



XXIX CLUB Annual Report 2016-2017



Melbourne Cricket Club
XXIX Club
Sixty-First Annual Report

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2016/17 MCC XXIX Club Committee

Chairman:	Geoff Fidler	
Hon Secretary:	Matthew Stein	
Hon Treasurer:	Colin Walker	
Committee:	Mark Anderson John McCormick Nicholas Quinn Michael Sholly Mark Butler Tim Norton	
Life Members:	Tom Leather Ian McDonald	
Permanent Backstop:	Sir Robert Menzies Don Cordner	(1958 – 1977) (1994 – 2005)
Past Presidents:	1957 – 1959 1960 – 1962 1963 – 1965 1966 – 1968 1969 – 1971 1972 – 1974 1975 – 1977 1978 – 1980 1981 – 1983 1984 – 1986 1987 – 1989 1990 – 1992 1993 – 1995 1996 – 1998 1999 – 2001 2002 – 2004 2005 – 2007 2008 – 2009 2009 – 2012 2013 - 2015 2015 -	Keith Tolhurst Ian McDonald Keith Rigg Col McCutcheon Col Spargo Col Munro Max Haysom Lindsay Birrell Brian Watson John McCarthy Bob Lloyd Graham Brown Peter French Peter Anderson John Anderson David Broad Stuart Stockdale Bill Stahmer Mark Anderson Philip Halbish Geoff Fidler



XXIX CLUB

Chairman's Report

The XXIX Club was formed in 1956, with one of its pillars to foster the spirit and sportsmanship of cricket. Whilst we continue to uphold those values, we also like to be competitive, and with ten wins from thirteen games, I can report our year was a successful one on the field.

Highlights were plentiful over the season, however special mentions go to Andrew Kent (109 and 92 ret), Meyrick Buchanan (83no), Patrick Smith (hat-trick) and Tim Alexander (5/20).

In May the club embarked on its first tour to the USA and Canada. Whilst we were unlucky not to qualify for the finals in the Philadelphia International Cricket Festival (we won four of five qualifying matches) we did win the festival's sportsmanship award. The game in Queens, New York, was a highlight, however being the first MCC playing team to visit the Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club (an MCC reciprocal club) will be something all touring members will long remember.

The upcoming season will again be full of great times and will include a visit by Singapore CC, as well as a game scheduled on the SCG against the CC of NSW.

Congratulations to our young cricketer award winners, Will Pucovski and Alana D'Aquina. Whilst Alana is currently enjoying a sabbatical year, Will's star is on the rise and we look forward to following his achievements and success at all levels.

Off field, the XXIX Club continues to provide wonderful events for all members, playing and non-playing alike.

Boxing Day Test lunches on days one and three were at full capacity and, with the Ashes up for grabs this year, we anticipate a full house again.

The "Doc" Ian McDonald Long Room lunch in February (Stephen Gough) saw over 100 members and guests attend, as did the August lunch (Dermott Brereton). Both guest speakers were informative, engaging and highly entertaining, and I encourage our members to bring a guest to our next luncheon.

We also hosted, for the first time, a football day in the Hans Ebeling Room, MCG, at the end of August. It was an enjoyable day for all attendees (especially followers of eventual AFL premiers, Richmond) and we look forward to making a day at the footy a standard in our functions calendar.

Finally, I would like to thank our members for supporting our fixture and functions, our dedicated and cohesive XXIX Club Committee, John Anderson for his continued support, and office staff Steven McCooke and Nathan Ervin for their support to the committee and all XXIX Club members.

I look forward to seeing you at a game or function throughout the upcoming year.

Geoff Fidler
Chairman



Figure 1: Geoff Awarded the Spirit of Cricket Trophy at Philadelphia CC

Finance Report for Season 2016/17

Annual Dinner 5 November 2016

Just under 200 Members and Guests attended our Annual Dinner in the MCC Dining Room to hear from one of the best after dinner speakers; Australian Test Cricketer, Greg Ritchie. Our numbers were down by 20% on the previous year, which indicated that a Saturday night at the end of the Melbourne Cup Carnival caused a number of other function clashes. Your committee has been diligently working on attempting to find the best night of the week in November for this function, and this year we have selected a Wednesday evening to avoid any clashes. This function resulted in a small loss.



Figure 2: LRL Best Value At The "G"

Long Room Luncheons 15 July 2016, 24 February 2017.

