

BORING EDITORIAL Thankfully this past winter has been free of the kind of cricketing controversy which caused us poor administrators so many headaches last year. There were no further Packer type mass exoduses to keep us lying awake at night wondering where we went wrong, and no need to organise emergency meetings and draft letters etc etc. Actually the biggest problem lately has been the call of the surf, which has been threatening to deprive us of one of our best loved and most respected club members (no names - but it would be extremely difficult to find a substitute for this remarkable, talented young fellow who has the cricketing world at his feet etc etc) Rumours that we might lose our home ground this year once again proved unfounded, and as you can or cannot see, it looks better than ever. Rumours that we might lose the big Slug to the International Golfing Circuit also proved unfounded, and as you can see, he too looks better than ever. The Committee would like to extend a welcome to all this season's new players and would suggest that if you have any problems regarding cricket, money, wives or girlfriends you should contact the Clubman of the Year, Tony "Sikko" Chanter. If you want Gary Wilson's autograph he might even be able to help you.

ANNUAL MEETING As usual the Annual meeting was held in August, and as usual it rated a good deal higher than the Don Lane Show, and only marginally below the Brownlow Medal count. The big attraction once again proved to be the reading of the apologies, and the highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the fact that it was all over by 9.15pm. Various office bearers layed down their burdens; Ken Meadows (other committments), Mike Hill (greener pastures & tropical fruits) Greg Stone (under the thumb) and were duly replaced. This season you are being organised by the following efficient and conscientious people;

PRESIDENT: Russell Davison 7255548 VICE PRESIDENT: Chris Byrne 8771261
 SECRETARY: Richard Stone 8782606 TREASURER: Stuart Hall 8786271
 ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Neil Johnston, Rob Hands, Trev Tombs
 VERY ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER: Steve Smith SOCIALISTS: Dave Oswin
 John Tambllyn, Tony Chanter

CONGRATULATION DEPT: During the off season, the following players excelled in various areas which we deem worthy of a mention.

Tony Chanter; Best Club man award - Blackburn Football Club (I'm serious)
 Carey Meadows; Best and Fairest - Blacky Nth Baps 1st XI
 Chris Byrne: Third best
 Mark Droscher; Best and Fairest - North Blacky Uniting 2nd XI
 Ed Earl; Father
 Ron Blake; Father (again)
 John Miles; Most courageous - Blacky United Under 17s
 Stan Magro; Two weeks for striking
 Ted Walsh; Coached a team that didn't finish in the top four (tactfully)
 Craig Rowbotham; Got a job, lost a job and ran away from home. put)
 Barry Hodges; joined the Army
 Paul Crump; joined the Army
 Scott Rutherford; Got some tatts
 Tix; Won Tattsлото and disappeared
 Wogg; Put a new grip on his bat

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP: This season the Club has decided to reintroduce a non-playing membership scheme. This will involve each player being given two Membership cards which they should endeavour to pass on to friends, relatives, neighbours etc for a donation of \$5.00. The card will contain this seasons fixtures, and will entitle the bearer to various benefits throughout the season. The Membership cards will be distributed within a week or so.

SOCIAL NOTES: Your social committee is preparing a social calendar which will inform you at a glance as to what exciting activities it has lined up for the coming season. Meanwhile, it's on at Ossie and Woggs and Careys place this Saturday (6th) after the game. Come and share in the fun and laughter over a traffic stopper and a hamburger. See the amazing performing cat and Woggs remarkable reptile display.

SUBS Don't forget. SUBS ARE NOW DUE Working Seniors \$20 Tertiarys \$20
 Secondary Students \$10 Juniors \$7.50
NEXT WEEK All about our new players

SELECTION PROCEDURE This season the selection of Senior teams will be based on a number of factors including (not surprisingly) performances in matches and attendance at practice, so please make special note of the following details:

SENIOR PRACTICE Every Thursday commencing at 4.15pm at KOONUNG PARK
Every other Wednesday alternating with Twilight games (These will commence the first Wednesday in November) Also at Koonung Park at 4.30pm

On the commencement of Daylight Saving, Thursday night practices will be divided into two shifts for convenience. The first shift will start at 4.15pm and is intended to cater for students and anyone else who can be there before 5pm. The second shift, commencing around 6.00pm will be for workers and those who prefer to have something to eat before they practise. It is expected that those who attend the later session will stay until around 7.30 and therefore be in attendance when it is time to pack up. This system has been designed to give each player an equal opportunity to practise so please try and co-operate.

Occasionally during the season it may be necessary to transfer practice to the nets at Blackburn Technical School i.e. when its wet. In this situation Kevin Arnett will make an announcement after the weather report on the Channel 9 News on the previous evening.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS will be distributed this week so please do your best to distribute them further. To friends, relatives etc for a donation of just *\$5.00.

