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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the start of a new and exciting season. The off season has seen the re-appointment of Ashleigh Gannon & Brent O'Connor as coach & assistant coach, and they are both looking forward to seeing all players in all grades improving on their last seasons efforts. So far we have had good numbers to both indoor and outdoor training, and now is the time to really start honing the skills for the new season. With many players playing practice matches against Bulleen Templestowe and Kew, the club should be in a good position to start the year off with 4 wins. Please note the first game is a 2 day game not a 1 day game!

- Gregor Fucka's efforts in the Italian basketball team with his parents support, Father & Mother Fucka.
- CJ Hunter & Johnny Cocrane (Say no more!).
- The Bulgarian Weightlifting & Gymnastics teams (pity about the colds!).
- Channel 7 missing the start of Susie O'Neill's gold medal race!

All inspiring stuff, just think of a few of those things when you go out to bat or bowl on Saturday.



MCG - An example of "...something to aim for."

Season 00/01, Bear Season

The new season is finally here!! Days are getting longer, skies are looking bluer, and the smell of freshly cut grass is just around the corner. Let's make history and have all 4 grades win the premiership! With the Olympics just finished, we all should be inspired to perform to our optimum for the new season. Who could forget such memorable moments as:

* Fatso the Fat arsed wombat making it on the Dais for the 4 X 200m freestyle relay.

- Eric "the flounder" Moussambini from Equatorial Guinea swimming a national record in the 100m freestyle of 5hrs 15 min.

Membership

Membership fees have changed this year due to the GST. Please see Martin Phillips about paying your membership, in either instalments or all at once. Please pay this ASAP so the club can cover the upfront costs we incur each year, then you also don't have to worry about it until next season. Also listed below are the match fees for each grade for the season. Please make sure you have this money on Saturday so we can pay the umpires (don't they deserve it!)

Membership:

Senior	\$110 incl GST
Student	\$55 incl GST
Junior	\$25 incl GST
Social	\$10 incl GST

Match Fees:

A Grade	\$7 per week
A Reserve	\$5 per week
C Grade	\$5 per week
D Grade	\$5 per week
Juniors	\$2 per week

Junior News

For the first time in the clubs history, we will be fielding 3 junior teams. Under 12's, 14's and 16's. Please try and get down to the games and support the juniors, they will be the backbone of the club in years to come. The fixture will be on the notice board, so get a few guys together and go along on a Friday night or Saturday morning and show some support (or else you will have to put up with Luke Poyser telling you all about it every Saturday afternoon!)

Quotes from the off season

"Let's have a look at the women's snatch." Bruce McAvaney, during the Olympics coverage referring to the weightlifting.

"She owns this apparatus, Russia should win gold here." Sandy Roberts commenting on Svetlana Khorkina just before her turn on the uneven bars in the Olympic team all round gymnastics event. Svetlana fell shortly after starting, Russia missed the gold!

"This is her favorite apparatus, although it has been known to create some problems for her." Sandy again referring to Svetlana Khorkina on the uneven bars in the individual all round event. She fell in exactly the same spot as the night before!

"To see my brothers with such big smiles, and they're not even drunk yet." Cathy Freeman after her win in the 400m.

"Look at Kylie with the Big Thong." Bruce again at his best referring to Kylie Minogue during the closing ceremony of the Olympics.

"Go you good thing, go and go in hard. Go you good thing go. Go you good thing, put a gap in em'. Go you good thing go." John Farnham singing on Roy and HG's The Dream.

Congratulations

The off-season has been particularly eventful for a number of Banyule cricketers, it seems more the Births, Deaths and Marriages office down at the club. Here are some of the events that have transpired:

- ⇒ Tim & Liz Veal on their wedding.
- ⇒ Martin & Kylie Phillips on their wedding.
- ⇒ Brad Bowler & Louise on their engagement.
- ⇒ Brent O'Connor & Danie on their engagement.
- ⇒ Ash Gannon & Nancy on their engagement.
- ⇒ Michael & Karen Harte on the birth of Matthew James.
- ⇒ Tony Ashcroft on his marriage.
- ⇒ Martin & Michelle Veal on the birth of Spencer.
- ⇒ Craig & Sue Holst on the birth of Brendan Dane.
- ⇒ Brent O'Connor & Danie on the birth of Xavier Francis.



(Willo after a training mishap.)

Sponsorship

All players are reminded that they need to find a sponsor for the upcoming season. This has been a great help for the club in recent seasons, and with another new pitch being re-laid we don't want the sponsorship drop off. So please put in a bit of effort to find yourself a sponsor. For as little as \$50, your sponsor will receive an advertisement in the BCC rooms, regular copies of the Howzat, and more. See Scooby for more information. The sooner the better.