Our July luncheon had 89 members and guests attend to hear from the New Chairman of Cricket Australia – David Peever.

In February we had the privilege to hear from the retiring MCC CEO, Stephen Gough, at which some 104 members and guests attended. In August (strictly 2017/18 season) we welcomed one of our adversaries from the Media game in Dermott Brereton.

These functions continue to be well supported, with the committee's policy of subsidising the members' fee for these luncheon, helping to give back to our valued members.



Figure 3: Dermie mistakes Chairman for S.Hocking

Test Day 1 and 3 Luncheons

As expected, Day 1 was booked out to capacity, and Day 3 was also well supported, which provided the club with a profit.

We have, this year, invested in new stock of club and gift ties, which should give us approximately 3 years supply. Our club finances remain strong, with \$64,595 in term deposits at an average of 2.175% and \$12,760 in the Trading account.

Colin Walker
Hon. Treasurer.

MCC XXIX Club Statement of Income and Expenditure

MCC XXIX Club Statement of Income and Expenditure		
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017		
June 30 2016		June 30 2017
	INCOME	
\$ 14,025	Subscriptions (including Entrance Fees)	\$ 18,095
\$ 1,478	Interest Received	\$ 1,417
\$ 25,780	Annual Dinner Revenue (96 Members & 103 Guests)	\$ 22,510
\$ 17,100	Test Day 1 Luncheon (63 Members & 81 Guests)	\$ 18,360
\$ 12,900	Test Day 3 Luncheon (28 Members & 61 Guests)	\$ 11,475
\$ 6,050	Long Room Luncheons, 15 Jul 2016, 24 Feb 2017.	\$ 13,800
\$ 100	Sales of Club Apparel & Cricket Equipment	\$ 50
\$ 19,567	UK 2015 Tour Revenue (from Participants)	
	USA & CANADA Tour 2017 (from Participants)	\$ 70,873
	Vignerons Dinner Adelaide (from Participants)	\$ 2,600
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\$ 97,000	Total Income	\$ 159,179
	EXPENDITURE	
\$ 26,529	Annual Dinner Expenses	\$ 23,998
\$ 15,008	Test Day 1 Luncheon Expenses	\$ 16,893
\$ 11,312	Test Day 3 Luncheon Expenses	\$ 10,835
\$ 7,204	Long Room Luncheon Expenses	\$ 16,934
\$ 8,272	Game Catering and Match Fees	\$ 8,517
\$ 1,966	Catering Committee Meetings	\$ 1,250
\$ 24,305	UK 2015 Tour Expenses	
	USA & CANADA Tour 2017 Expenses	\$ 77,819
	Vignerons Dinner Adelaide	\$ 2,600
\$ 1,200	MCC Young Player Awards	\$ 1,200
\$ 181	Trophies	\$ 443
\$ -	Merchandise	\$ 7,819
\$ 1,000	Donations	
\$ 2,186	Printing and Stationery	\$ 2,772
\$ 191	Public Notices	
\$ 1,209	General Expenses	\$ 734
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\$ 100,563	Total Expenditure	\$ 171,813
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\$ (3,563)	Net Profit (Loss)	\$ (12,634)
=====		=====
\$ 30,389	Cash At Bank	\$ 12,760
\$ 64,595	NAB Term Deposit	\$ 64,595
\$ 10,030	Accounts Receivable	\$ 8,010
\$ 632	Assets At Cost	\$ 6,312
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\$ 105,646		\$ 91,677

Introduction to the MCC XXIX Club

The Club owes its very existence to a very small band of cricket enthusiasts who took the very first steps towards its formation just prior to the 1956/57 season. The prime movers were Jack Daniel, Jack Green, Max Haysom, Ian McDonald and Keith Rigg, and those of us who now enjoy membership are in the debt of those five men. To refresh the memories, in this year's annual report there is a fascinating account by Ian McDonald of the Club's formation.

All members of the Melbourne Cricket Club and Playing members on the waiting list are eligible for XXIX membership subject to acceptance by the Committee of a nomination form supported by a proposer and a seconder, each of whom is to be a financial member of the XXIX Club of at least 12 month's standing.

There is an entrance fee of \$60 and an annual subscription is \$60 payable on October 1 each year that should be sent to our Hon. Treasurer, Colin Walker, C/- MCC, PO Box 175, East Melbourne, 8002. Cheques should be made payable to the MCC XXIX Club.