ANNUAL SUBS Don't be embarrassed by an announcement during prime time television. Pay your subs NOW (This will also help to keep the club out of the bankruptcy courts for at least another month)

WORKERS \$20 DOLE BLUDGERS \$20 TERTIARY STUDENTS \$20
SECONDARY STUDENTS \$10 JUNIORS \$7.50

NEW PLAYERS (Senior)

Andrew Hawkes: Having proved himself with the scorebook last season, Andrew has decided to trade his pencil for a bat and join the select list of NBMCC left-handed batsmen (Rod Blake, Rod Clarke, Keith Clarke...

Graeme Rotnie: Although new to the game at Club level, Graeme already holds a record for playing and missing (set at a recent practice match), however we won't hold that against him. Steady bowler who has attended more practices than Dick.

Paul DalBosco: It wouldn't be fair to pass judgement on Paul simply on the basis that he is a friend of K. Hurley and P. Chesterman, so at this early stage, NO COMMENT.

COMEBACKS (Senior)

David Hands: Younger brother of the famous Rob E. Hands. After a season at another club (no names mentioned) David has returned to where he first made a name for himself years ago in the Under 12s. Curly swing bowler and underestimated batsman with a big future (so Rob tells us)

David Payne: After a frustrating season in professional All Star Series Cricket, David has also returned to the club which gave him his big start in the game. Widely recognised as a top Junior batsman, Payne is now ready to prove himself in senior ranks. Good luck Dave.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER Don't forget October 27th. Ask Ossie for details.

SPECIAL NOTICE Francis A. Caldwell AA has informed the club of his temporary unavailability due to intense pre-examination pressure. Frank assures us that Spring Racing Carnival has ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to do with his decision.

The official after the game function this week has been superseded by a private party at Ossie's place which will be open to club members only if they promise to bring glittering, expensive presents for Dick, Sub, Wogg and Byrney who have been/will be celebrating birthdays very recently, recently/shortly and soon. PS Don't bother buying Byrney a new bat - he'd perform just as well with an axe. PPS Sub will only accept gifts weighing more than 50 lbs.

NEXT TIME A look at new Junior Players.

PPPS Sub prefers Johnsons Baby Oil

Sorry about the delay, but some people do have other things to do - contrary to popular opinion Arts students do work (Sometimes anyway) Since the last newsheet we have gained several new players in both Seniors and Juniors. There follows an attempt to sum up their many talents in as few words as possible:

PHILLIP McDONALD: (C1) Wicket keeper batsman who like Ossie found Len F. a slight pain. Macca has already settled into the seconds and given Broddy the opportunity to toss up his leggies. Watch out Brew'.

DESMOND DHARUMASENA: (D1) Lively bowler with extended runup. Can also bowl offies. Capable looking batsman with some junior experience. Elder brother of David D. (U/14s)

JOHN MILES: (U/16) Experienced footballer who has turned his remarkable natural athletic abilities to cricket. Very useful fieldsman; great over-head mark and accurate throw. (Ask Mario) Hard hitting batsman and potential bowler.

ALEX PETROVIC: (U/16) Ex-Miller boy with incredible self-confidence. Thrust into the limelight this season Alex is proving a more than capable bowler, batsman and fieldsman (also a successful vice-captain)

GREG CLARK: (U/16 Captain) Another ex-Millerite who has finally come to his senses. Has been with the club since U/12s and has an excellent record as a left arm quickie and batsman. Messrs Chanter and Smith predict a bright future for THIS BOY.

ALAN KOSKY: (U/16) Yet another Miller throwback, Alan has not yet had the opportunity to prove himself with the bat; he can however make ducks. Brilliant fieldsman and full forward. We are the third club that Alan has signed with already this season.

ALL THE OSBORNES: (U/16) Baseballers with varying talents and controversial birthdays, they are in order of height, MARK, RICK & GARY.

BOTH THE HARPERS: (U/16) Brothers with limited cricket experience who have adapted well. DARYL is an opening batsman discovery, NEIL is an expert fine-leg fieldsman.

PIERRE ZATTRA: (U/15) Accurate bowler (dangerous with a plastic ball)

DAVID DHARUMASENA: (U/14) Strong fast bowler with big future. Also a more than useful batsman. Nice suntan.

MARTIN LOTHIAN: (U/14) Extremely useful allrounder with freckles. Marty has already established a reputation as a bowler (6/13) and as a batsman. Promising future.

TOM PONTIKIS: (U/14) Bishen's greatest claim to fame is that he can out talk Macca, however he does have some potential with both bat and ball.

KEIRNAN ROWBOTHAM: (U/14) Brother of the infamous Craig R. who has yet to develop the amazing skills of his big brother. Has not yet run away from home.

JASON SULLIVAN & BRUCE FOURACRE: (U/14) Recruited by Dave Shaw, this pair have already shown their ability in the field.

MARTIN WILSON: (U/14) Cheeky friend of Keirnans.

IAN MEULEMAN: (U/14) New recruit yet to have the chance to show his talents. Widely known in the Blackburn area.

