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Yeah Baby!



There it is, the Jack, it's back. That's right, Banyule has been etched in to the Jack shield once again.

Welcome Back!

Here we go again, embarking on another great adventure that is the season of the Banyule cricket club! The smell of blossoming plants or the talk of AFL finals usually is the trigger in our brains that cricket season is about to start. It's no different again this year, now that the footy has finished it's time to switch on.

Not much has changed to the committee & coaching staff with Brent O'Connor (or is that O'Conner?) being re-appointed as captain coach for the 2002-03 season. The only change to the committee this season is the addition to the general committee of Daniel Barnes. That's 3 Barnes's on the committee, it's a bit like a family meeting at committee meetings these days! All the other office bearers remain unchanged.

Our playing stocks have changed dramatically with some people moving, touring or just generally being stupid. We say our official good bye to Jeff Wilson as he will not be playing at all for us this season after trekking back to Melbourne for the finals last year. Good luck down there Jeff, hopefully you can get yourself in the one's with the state players! Steve Pinner has ventured off to Ye Olde England for 12 months and won't be playing this season. Andrew Parry went under the knife a couple of weeks ago for a double hernia operation. All went

well, although Kirsten informs us he has been whingeing more than Jordan! Some silly bugger decided to play footy again and as a result has had a knee reconstruction. He won't be playing until at least Christmas. This means that there is plenty of opportunities for players to play in grades higher than they were last year. But I know the cockroach is only going to reward those players who have made the effort to train in the pre season. It's not your right to play in the same grade you were last season, if you're not prepared to do the hard work during the pre season, you'll need to perform in a lower grade to get back to where you were.

The competition has undergone some changes as well in the off season, which hopefully will see the HDCA as strong as our other local competitions. The HDCA now have A, B, C and D grades as well as the one day competition. Banyule will be fielding A, B, C and D grades. The idea is that all clubs will have 4 grades to make it an even competition, this may take a couple of years but it is a sign the competition is looking to move forward to create a better and more even HDCA. The dates for the season are as follows: we start on the 5th of October and finish on the 21st of December. We return on 18th of January and the home and away season ends on the 1st of March. Home sides don't forget your afternoon tea's!

Special Mentions

Plenty happening during the off season, but I've got a memory like a sieve and couldn't remember anything!

- Welcome back to Fraser Neilson and Ash Gannon. A bit of experience back to the club.
- Please note that Rosanna's A & B grades will be playing their home games at Elder Street reserve in Greensborough. The De Winton pavilion is under repair at the moment.
- The HDCA has introduced a new drinks policy. Due to health concerns, each player must have their own drink bottle. This means you are to take them with you to away games as well, the home side will not provide drinks. The umpires will be supplying their own drinks. There is to be NO sharing of drinks. If you forget your drink it's bad luck, you've got to go

and buy one! Hopefully in the not too distant future we will have club bottles.

- The HDCA web site is now <http://hdca.viccricket.asn.au>

Membership

Our membership fees have not increased for the second year in a row, and will remain amongst the most competitive in the competition. The club has done the right thing, so make sure you do the right thing by the club and pay your membership early. Last year 90% of the club had paid in good time, lets all get our money in before christmas and make it easy for marty!

Membership:

Senior	\$110 incl GST
Student	\$55 incl GST
Junior	\$25 incl GST (includes cap)

Match Fees:

Have only changed for B Grade if they get 2 umpires to a game, which is unlikely though.

A Grade	\$7 per week
B Grade	\$5 per week, \$7 if two umpires.
C Grade	\$5 per week
D Grade	\$5 per week
Juniors	\$2 per week

Social Calender

Make sure you start planning your calendar around these dates!! We are putting a lot of effort into these functions this year to be very enjoyable for all so please keep these dates vacant.

12th October – Get together BBQ

2nd November – Ando's 40th

23rd November – Function planned, details to follow

21st December – Christmas Break Up

Other exciting events are being planned at present. Stay tuned to this section for updates throughout the season.