The function of the Club is to foster the enjoyment of cricket largely by arranging matches and other social events.

New silk club ties (\$50.00) are available from the MCC offices. Please contact the MCC Club Sport Administration Officer on 9657 8985.

Members are urged to encourage others to join. We are particularly keen to swell the ranks of those whose interest in cricket is not confined to just spectatorship. Keen players and helpers are most welcome.

Significant Club Dates

August 1956	Initial correspondence with MCC
September 1956	Letter from MCC expressing agreement in principle
October 1956	Initial meeting
1 st November 1956	Inaugural Meeting at Albert Ground
	Election of first committee
4 th November 1956	1 st Match versus Southern Command at Broadmeadows
27 th July 1957	First Annual Dinner at Fontainbleu
	Presided over by E.K. Tolhurst
	Guest Speaker: A.L. Hassett
December 1969	Overseas Tour – South East Asia
June 1977	Overseas Tour – U.K.
August 1977	Twenty-first Annual Dinner
April 1980	Overseas Tour – South East Asia
June 1981	Overseas Tour – U.K.
September 1981	Silver Anniversary Dinner
April 1982	Overseas Tour – South East Asia
August 1985	International Masters Games - Toronto, Canada
September 1985	XXIXers 29 th Annual Dinner
August 1989	International Masters Games - Denmark/U.K.
October 1990	Central Australian Masters Games-Alice Springs
July 1993	Overseas Tour – U.K.
June 1997	Overseas Tour – U.K.
June 2001	Overseas Tour – U.K.
April 2003	Overseas Tour – Thailand
June/July 2005	Overseas Tour – U.K. (via Singapore & Holland)
September 2006	Fifty-Year Anniversary Annual Dinner
April/May 2007	Overseas Tour – Malaysia & Thailand
July 2009	Overseas Tour – U.K.
July 2013	Overseas Tour – U.K.
July 2015	Overseas Tour – Italy, France & U.K.
May 2017	Overseas Tour – USA & Canada

A Note on the Formation of the MCC XXIX Club

It does no harm to delve into history, if only for the nostalgic memories of the past.

It has been suggested that in 1956 “Dasher” Daniel, Keith Rigg, Max Haysom, “Groper” Green and I happened to get together and form the XXIX Club. It wasn’t quite like that. Rather than being a case of “spontaneous generation”, the Club rather “rose like a Phoenix from the ashes”.

Those of you who still have the original report 1956/57 may care to read (for few will remember) of the teams taken away to the country before and immediately after the Second World War by Su Aitken, Hec Donahoo, and Stan Rogerson. With the tearing up of the MCG for the 1956 Olympic Games, social cricket was, for a time, abandoned.

Quite fortuitously, I was in Oxford for two years about that time. I had been introduced to the pleasures of English Cricket, and in particular was greatly impressed and delighted by the art form known as the annual dinner; a play in which the actors dressed in black and white, were regaled by after dinner speakers of extraordinary wit and enthusiasm.

Upon my return home, being unwilling to forgo these pleasures, but unable to do anything effectively on my own, I was fortunate to find enthusiastic support from several players of my vintage and two general committeemen in Keith Tolhurst and Keith Rigg, who were willing and able to avoid the hidden rocks of the anti-Sunday cricket establishment and still deliver a child legitimised by the MCC.



Figure 4 : Ian McDonald

This child soon to become the XXIX Club (the name “the MCC Bulls” having been pronounced too way-out for the MCC Committee), fell easily into the gap left by the earlier social teams, but had the added virtue of being a formal sub-section of the MCC with its own Committee, cap, tie and annual dinner, and, in due course, its Permanent Back Stop.

I think that I, more than anyone, was delighted by the success (due mostly to the indefatigable Tom Leather) of the first season’s games.

The climax of it all was the first annual dinner at Fountainbleu in 1957 for in its annual dinner I believe is sublimated all the social pleasure of a cricket club. Graced by Lindsay Hassett, the dinner, almost course for course and speaker for speaker, was quite intentionally moulded on the 21st annual dinner of the South Oxfordshire Amateurs CC that had so enthused me in 1954. It is for this reason that I have always believed S.O.A. to be the unwitting father of the XXIX Club (there was so much free champers that night that the father would have been none the wiser), and accordingly, made strenuous efforts to be at its 50th annual dinner when I was able to make a presentation representing both congratulations and thanks from the XXIX Club.