SOCIAL NOTES: Not much to report at present. Keep those tickets for the Christmas stocking moving, and hand the money in by next Saturday (24) Also don't forget the Membership tickets. At \$5 a season they're a steal.

ANNUAL SUBS: Only a small proportion of Annual Subs have been recieved, and the bank account looks pretty grim. Senior players yet to pay up are as follows; (Remember we will accept 50% now and 50% after Christmas.)

BLAKE	CHESTERMAN	HANDS, R.	MEADOWS	STONE, G.
BOUCHER	DALBOSCO	HURLEY	PRYN	WALSH, M
BRODTMANN	DAVISON	JOHNSTON	ROWBOTHAM	WALSH, R
BYRNE	DOWN	MAKRIDES	TOMES	
CHANTER	EARL	MCDONALD	TOWERS	

A GRADE

Round 1	NBMCC 5/98cc Smith 21, Tamblyn 18 n.o.	Lost to	St.BARNABAS 8/166 cc Smith 2/25R.Walsh 3/43
Round 2	NBMCC 229 (having been 5/22) Tamblyn 91 Hall 52 T.Walsh 35	Lost to	DEEPDENE UTG. 7/293 Byrne 3/59
Round 3	NBMCC 8/225 dec. Tombs 52 n.o. Smith 50 Chanter 49	Defeated	CANTY/Mt.ALBERT 139 & 4/76 Smith 2/9 Blake 2/19 Tamblyn 5/44 E.Walsh 2/12

C1 GRADE

Round 1	NBMCC 145 Oswin 60 Brodtmann 34	Tied with	NTH.BALWYN UTD 145 Earl 3/36
Round 2	NBMCC 109 & 7/66 Payne 29 Payne 23	Defeated	BLACKBURN RD 99 Earl 5/30
Round 3	NBMCC 137 & 2/96 Brodtmann 51 Brodtmann 25 Payne 23 Payne 37 M.Walsh 36	Lost to	HIGHFIELD RD 6/306

D1 GRADE

Round 1	NBMCC 4/132 cc R.Stone 41 Hawkes 39 Phillips 32	Defeated	NTH.BALWYN UTD 8/44 cc Clark 3/11 M.Walsh 2/5
Round 2	NBMCC 113 & 8/103 ded Boucher 76 R.Stone 33 Phillips 19 Towers 26	Lost (having won on 1st Inn) to	CANTY/MTALB. 93 & 5/126 Towers 5/42 Towers 2/28 Walsh 3/19
Round 3	NBMCC 97 & 87 D.Hands 27 Phillips 22 Phillips 25 Towers 22 Makrides 19	Defeated OUTRIGHT	ST.STEPHENS 60 & 87 Towers 5/40 & 4/20 Hands 3/8 Makrides 2/31 DalBosco 2/3

UNDER 16

Round 1	NBMCC 7/58 cc Clark 24 Wiegel 16 n.o.	Tied with	WYCLIF/ALL SAINTS 7/58 cc Petrovic 4/20
Round 2	NBMCC 105 Clark 31 Harper 12 Extras 41	Defeated	TRINITY 57 & 5/49 Clark 6/20 2/16 Petrovic 2/29 Zattra 2/0
Round 3	NBMCC 133 & 3/47 Miles 29 Wiegel 23 n.o. D.Harper 18 Hollingsworth 20 Wiegel 26	Defeated	BOX HILL SALVOS 105 & 5/104 Petrovic 5/36 Wiegel 4/61 & 3/56

UNDER 14

Round 1	NBMCC 0/55 Ferrari 32 n.o.	Defeated	WYCLIF 51 Lothian 6/13
Round 2	NBMCC 51 Dharumasena 20	Lost to	TRINITY 71 & 7/29 Warren 4/4
Round 3	NBMCC 89 & 3/64 Lothian 33	Defeated	ASHBURTON 42 Dharumasena 5/8

TWILIGHT

Round 1	NBMCC 9/120 c.c. Smith 31 Wiegel 19 Clark 17	Crushed	ALL SAINTS 6/78 Clark 4/20 Smith 2/17
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REPORTS FROM ROUND 3

UNDER 16 vs Box Hill Salvos: Led by acting skipper A. Petrovic, the team entered this game under a severe handicap. Clarky had gone fishing, and it wasn't long before the rest of the team was wishing they had gone too. A few lucky hits and the Salvos were suddenly 1/80. Before we could take drinks however, they were all out for 105 (slight collapse) thanks to persistent bowling from Petrovic and Wiegel and some superb Aussie Rules fielding, especially by new boy Alan Kosky (ex Avenue, ex-Balwyn, ex-Blackburn) Our innings started well with Kevin in no trouble and Daryl Harper continuing to improve. An opening stand of 38 was followed steadily by another 30 runs from Kevin and the bat of the acting skipper (including a mighty sixer). With about 5 minutes to go the score was 1/69 and things looked good; but then tragedy struck. A yes-no-wait run out, and two forward prods later it was 4/69.