Junior News

Following the successful season last year with our juniors, the club may be fielding a 5th junior team. We will have 2 under 12 & 14 teams this season. This is fantastic for the club, and the future of the club, but it also means we need a bit more help for the junior coaches. So if you know of anyone who can help

out, please let Jed or Ando know. The games will be on Saturday mornings until daylight savings start, then they will be on Friday nights & Saturday mornings.

Sponsorship

As you are all aware Sponsorship is a major source of funding for the club. So it is very important that every player gets out there and finds themselves a sponsor for the upcoming season. We are only after \$50 from your sponsor but we would obviously like more, as this year we plan to make sponsorship more attractive for interested participating companies. They will receive free advertisement in the BCC rooms and in the Howzat, regular copies of the Howzat, and prizes if their player wins the man of the match award. We are also introducing a 100 word advertisement in the howzat for every sponsor that pays over \$100. This can be done by them and sent to myself at butterd@transfieldservices.com and I will put it in the Howzat. See Scooby or Greg Barnes for more information. The sooner the better as we would like to get your sponsor up around the rooms ASAP for maximum advertisement.

CLUB SHIRTS

This year the Club will have for sale polo shirts in the club colours. They will be suitable for wearing pre and post game and other times around the club or home as see fit. They will be predominantly navy blue with burgundy trimming and will feature the logos of both the Club and our major sponsor Becks Bedding. All cotton quality ensures comfort and durability.

Various sizes are available from small through to the big guys at extra extra large. They can be purchased by anyone including players (senior and junior), wives and partners etc., children, family and other valued supporters. It is of course strongly recommended by the committee that all senior players purchase a shirt and wear it on game days to promote a

strong, proud and unified Club.

They should be arriving in about a week and will cost only \$20.

A huge thanks to Paul Davis and Bruce McCausland for organisation and manufacture.

Please see Philo to place an order.

Trivial

- Q. Name the two players that failed to trouble the statistician from last Saturday's Grand Final.
- Q. Including Nathan Buckley, how many players have won the Norm Smith medal from the losing team? Extra point, name the other 2.
- Q. Of the last 8 test matches between Australia & Pakistan, how many have Australia won?

Q. Who won last years A Grade & E Grade premierships?

Grand Final

It's become a bit of a tradition for me to put a joke in the first Howzat about the losing Grand Finalists (mainly because my side don't get there!). So I'll continue that this year! The Collingwood Football Club were thinking of releasing a new line of Bra's next year, but have had a few manufacturing problems. The bra's seem to have plenty of support but no cup.

Interview with a Vampire

Name: Adrian Brown
Age: 30 Something
Playing weight: At least 10 kilos under current weight
Star Sign: Taurus
Job: Banking
Brothers/sisters: Younger Sister (Yes Gogsie she is taken)
Marital status: Happily Married to a very tolerant Wife
Marital aids: 0.05 Bed
Republican or Monarchist: Not Sure
Hobbies outside cricket: Kids, Hockey, Sleeper Walls
Favourite TV show: Oz Aerobics
Favourite movie: Wall Street
Favourite beer: Free Beer
Favourite meal: Greek Food
Next favourite beer: Crown Lagers
Favourite drink: Free Bourbon & Coke
Favourite band: Counting Crows
Least favourite beer: Warm Light Beer
Favourite song: Down Under (Men At Work)
Outside love interests: The Flowerdrum
Animal that best describes you: walrus
TV character that best describes you: Drew Carey
Dream rotten egg victim: Latest Boss
Dream date: Any Girl from Oz Aerobics
Synchronised swimming? Why Bother!
Worst bowler to face at training: Butts
Why: Always get a sore back from the sixes
Dream player to bowl bouncers at: Any Body
Why: Cant bowl quick enough to even get the ball that high
Highest score for Banyule: 60 odd
Best bowling haul for Banyule: 0-0 off none
Ambitions for 02-03 season: Play a season without any real injuries
Most admired player at the club: The Coach
Best Banyule player seen: Ando
Biggest disappointment at BCC: Only arriving last year
Most memorable moment at BCC: Watching Tim Veal and Daniel Barnes get 27 runs for last wicket vs Heidelberg West in season ½ (Banyule Wins)
Best birthday prezzy ever: Didgeridoo
Something you can't live without: Family, Music and Money
Who wrote The Hobbit: JR Tolkien
Name of Australia's first Test Captain: Mr Captain

