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HOWZAT

Welcome Back!

Well football has finished in a year we would all like to forget (bloody Port Adelaide) so that means the real sport is about to begin. The HDCA has a funky new format this year that involves A&B grades playing 7 one day games and 7 two day games, C&D grades playing 5 one day games and 7 two day games. The difference between the grades is that A & B Grade return a week earlier after Christmas, and also play a Sunday game on **December 5th**. With A grade also playing a one day final in February, this is a trial, which should see the rest of the grades follow suit next season. This means a little more cricket for everyone. Having played in the same format last year in Perth I highly recommend it as I had a very enjoyable season, it also gives you a little bit of rest from the two day games to freshen up our sore old bodies!

As you will be aware the club has appointed Ash Gannon as coach for the coming season. We all know Ganno has a wealth of experience in cricket and coaching in general so he will be a great asset for the club once again. We wish him all the best for the season, and he may even grace 4th grade with his presence (if form permits!). With that all at the club would like to thank Ocka for his efforts at the club as senior coach, and we wish him all the best at Footscray in the district competition. I'm sure we'll see him down at the club during the season.

We'd also like to thank some outgoing committee members for all their hard work spent around the club in Philip Barnes, Mathew O'Ryan, Scott Butler, and Dave Wilson. Philip will be greatly missed for organising the bar and efforts as Vice President. Matthew and Scott have worked hard on the social events, Scooby with the golf day and Scott with \$1000 draw and we thank them for their efforts over the years. Dave has revamped our website to what it is today and that has been of great assistance to the club. We welcome new members Darren Butterworth (back from Perth), Brad Bowler (back from retirement) and John Karas (first time member).

Congratulations to the four captains who have been appointed for the upcoming season:

- A Grade – Philip Barnes
- B Grade – Martin Phillips
- C Grade – Brad Russell
- D Grade – Craig Huniford

The cockroach will announce the Vice Captains when the first teams are announced.

As per the HDCA regulations, each player must provide their own drink container each week. Please don't forget to bring your's each week as you can't always rely on buying one from opposition clubs. BCC drink bottles are available for purchase from the club, as well as caps. A reminder to all players that the club gets fined if you are not wearing a floppy white or club cap. See Ando for purchasing details. Also we need to have the club and sponsors badges on our shirts, see Ando for those also. Another reminder to all players playing at home this week that they need to provide afternoon tea, this goes for all home games during the season. New players speak to your captain tonight for an idea of what to bring.

BBQ This Week

In honour of the first game for the season, after the game this Saturday there will be a BBQ for everyone to enjoy. As we are playing a one day game there will also match reports, so invite your family, bring the kids for a enjoyable get together to welcome the new season.

First Games

1st Grade V Old Ivanhoe – Chelsworth SW Oval

2nd Grade V Bellfield – Home

3rd Grade V Edinburgh – Home

4th Grade V Edinburgh – Alfred Crescent

Full fixtures can be seen on the HDCA website, a link to this website is in the website section of this Howzat.

Night At The Races

As you may or may not be aware our clubrooms are being renovated this season. In order to complete these renovations Senior and Junior Football clubs and ourselves need to raise \$60,000 (we tried to get Jamie Durie and team in but failed). In order to raise this money the 3 clubs have combined to come up with a few functions, the first of which being on Saturday 13th of November. It is being held at the Manningham Club and will be a spring racing carnival theme. Tickets are \$100, which includes Beer,

wine, Champagne and soft drink as well as some guest speakers and lots of fun and frivolity. We are hoping to get 400 people in attendance (it includes the other 2 clubs) so please make sure you get behind the fundraising committee and get yourself and as many friends as you can gather along to what will be a fantastic night. More details will be further in the Howzat. See Plugga for tickets.

Special Mentions

- Good luck to Big Dave and Cath who have started upon their journey north to Darwin. They will be living there for 12 months at this stage.
- Congratulations to Darren and Kym on the announcement of their first child, only joking, their engagement. And yes I've heard "about time" a few times already!
- We have had plenty of additions to the Banyule family during the off season, congratulations to all the new proud parents:
 - Philip & Susan Barnes welcomed Megan Jane.
 - Adrian & Jenny Brown welcomed Zachary James Robert.
 - Paul & Jacqui Davis welcomed Flynn.
 - Bill & Karina Seir who welcomed Liam Christopher.
- We have a few new players to the club this season, welcome to Paul McMurray, Michael Johnson (no not the US sprint champion) and Sunil "Koshi" George (Beasty's brother in law).

Sponsorship

This season we have 2 new Gold Sponsors of the Banyule Cricket Club, joining **Beck's Bedding** as our new major sponsors. They are **Hocking Stuart Ivanhoe**, and **Cellini Lounge Bar and Café** in Burgandy St Heidelberg. We would like to thank all three for their support this season and look forward to a partnership together, and players you will be receiving new badges for the new sponsors to go on your white cricket shirts. The club has also entered into a working relationship with the **Lower Plenty Hotel**, who will also be a Gold Corporate sponsor and we look forward to dealing with the hotel this season and for many seasons to come. We also acknowledge our Silver corporate sponsors both **Coringle Furniture (Aust) Pty Ltd** and **Makin and Luby** and again thank them for their support. More details about these sponsorships can be found in the sponsor's section of the Howzat and don't forget to support those who support Banyule.