At 5 past 9 on the second morning things looked grim. Bruce and Ossie had gone and we were six down with 35 runs still needed and only the rabbits to come - when suddenly A STAR WAS BORN. Young Johnny Miles, playing in only his third game, wasted no time in demonstrating his skills. Shrugging off the pressure, Milesy slammed 29 runs in the space of about 3 overs (incl. 4 fours off five balls) Before Mario and the Wynnes knew what was going on it was all over thanks to JM and cool calm and collected Hamesy at the other end.

D1 vs St. Stephens: The match at Leigh Park had everything - sparkling batting, miserable batting, lively bowling, great fielding, controversial runouts, dramatic bat throwing incidents, temperamental fast bowlers, witty on field exchanges, some very very strange umpiring and topped by a close finish and the perfect result.

In ideal batting conditions we were bundled out by tea on the first day for just 97. That we got that far was largely due to some sensible and effective batting from Jim Phillips and David Hands. During the tea break certain St. Stephens players were seen to be rubbing their hands with glee, and the words 'outright victory' were quite audible around their pavillion.

An early wicket, (thanks ump) was followed by a boring period. After 9 overs the opposition were 1/26. The bowling and fielding was tight but generally uninspired until the skipper (who had previously made a fool of himself with the bat) suddenly found the ball stuck in his hand at mid-off and stopped feeling sorry for himself. The leg trap was set for Rod Towers off cutters and suddenly, with Handsy's help, St Stephens were reeling at 7/38. A few lusty swings, 3 straight overs from Bosco and one straight ball from Handsy later, and it was all over.

With 37 runs up our sleeve we began our 2nd innings optimistically, but with a declaration COMPLETELY OUT OF THE QUESTION the chances of an outright seemed slim. At 4/13 it seemed slimmer. Once again Jim came good with the bat, but it was young Dave Makrides (idol of the first form) who was the real hero. A valuable 19 runs in a vital partnership with the recently arrived Rod Towers (including a minimum of singles) helped take the total to 87. With Rod temporarily indisposed (a touch of the sun) Dave Makrides took the new ball with Handsy and showed his true all round ability by taking 2 wickets. Eventually Rod recovered sufficiently to resume into the wind and it was soon all over again for poor St. Stephens. From 5/79 they crumpled under the pressure to be all out for 84 in the last over of the day. (It was difficult not to laugh)

HIGHLIGHTS OF ROUND 3 AND ROUND 2 etc

Bruces catch * Milesys run out * D grade drinks break * Eddy Seckers duck* Broddys 50 * Johnnos fielding * Tambos 5 wickets * Ossies bowling * Martys 33 * Priceys controlled batting display at Basil park * Slugs great six irons * Eddy Seckers greeting - "Howdy stranger" * Rex's comment - "Tamblys the only cricketer in the team" * Rod Odges umpiring (D1) * St. Stephens whinging * Johnnos catching attempt * Wals comeback to batting form *

HIGHLIGHTS OF ROUND 4 (For the statistically minded)

David Payne 101 David Brodtmann 71 Phillip McDonald 70 (all C1)
Russell Davison 62 (A) Jim Phillips 68 (D1)

ROUND 5

David Hands 131x (D1) Steve Smith 55 David Oswin 51 (A)
Peter Ferrari 50x (U/14) David Payne 53x (C1)
David Makrides 6/18 Stephen Down 6/52 (D1) Mark Droscher 5/59 (C1)

ANNUAL SUBS The following people still owe Annual Subs:

BLAKE	HANDS, R	PRYN	DHARUMASENAS	FERRARI
BOUCHER	JOHNSTON	ROWBOTHAM, C	DROSCHE	PETROVIC
BYRNE	LIDDLE	TOMBS	CLARK	MEULEMAN
CHANTER	MAKRIDES	TOWERS	HAMES	PONTIKIS
CHESTERMAN	MCDONALD	WALSH, M	HOLLINGSWORTH	WILSON
DAVISON	MEADOWS	WALSH, R	KOSKY	
DOWN	PAYNE	WEATHERLEY	MILES	

Could the above people please make an effort to pay this money (or at least a proportion of it) before the Christmas break, as the club still has numerous accounts unpaid for equipment, ground hire etc. . . .

The rates are as follows: SENIORS \$20 SECONDARY STUDENTS \$10
JUNIORS \$7.50

Remember - if you have now finished secondary school your Annual Subs will increase to Senior rate after Christmas if not paid by Dec 25.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Dont forget the Pre-Christmas BBQ at Trevor Tombs' 3 Panorama Dve. Forest Hill TONIGHT

In the New Year: Golf Day, Car Trial, Church Parade, Tennis Day etc.

Thanks to those who participated in this years Christmas Special Effort

PERSONAL: Welcome back to Mr. E. M. Irons. The very famous Ed Irons is currently engaged on a goodwill visit to Victoria, and is honouring us with his presence on the field during his temporary stay. Peter Shanahan was particularly pleased to see him.