Where did you go to school: Banyule Primary, Rosanna East High, Victoria College
Best holiday: Noosa
Best bloke to go to a pub with? **BB**
Favourite pub: The Clifton (**Can't get thrown out no matter how hard you try**)
Third favourite beer: Stella
If you were stranded on a deserted island, who would you want to be with? **My Wife**
Favourite pick up line: Don't need one!
Hairstyle tips: **Keep it short**
Word Associations: Bears: **Angry**
Beer: **Lots**
Phillips: **Late for Training**
Bunker: **Big lips**
Ando: **Dedication**
Words of advice: **Seize the Day**

Name: David Gazzola
Age: 35
Playing weight: 82 kg
Star Sign: Aries
Job: Management Consultant
Brothers/sisters: 2 younger brothers, Chris & Mike
Marital status: Defacto, with the lovely Carolyn
Marital aids: The House of Love, 1970's video starring Linda Lovelace
Republican or Monarchist: Recently converted Monarchist, after enjoying cucumber sandwiches and tea with Liz in her back yard last summer
Hobbies outside cricket: Travel, Golf, Beer and wine tasting
Favourite TV show: The Office (bang on - not sure if it's in Oz yet, but look out for it)
Favourite book: Warwick Todd goes the tonk
Favourite beer: Hoegaarden
Favourite meal: Gnocchi arrabiata
Next favourite beer: Guinness
Favourite drink: Gin & Tonic
Favourite singer: Frank Sinatra, Freddie Mercury
Least favourite beer: Swan Lager
Favourite song: Girl from Ipanema, Barcelona (Freddie Mercury & Montserrat Caballe)
Outside love interests: Boxter
Animal that best describes you: Penguin - a bit nerdy
Dream rotten egg victim: Eddie Maguire, Brendan Fevola, Cherie Blair
Synchronised swimming? No, can't find a big enough peg
Worst bowler to face at training: Nick Roberts - brilliantly erratic
Why: 6, 4, wicket, 4, 6, wicket
Dream player to bowl bouncers at: Any of the Indian Test team
Why: Cheats and liars
Highest score for Banyule: 161 not out (tell Gibbo his records short change me by 5 runs!)
Best bowling haul for Banyule: 8 - 57 (comprised of 6-32 and 2-25 in one glorious day at Chelsworth Park)

Ambitions for 02-03 season: Find lots of pubs with roaring fires

Most admired player at the club: Scotty Butler, for making runs with the mankiest bat during his golden years

Best Banyule player seen: Batsmen: Marty Phillips, Greg Ando, Marty Veal

Bowlers: Neil Anderson, Harry Smith, Darren Butterworth (potential),

Fielder: Steve Poyser

All-rounder: GR junior

Wicket-keeper: Gibbo

Clubman: Ronnie Butler, John Veal, Greg Ando

Biggest disappointments at BCC: Drawing the short straw to perform as Kermit the Frog for a BCC Talent Quest

Most memorable BCC moments: Running over Scotty Butler's leg in the car park. Thursday card nights with Jim Kouryialis and Robbo on the sting. 262 run partnership with Craig Parry 42 degree heat. Ronnie Butler's steamed dim sims

Best birthday prezzy ever: Tickets to Manchester United v Chelsea at Stamford Bridge

Something you can't live without: www.afl.com.au

Who wrote Cat in the Hat? Dr Seuss

Name of Australia's worst Test Captain: Kim Hughes

Where did you go to school: St John's Heidelberg and Marcellin

Best holiday: Middle East in 1997

Best bloke to go to a pub with? Ron Barassi (absolute pisshead)

Favourite pub: My local, "The Washington", in Belsize Park

Third favourite beer: Cafferey's

Favourite pick up line: "Have a good shit ?" (used by a young legendary, BCC left-hander when loitering around the toilets at the Grainstore)

Hairstyle tips: Wear a hat as often as possible

Word Associations:

Bears: FTSE

Light beer: N/A

Butts: How's the horse ?

The sanna's: What ?

Cocktail Party: Philo – barman – never - again

Words of advice: To protect your greatest assets, stuff a pair of socks in your box