WEB News

With our WEB page editor entering the final stages of his Ph.D, he has had to pass on the mantel. We wish Dave (Wilson) all the best with his Ph.D., and welcome Damian (Damo) Harte to the web. You will notice Damo has already been quite active with the web page (even though he is in the final stages of year 12!!) he has put the new fixture on the web for all to see. Thanks Damo.

Trivial

Q. Which former West Indian cricket captain was called Big Cat. Also name the Banyule player.

Q. Which player took his 150th wicket and made his 1500th run for Banyule last season?

Q. Name the players to pass 7000, 6000, 4000, 3500, 3000 (2) and 1500 runs for Banyule last season?

Q. Match the following players with the nicknames provided:

G.Anderson	Skull
T.Veal	Crusty
M.O'Ryan	Catcher
C.Carroll	Slim
Ch.Taylor	Mosh Pit
B.Russell	Fats
A.Gannon	Fats
M.Lower	Ferral

Q. What is the square root of 4761?

Q. Name the first 7 Life members of the BCC. First & Last names!!

Interview with a Vampire

Name: Damian Martin Harte

Are you a vampire: I'm a slayer

Age: 17

Playing weight: 60 kg – (that's all muscle boys)

Star Sign: Gemini

Job: Student – part time bowling coach

Brothers/sisters: 4 Brothers, 2 Sisters, - Shaunagh, Michael,

John, Marita, Kieran, Patty

Marital status: Single

Marital aids: I tell chicks I know Scooby – they dig it

Republican or Monarchist: Republican

Hobbies outside cricket: Footy, Chicks, partying hard, rocking out to music

Favourite TV show: Neighbours (Lance is my favourite)

Favourite movie: The Castle

Favourite beer: Spumante (I know its not beer but I'm young and poor!)

Favourite meal: 2 piece feed at KFC, hold the potato & gravy and upsize the chips thankyou

Next favourite beer: VB

Favourite drink: Coffee

Favourite band: Beastie Boys

Least favourite beer: Puntang???

Favourite song: DJ Shadow - Highnoon

Outside love interests: dangerous question – 17 & 18 year old chicks everywhere could read this – I don't want to leave anyone out

Animal that best describes you: Horse

TV character that best describes you: Fatso the Big Ass

Wombat

Dream rotten egg victim: Either of the Poyser brothers would be fine

Dream date: Tatiana – have u seen her with that pole???

Synchronised swimming? im still searching for a partner with the right chemistry

Worst bowler to face at training: Yarni

Why: cause he makes me look like a fool

Dream player to bowl bouncers at: Usher

Why: Prove whos really "big brother"

Highest score for Banyule: 44

Best bowling haul for Banyule: juniors I once took 3/35!

seniors 1/18 (2 overs)

Ambitions for 2000-01 season: make 250 runs, have dismissals and play a high grade

Most admired player at the club: Ganno, Ando, Philo, Occa – anyone on selection committee

Best Banyule player seen: The Wiz

Biggest disappointment at BCC: 1999-2000 Grand Final

Most memorable moment at BCC: Throwing up during the lunch break of last years semi final, when 31* at lunch whilst Dave veal had made 41 and mergele was on about 80. Id opened.

Best birthday prezzy ever: My Giant Donatello Ninja Turtle

Figurine for my 8th birthday

Something you can't live without: Computer/Internet

Who wrote Lord of the Flies: William Golding

Name of Australia's first prime minister: Edmund Barton

Where did you go to school: St Martin Of Tours 1988-1994, Marcellin College 1995-2000. Only 10 more days of school to go!!!

Best holiday: (Funky) Collidina Caravan park at Ocean Grove

Best bloke to go to a nightclub with? Ryan Hartnett – hes an absolute chick magnet and always shouts the bar

Favourite pub: Evelyn

Third favourite beer: Boags

What did you do last Sunday: Had a study date

If you were stranded on a deserted island, who would you want to be with? See Dream Date - above

Favourite pick up line: ah... screw it – you'll do babe

Hairstyle tips: Go the mullet, business at the front but a party at the back

Words of advice: Its nice to be important but its important to be nice

Plumbing tips with Ando!

Today's topic: Fixing a leaky tap.

1. Turn off the mains water tap. (note: if on dual occupancy site turn all meters off, that includes the neighbours!)
2. Take the whole leaky tap apart, the only male way to tackle an engineering problem!
3. Decide it's too hard (never an easy decision) and will need an expert to be called in soon.
4. Leave tap totally disassembled.
5. Leave all water meters turned off. (very important)
6. Don't tell neighbor their water is still turned off, if they want the water back on they can figure out which meter it is themselves.
7. Come back in 1 and a half days and figure out the neighbor is as brainy on these things as you and has turned your water back on, thereby causing the equivalent of the Niagara falls to be gushing out of the aforementioned unfixed tap for nearly 2 days.