Farewell to Mr. A. Chanter. So it is with much wailing and gnashing of teeth that we say farewell to the Welsh superstar. The casual, relaxed atmosphere of park cricket cannot provide the degree of professionalism and competitiveness so keenly sought by this man from Mumbles who can name among his intimate acquaintances, multi-award winner Gary Wilson, and that well known sickophrenic Gary Lean. Over the years Tony has contributed much to our club, particularly during his season as A grade captain (who can forget his inspirational address at last seasons presentation night?) and his departure is sure to surprise and disappoint many people. Good luck Sicko, and thanks for the suggestion.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ROUNDS 4 & 5 (Non-statistical anecdotes and observations)

The Docs golden duck....Tombsy's rude dismissal at the bowlers end....
Brew's heroic dash to save the match....Payney's marathon effort -
101 in 210 minutes....Wal's duck (the ball of the day)....Ossies fielding
....Craig R's bowling (12/0/111/0)....Prynnies wicket....Handsys new bat
....Hawkesys catching....Jims keeping(all those byes tut tut)....
Alex's responsible batting....Ross McDonald making a run....U/14s 2nd
innings- 5/10....Twilight captaincy....superb economical bowling....
the revised C grade team - 9 changes....Stans marathon spell -18 overs
....Ossies catching....Maccas stumping....Broddys A grade debut....
Byrneys wedding....StSilas' skipper....Brashers ton....Ossies self-
restraint....Droschers comeback....Clarkys catch in gully....Eddys
second over (23)....Eddys batting....Wals sensible batting effort....
Handsys maiden ton....Sedgwicks limp....Sedgwicks temper....Downys six
....Chanters runout(Wals revenge)....Subs substantial sixers.... etc etc
HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND ALL THAT. Training restarts January 9&10.

RESULTS

A Grade Round 4

NEMCC 213
Davison 62 Tombs 45 Hall 27 Walsh,R. 23x

Sth.CAMBERWELL 189.
Smith 4/32 & 0/25
Walsh,E 3/28

Round 5

NEMCC 225
Smith 55 Oswin 51 McDonald 30
Tombs 26 Meadows 24

ST.SILAS 9/277 & 0/71
Tamblyn 2/41 Smith 2/47
Walsh,R. 2/64

C1 Grade Round 4

NEMCC 5/328
Payne 101 Brodtmann 71
McDonald 70 Oswin 47
Round 5

ST.BARNABAS 8/361
Oswin 2/28 Walsh,M 2/68

NEMCC 184
Payne 53x Droscher 33 Stone,R. 22
Weatherley 17 Irons 16

ALL SAINTS 215 & 4/54
Droscher 5/59 Weatherley 2/8
Walsh,M 3/58

D1 Grade Round 4

NEMCC 167
Phillips 68 DHands 26 Chesterman 22
Round 5

CAMBERWELL UNITING 9/278
Hands 3/64 DalBosco 2/30
Makrides 2/37

NEMCC 230
Hands,D. 131x Pryn 24
DalBosco 22

Defeated Outright CAMBERWELL SALVOS 68&131
Makrides 6/18 Down 6/52
Hands 3/34

UNDER 16 Round 4

NEMCC 7/118
Wiegel 39 Harper,D 21 Hames 17x Clark 15
Round 5

BLACKBURN ROAD 5/141
Petrovic 4/34

NEMCC 55
Clark 16 Quite obviously Lost to

DONCASTER UTG. 7/153 dec
Clark 3/32 & 2/45
Petrovic 3/47

UNDER 14 Round 4

NEMCC 4/103 & 5/10
Lothian 29 Dharumasena 26
Ferrari 19 Round 5

BLACKY STH/BWOOD 66
McDonald 3/15 Jansen 2/6
Ferrari 2/16

NEMCC 5/156
Ferrari 50x McDonald 31 Lothian 27

ALL SAINTS 73
Ferrari 4/12 Jansen 3/8
Dharumasena 2/11

TWILIGHT Round 2

NEMCC 113 Handed the game to ST.BARNABAS on a plate 4/120 (12 overs)
Byrne 36 ret. Stone,R.14 Phillips 14x Byrne 1/34 (2 overs)
THE LESS SAID ABOUT THIS EMBARRASSING GAME THE BETTER.
CONGRATULATIONS MUST GO TO SKIPPER CHRIS (WOCCA WATKINS) BYRNE WHOSE
INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP & FINE BOWLING ENABLES HIM TO JOIN THE SHORT
LIST OF DEFEATED TWILIGHT CAPTAINS IN OUR CLUBS HISTORY.