Membership

Match fees and Memberships have increased for the first time in at least 6 years (been so long that no-one can remember the last increase). This reflects the growing increase of running the club, we've all heard about the increases in insurance over the last few years, so please make sure you pay them as soon as you can. Please see Marty to work out a payment plan if you are struggling a bit in the hip pocket. Don't forget we do have credit card facilities so you can pay now and deal

with it later! **Everyone is expected to have paid by the 25th of November or have made an appropriate payment plan well before then.**

Membership:

Senior	\$140	incl GST
Student	\$70	incl GST
Junior	\$70	incl GST (includes cap, drink bottle, and match fees)

Match Fees:

There has been a change to the match fees as we now play both 1 day and 2 day games regularly throughout the season. The price has been set as an amount per game not playing week as it has been in the past, so when it shows \$15 for a 2 day game this works out to be \$7.5/week of the game.

A Grade - \$15 for a 2 day game, \$10 for a 1 day game
B Grade - \$15 for a 2 day game, \$10 for a 1 day game
C Grade - \$10 for both a 1day game and a 2 day game
D Grade - \$10 for both a 1day game and a 2 day game

Social Calender

This season as the clubrooms are being renovated we are still unsure of our facilities to host functions and we will also be involved in functions with the other clubs as part of the appeal to raise funds for these new rooms. This has made planning for the social functions difficult so watch this space for updates, but this is what has been pencilled so far:

November 13th – **Night at the Races – Manningham Club**
November 27th – **Trivia Night (Its Back!)**
December 18th – **Christmas Break Up**
February 6th – **A Race Day at Healesville**
February 20th – **The 30th Double Wicket Day as well as the Premiership reunion for the 1984-85 Premiership Side.**

Junior News

The number of juniors is again on the increase this season and at present we will field 6 teams. This is a great achievement and is due to the hard work of people like Geoff Place, Graham Clapton and Greg Anderson. They have worked hard over recent years in rebuilding our juniors system and by the number of new players each season their hard work is definitely paying off.

Fielding 6 teams does require a lot of work around the place, and we will be having games played at home on both Wednesday and Friday nights once daylight savings kicks in, and Saturday mornings until then. So if you able to help out please do, whether it be on game days or training nights, the juniors really appreciate seeing senior players and the coaches could do with some help as well.

The 6 teams and coaches are:

Under 16a – Geoff Place

Under 16b – Simon Woodman
Under 14a – Craig Bransgrove
Under 14b - Lucas Willoughby and Luke Taylor
Under 12 Comp – Paul Davis
Under 12 Dev – Brad Russell
Good Luck to all the juniors and coaches, their first game is the 10th of October.

Player Sponsorship

Player Sponsorship plays an integral part in raising the necessary revenue to run our club successfully. It is our intention as a club to have a Player Sponsor for every senior player.

To become a Player Sponsor, a business or corporation can either donate as little as \$50 or alternatively \$100.

For this our Player Sponsors company name and contact details are displayed under an A4 photo of the player they are sponsoring. They will also have their details displayed within the Sponsors section of our fortnightly Howzat publication that is distributed to all players, sponsors and a large number of past players.

Those sponsors who contribute \$100 will also have a plaque with their company details displayed in the clubrooms, as well as a direct link to their web site through the sponsor's area of the Banyule Cricket Club web site. Additional to this is the opportunity to run an advert of up to 100 words in an edition Howzat publication.

Every player sponsor will also receive a certificate of appreciation from the Club.

We urge all players to support the club in securing a player sponsor, and they should see Greg or Daniel Barnes for any assistance that is required. I also have information sheets for you to have filled in by your new sponsor.

Club Shirts

This season the club will have new after game shirts for all players. It has been a few years since the last shirt came out and in that time we have had 2 new Gold sponsor's join with Banyule and this also has contributed to the need for new apparel. The shirts will have all 3 major sponsors on the shirts as well the Banyule logo and will be made from a cool, dry material that will be perfect for summer wear.

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.

The shirts are currently on order and will be in shortly, we believe they will be around the \$30 mark, and be well worth the price.

Please see Ian Crawford to place an order.

Neal Butterworth Red Wine Club

Once again the Neal Butterworth Red Wine Club will be in full force this season. It started small many years ago by Butters but over the last few years it has grown, and when you see all the guys drinking red wine after training on a selection night you'll know it's something you want to be a part of. All it involves is letting Dlo know that you want to be a part of the club and I will roster you on for a selection night, and on that night you need to bring along 2 bottles of red wine. You will be rostered on with another person so in all 4 bottles will be shared between the members. So let me know and I will put a roster up straight away.

The Quote of the Week.

Philo who had become the love child of Bruce McAvaney during the Athens Olympics as he was at home after the birth of Megan was building up the Mens 1500 metre running race.

“You have to watch it the greatest runner Hicham El Guerrouj is running, he's undefeated since 1996 but never won an Olympic Gold”

to which he was asked “what happened to him at Sydney then” “he lost!”

Work Philo

Web News

With Dave Wilson away this season the web page will be updated by yours truly, so have patience I'm only learning. For the results there is a link on our web site to the HDCA web site where you will be able to get all the results from around the traps.

The two page addresses are:

www.banyulecc.50megs.com

<http://hdca.cricketvault.com/?recent=100>