Answers

A. Clive Lloyd & Jim Vosdoganis.

A. Chris Carroll.

A In question order: Greg Anderson, Brad Russell, Martin Phillips, Scott Butler, Rod McKinlay & Kristian McCausland and Jeff Wilson.

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A. Gordon Stott, John Barber, David Johnson, Geoff Cross, Lyle Drayton, Merv Anderson & Garry Chapman.

Feedback

Your feedback concerning this publication, or any other issue of concern is welcomed at The Bar or you can send it to "The Howzat?" 46 Adeline St Greensborough 3088. Letters to the Editors may be published in future editions...

Part II - CHAPPY REMEMBERS MORE...

THE 'DON'

I finished off the first volume of my memoirs by mentioning Don Richmond's arrival at the club. I estimate it was around about 1970-71. Don's arrival was significant. Not only was I to personally play alongside Don for the next decade or so, but also, in Don, the club acquired a great bloke and a cricketer of considerable experience to provide the leadership and guidance needed in our lower grades.

Don's contribution to the club didn't stop there, of course. His work as club secretary for over 20 years was exemplary - the envy of every club in the HDCA. That is because he did his job so well and because our club, unlike others, never came close to going off the rails. Stop for a few minutes and think about the behind the scenes work over the years that must have gone into making Banyule the great club that it is today. We've got to thank Don for much of this. He is rightfully a living legend of the club.

Don's family have also been heavily involved with us from the beginning - his son, Greg, played Juniors, and wife Joan and daughter Leanne have been tireless workers for the club.

But, enough of this sentimentality. Let's have a few laughs at Don's expense instead. Firstly, there was the matter of his bat. While most of the young bucks at the club had expensive bats with flashy brand names and swords and stuff emblazoned on them, or scoops or hefty jumbos and managed to make the odd 30 or 40, Don was making 100's with a bat that you wouldn't look at twice in an op shop!

It was skinny, looked to be fairly light, had no noticeable brand name, appeared to have been handed down through a few generations, and ... it was just about as black as the ace of spades! If a kid got that bat in a school game, he'd probably walk down the pitch every time it was his turn to face and

swap it with the kid at the other end! But, that bat could hit the ball all right.

Don batted left-handed and always opened the innings. He'd occasionally go out early, but if they didn't get him before he got his eye in, he'd make them pay for it. Don made several centuries in his Banyule days and countless fifties. He generally only hit the ball a couple of different ways. He'd drive everything pitched outside off, and he'd murder anything outside leg with his lethal hooking - black blade flashing. Many was the time Don opened our innings and was still there as the tailenders began coming in. He taught us about patience and about waiting for the right ball to come along and about what to do with it when it finally came. Consequently, us young blokes would go out and block the first couple (as was taught to us by Rennahs in the Juniors), decide that the next one, no matter what, was going to be the right ball, and then hit it straight down some fieldsman's throat.

He'd come off to our applause, his cheeks red and dripping with sweat, his thin hair plastered to his scalp and his shirt wringing wet. He'd be absolutely buggered, but he'd know it wouldn't be long before he'd have the pads back on and be out there again 'keeping.

It was Don's keeping that we all loved. No one could appeal louder. I wonder if he still appeals from the other side of the fence when he hears a snick. He had a unique way of catching the ball. He'd stand back from the stumps to the opening bowlers. Upon hearing a snick, Don would immediately commence his appeal (prior to taking the actual catch). Not unlike "Oh, what a feeling ... Toyota!", Don would fling his arms wide and launch himself high into the air - "Owzaaat???" Meanwhile, the ball would continue on its journey through to the keeper - not to his gloves - they were two metres apart! The ball would generally canon into the region of Don's groin, immediately muffling the rest of the appeal and doubling him up quickly, as he desperately fumbled and clutched at the ball that was rolling back down between his legs to be finally caught in the top of his pads. Don would then remain absolutely still for fear that any movement would cause the ball to spill out onto the grass. It rarely did.

Look back through our first grade premiership photos. There'd be quite a few players in them who played their first Senior games under Don. I played in two premiership sides with him and enjoyed every moment.

He used to say to me, "I'll give you the next over, but don't you dare bowl that fast rubbish!"

"Why?" I would think. "That last snick hurt, didn't it?"

Perhaps his greatest mistake was the day he gave me out LBW against Greensborough, when any fool could tell the ball came off the centre of my bat! The midfield confrontation went something like this:

Snick!!! (Wooden sound) THUD!!! (Pad sound)

"Howzat, Ump?"

"Out!"

"What??? You're #@*%\$# joking, Don! What about the &*%\$#@ snick?" (and so on)

Understandably, Don and Joan are Life Members of Banyule.

"Chappy Remembers", appears courtesy of Dr.Seuss Publications