Round 3

NEMCC 6/123
Meadows 46 ret Smith 31 ret. Walsh,R. 15x Walsh,R. 3/25 Byrne2/13

Captained by our hero Tony Chanter, the greatest all rounder since Ian Botham, we never looked in any trouble. What a pity Tony was unable to display his true value with the bat - his unfortunate runout will long be remembered as a tragic moment in Australian cricket. On the other hand, those who were present will long remember the remarkable bowling of our skipper. What a treat it was to watch the ball thudding into the keepers gloves before the batsman even had a chance to raise his bat! Such a masterful display of the fast bowlers art can have been only rivalled by Dennis Lillees wonderful debut in 1971/72 against the Rest of the World. Tony's maiden over must surely be one of the greatest overs ever bowled; the poor batsman didn't have a chance! Mention must also be made of an incredible display of power hitting by the living dynamo Carey "Mr.Neutron" Meadows. Proving once and for all that those muscles are for real, Sub thrilled the capacity crowd with his lofted drives and finished with a new club record of 46 retired, including 4 sixers and two fours. (Did you see those pectorals pulsate!)

HIGHLIGHTS OF ROUND 6 (December 15&22)

D.Hands 69 (D1) G.Clark 40 (U/16) T.Tombs 50 (A)

HIGHLIGHTS OF ROUND 7 & ROUND 8

C.Meadows 77 (A)

C.Meadows 56 (A) G.Weatherley 59 (C1) R.Stone 47 (C1)
M.Pryn 53x (D1) K.Hurley 4/13 (D1)RESULTSA GRADE Round 6

<u>NBMCC 166</u>	& <u>1/53</u>	<u>Lost to</u>	<u>TRINITY PRES. 203</u>
Tombs 50 R.Walsh 34	Smith 31	McDonald 20	Tamblyn 4/48

<u>NBMCC 6/160</u> (with 9 players)	<u>Lost to</u> (in the final over)	<u>HARTWELL 6/164</u>
Meadows 77 (5 sixers)		Oswin 2 dropped catches

<u>NBMCC 9/168</u>	<u>Lost to</u>	<u>GLEN IRIS/E.KEW 236</u>
Meadows 56 Tamblyn 22		

C1 GRADE Round 6

<u>NBMCC 80</u>	& <u>123</u>	<u>Were convincingly defeated by</u>	<u>Camberwell Utg. 8/134 &</u>
Phillips 32 Weatherley 15		Brodttmann 34 Weatherley 22 Clark 19x	Rowbotham 4/44
			<u>0/71</u>

<u>NBMCC 8/96cc</u>	<u>Lost to</u>	<u>HARTWELL UTG. 7/133</u>
Weatherley 29 Brodttmann 24		R.Stone 3/22

<u>NBMCC 5/168</u>	<u>Defeated</u> (thank goodness)	<u>WYCLIF UTG 134</u>
Weatherley 59 R.Stone 47 M.Walsh 26x Brodttmann 24		M.Walsh 3/23 Rowbotham 3/42

D1 GRADE Round 6

<u>NBMCC 139</u>	& <u>4/59</u>	<u>Lost to</u>	<u>SUMMERHILL RD. 255</u>
D.Hands 69 Pryn 18		Boucher 20	D.Hands 3/55 Makrids 3/54

<u>NBMCC 71</u>	& <u>5/125</u>	<u>Lost to</u> (very embarrassingly)	<u>The AVENUE 132</u>
Pryn 15 Extras 14		Pryn 53x Clark 21 Boucher 16	Hurley 4/13
			Wiegel 1 dropped catch.

UNDER 16s Round 6

<u>NBMCC 7/91</u>	<u>Lost to</u>	<u>GLEN IRIS/E.KEW 7/139</u>
Clark 40		Clark 4/46 Petrovic 3/50

UNDER 14s Round 6

<u>NBMCC 3/88</u>	& <u>0/2</u>	<u>Defeated Outright</u>	<u>GLEN IRIS 46 & 43</u>
McDonald 36x Dharumasena 27			Dharumasena 3/3

TWILIGHT ROUND 4

<u>NBMCC 125</u>	<u>AS USUAL DEFEATED</u>	<u>ALL SAINTS 52 (Yawn)</u>
R.Walsh 22 E.Walsh 19 Rothnie 19 Phillips 16		Brodttmann 3/12 Liddle 2/3

SUBS PLEASE PAY UP YOUR ANNUAL SUBS NOW IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO.
ALSO PLEASE KEEP YOUR WEEKLY SUBS UP TO DATE (WE HAVE A COMPLETE RECORD SO THERE IS NO CHANCE OF ESCAPE)

DRINKS THE CLUB PROVIDES SOFT DRINKS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE SO PLEASE CO-OPERATE AND PAY FOR EVERY DRINK WHICH YOU CONSUME. TOO MANY PLAYERS ARE DRINKING NOW AND PROMISING TO PAY LATER - AND NOT PAYING AT ALL. IF YOU WANT THE BEST EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVED PRACTICE FACILITIES PLEASE CO-OPERATE FINANCIALLY

