

Geoff Garland (Ex-Officio)

Scorers' Committee

Christine Bennison

Merilyn Fowler (Chair)

Kay Wilcoxon

Sue Woodhouse

Ian Wright

Claire Polosak (Ex-Officio)

Social Committee

Bill Glacken

Michael Meehan

Kedar Oza

Sharad Patel (Chair)

Vivek Solanki

Laurie Borg (Ex-Officio)



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