SPECIAL NOTICE IN CASE YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN, YOUR CRICKET CLUB IS SPONSERED BY THE NORTH BLACKBURN UNITING CHURCH AND IF IT WERE NOT FOR THIS SPONSERSHIP WE WOULD BE UNABLE TO PLAY IN THE EASTERN SUBURBAN CHURCHES CRICKET ASSOCIATION. IT IS IMPORTANT THEREFORE THAT ALL PLAYERS MAKE AN EFFORT TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN ANY CLUB ACTIVITIES THAT ARE DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH THE CHURCH. LAST YEAR WE WERE INVOLVED IN THE CHURCH FETE, THIS YEAR THE CLUB IS PARTICIPATING IN A CHURCH SERVICE ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10th. CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE CLUB ARE ORGANISING THE SERVICE, SO ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS ATTEND THE SERVICE AND MAKE IT WORTHWHILE. PLEASE ENCOURAGE PARENTS AND FAMILY TO COME. REMEMBER, IT'S FREE. SEE PENGUIN AND PSYCHO EARL IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT.
DATE: SUNDAY FEB. 10th TIME: 11 am PLACE: NTH BLACKBURN UTG CHURCH, KOONUNG RD

GOLF DAY THIS VERY IMPORTANT SOCIAL FUNCTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 3rd. AT OLINDA GOLF COURSE. WE HAVE BOOKED THE 1st TEE FROM 10 - 10.30 am AND FOLLOWING 18 holes ((9 IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT) THERE WILL BE A BBQ ETC COME ALONG EVEN IF YOU ARE HOPELESS. STEVE SMITH WILL BE CONDUCTING A COACHING CLINIC FOR BEGINNERS.

COST: \$3.00 (18) UNDER 16: \$2.00 (18) BYO MEAT, FOOD ETC
FURTHER DETAILS FROM DICK OR OSSIE SOFT DRINKS AVAIL.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE SUCCESSFUL HSC STUDENTS & CONMISERATIONS TO THE OTHERS.

A VERY SPECIAL CHEERIO TO BREW WHO TURNS 22 TODAY. ALSO TO PAYNEY - 17 on Wednesday.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ROUND 9

G.Weatherley 69 (C1) J.Tamblyn 66 (A) B.Liddle 51 (C1) E.Hands 48 (D1)
 C.Meadows 55 (A) D.Oswin 48x E.Walsh 4/57 (A) D.Payne 2/16 (1 over)C1

RESULTS

A GRADE

NBMCC 246 Defeated Nth. Balwyn 213
 Tamblyn 66 Meadows 55 Walsh, E. 4/57
 Walsh, E 26 Oswin 48x & 3 Runouts Tamblyn 3/20

C1 GRADE

NBMCC 9/253 dec. Defeated Koonung Hts 128 & 5/183
 Weatherley 69 Liddle 51 Walsh, M 3/60
 Stone 24 Phillips 22

D1 GRADE

NBMCC 76 & 219 Lost to Hartwell 7/109 & 5/131
 Hands, D. 16 Extras 15 Down 2/5
 Hands R 48 Hands, D 37 Miles 34 Zattra 20x
 Makrides 27

UNDER 16

NBMCC 49 Lost to Trinity 51
 Nothing worth mentioning.

UNDER 14

NBMCC 8/81 Defeated Trinity 7/62
 Jansen 23x

HIGHLIGHTS (Seen, observed and noted on and off the field)

Craig's brilliant run out - hitting the stumps with a throw from the deep....Ossies monster six....Mr.Shokman's prayer....Pierres sixer.... Under 16s solid batting - 4 wickets in 5 balls....Payneys incredible over -4/x/4././4/x/4.... Craigs Twilight bowling- 3 overs for 40.... Brews over....Mike Jansens heroic effort....Clarkys Len Pascoe impressions - NO BALL....Franks comeback....Brads intelligent and entertaining batting....Weaths confidence at the crease....Wals restrained batting.... Milesys freehitting....Towers temper....Des's debut in A grade.... Alexs keeping (How many byes?)....Rob Hands debut as skipper - How do you set a field with eight players?....Jim keeping to Smithy.... Handsy's birdie....Broddys aggressive approach to the seventeenth green..

SPECIAL NOTICE THE CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR VARIOUS REASONS AND WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON FEB. 23rd.

SOCIAL REPORT Believe it or not the club does have a social committee. Can anyone remember who is on it?

GOLF DAY Despite an appallingly small attendance a very enjoyable day was had, with Payneys friend Gavin taking the honours and Dave Hands running second. Broddy won the Barbeque.

ANOTHER SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT Christopher J.Byrne, until recently a favourite son of the NBMCC has been appointed to the highly prestigious position of Maths teacher at Horsham High (or thereabouts). Where is Horsham you ask. Well its a long way from centres of International cricket, but the Englishman played a game of cards at the Mechanics Institute during the 1936/37 tour of Australia. Over the years (since the very early seventies) Chris has produced some fine performances (none of which spring to mind). A member of the Champion Under16 team of 1973/74 Byrney initially established himself as a bowler who could swing both ways. Unfortunately his first years in Senior cricket were affected by his partiality to the amber fluid, but Chris overcame this unfortunate affliction to develop into a useful allrounder. More recently Chris developed a bad case of a not uncommon disease which affects many number 11 batsmen, however his talent to put fear in the hearts of opposition batsmen remained. Some of Chris's many fine qualities which will remain forever in our minds are is superb control - the ability to bowl "line and lenth" (Stackys phrase), his enthusiastic, energetic approach to training and his inspiring performances as Vice President. Oh.... one other thing; his brilliant Twilight captaincy. Good Luck Byrney, and may you never need a calculator to work out your batting average.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ROUND 10 (Facts and Figures)

S. Smith 68 (A) R. Stone 82 (C1) D. Hands 53 (D1) G. Weatherley 48 (C1)

M. Jansen 5/3 (U/14) S. Smith 3/6 (A) B. Liddle Golden Duck (C1)

RESULTSA Grade

NEMCC	8/217	Defeated (final over)	Balwyn Utg. 211
	Smith 68 R. Walsh 45 E. Walsh 26		Smith 3/6
	J. Tambllyn 23 D. Oswin 28x		Byrne 2/41 Tambllyn 27/50

C1 Grade

NEMCC	9/201	Drew with	Summerhill Rd. 9/226
	R. Stone 82 G. Weatherley 48 Brodtmann 27		Rowbotham 3/27
			(15 overs)

D1 Grade

NEMCC	221	& 1/29	Lost to	the other team (St. Stephens)
	D. Hands 53 Makrides 37 Down 33 (2 6s)			6/278 dec
	Chesterman 22 Hawkes 20		Makrides 3/33	

UNDER 16

NEMCC	1/54	Drew with	Kerrimuir 7/115 dec
	Clark 22x		Clark 3/57 Petrovic 3/43

UNDER 14

NEMCC	2/93 dec	Defeated Outright	Canty. Salvos 49 & 33
	Lothian 34x Dharumasena 22x Ferrari 22		Jansen 5/3 Lothian
			Ferrari 3/15 3/2

TWILIGHT In a particularly exciting match we ended up winning by just 5 runs against our old rivals. Broddy set us up with some exhilarating batting (3x6s & 4x4s) but it was Wal who really saved the day. No praise is too high for this blond bombshell who skilfully manipulated the game to a tension packed climax. Needing some 14 runs from the final over, Skipper Glen Weatherley threw the ball to the most experienced bowler in the team. Wal bowled the last over as if it were a Brownlow Medal count. Feeding the Baps a couple of singles early in the over, Wal brought the game alive for the huge crowd by presenting the batsman with a gift delivery on the seventh ball which was promptly dispatched for six over mid wicket. Needing another six off the final ball many bowlers would have crumpled under the pressure - but not Wal (our hero)

NEMCC	7/135	Brodtmann 34 Ret Meadows 24 Walsh 17	Def. Blacky Nth Baps
			8/130

Highlights of Round 10 (the stuff of which memories are made)

....Byrneys testimonial match (poor Byrne)...controversial A grade non-dismissal....A grades on course betting - estimating the capacity of the Penguin for self preservation (Well done Wogg, 15 balls).... Summerhills delightfully friendly wicketkeeper....Brads bruising bowlingWeaths run outs....Jims keeping (no byes)...RodHodges temper.... Downies sixes....Milesy head butting the ball....John Buncans first wicket....Jims popular umpiring....LBW?...Caught behind?...Mike Jansens donkey drops....Maccas A grade catching....pretty good for a wicketkeeperBo Maddox'10'....Robby 'Pot Hole' Walsh's batting.... Ossies heroic sixer & his impossible running.... Payneys cover drive....Broddys 4,6,4 Craigs defiant batting....Johnnos match saving defence....Clarkys bouncer.... Chestys gutsy (stupid?) catch with a broken thumb....

CHURCH SERVICE Don't forget the Club's Church Service tomorrow morning at the North Blackburn Uniting Church, Koonung Road, commencing at 11.am (Sunday 24th) Everybody welcome. Support your club and experience the mellow tones of the mellifluous Margaret Stone and the Penguinettes.

SUBS There is still a considerable quantity of subs yet unpaid. Please amend this situation IMMEDIATELY, or this years trophies will bear an uncanny resemblance to empty vegemite jars.

END OF SEASON B.B. Q The palatial residence of Mr. S. Hall & Mr. J. Tambllyn has been made available for this function after the match next Saturday BYO meat and drink 12 Power st. Balwyn.

SPECIAL NOTICE Chris Byrne is alive and well and living in Horsham and is already the centre of a four way wrangle between local football clubs.

PRESENTATION NIGHT The format of this years function has yet to be decided. Please make any bright suggestions to David Oswin or Dick.

FRANKS FAVOURITE Stage Hit in the 7th at Caulfield (Each way)