But no child can be fathered without a mother, and it was the MCC through the enthusiasm of a number of senior players and committeemen of 1956, who saw the foetus through its gestation and delivery, later to name it XXIX in recognition of the fact the cricketers never grow old.

Several of the original and early members have become general committeemen in the course of time. It is my hope that such close association of the XXIX Club with the higher echelon of the mother club will continue to the mutual benefit of both.

Ian McDonald

Previous Guest Speakers

Our 59th Annual Report would not be complete without the inclusion of a list of those “Guest Speakers” who so graciously gave reminiscences and anecdotes from the past experiences on and off the playing fields here and overseas.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Guest Speaker</u>	<u>Proposer of Toast to Guest</u>	<u>Proposer of Toast to Club</u>
1957	Lindsay Hassett	R B Stevens	L P O’Brien
1958	Ernie McCormick	J G Green	K E Rigg
1959	Sir Robert Menzies	M R Haysom	D H Reid
1960	Jack Fingleton	C C McDonald	Sir Albert Chadwick
1961	Arthur Calwell	E L Moran	E L McCormick
1962	Richie Benaud	Dr G R Thoms	Hon A A Street
1963	Bill O’Reilly	A L Hassett	R C Steele
1964	Rohan Rivett	Sir N O’Byran	V Y Richardson
1965	Alan McGillvray	L N Ley	Dr D P Cordner
1966	Ian Johnson	W L Jacobs	A L Hassett
1967	Bill Lawry	Hon A A Street	H J Kroger
1968	Arthur Morris	Dr I McDonald	G C Eggleston
1969	Sir Eugene Gorman	A L Hassett	A A Calwell
1970	Les Favell	Hon Mr Just. Gray	R D Barassi
1971	Colin Egar	R C. Steele	G D Cordner
1972	Alan Davidson	Hon Mr Just Coldham	J C Lill
1973	Lou Rowan	Hon Mr Just. Gray	Sir Robert Menzies
1974	Ray Lindwall	S J E Loxton	B A Barnett
1975	Frank Tyson	Dr G R Thoms	Dr I McDonald
1976	Max Walker	I J Ridley	Dr D P Cordner
1977	Ian Meckiff	L F Kline	G D Cordner
1978	Bob Simpson	B V Tobin	D P Jones
1979	David Richards	R C Steele	L P O’Brien
1980	Tony Greig	A P Sheahan	E J Lynch
1981	Bob Merriman	K E Rigg, MBE	R G Lloyd
1982	John Edwards	Hon Mr Just. Southwell	G C Brown
1983	John Lill	C C McDonald	J H Mackinnon
1984	Sir James Killen	Hon A A Street	Hon Mr Just. Gray
1985	Keith Dunstan	Dr I McDonald	D H Reid
1986	Sam Loxton	R J Parish	D G McQueen
1987	Doug Walters	J Edwards	A J Ryan
1988	Neil Hawke	J C Lill	R H Teasdale
1989	Barry Richards	D J Broad	I C Hennig
1990	Dean Jones	J G Anderson	P D French
1991	David Hookes	J G Anderson	Hon V F Wilcox
1992	Rod Marsh	G J Cosier	Dr D P Cordner
1993	Geoff Lawson	J K Moss	Dr W S Rickards
1994	Terry Jenner	M H N Walker	M R Haysom
1995	Jim Higgs	W M Lawry	Dr J C Lill
1996	Greg Chappell	R G Lloyd	M L Phillips
1997	Mark Taylor	A I C Dodemaide	R B Church
1998	Tony Crafter	G Dawson	M W D Sholly
1999	Adam Gilchrist	M S Anderson	J McCarthy
2000	Ian Healy	M L Phillips	Hon Just E.W. Gillard

2001	Paul Sheahan	B J Matters	W Carroll
2002	Bob Massie	S D Stockdale	Dr I Mc Donald
2003	Steve Bernard	M S Anderson	Dr D P Cordner
2004	Darren Berry	M W D Sholly	J C Oliver
2005	Damien Fleming	S M McCooke	M G Butler
2006	Bradley Hodge	A B McDonald	P D French
2007	Steve Rixon	C J Davies	A S MacGillivray
2008	Stuart MacGill	S H Cook	B J Matters
2009	Michael Kasprowicz	A C Dale	S J Spargo
2010	Rodney Hogg	D M Johnstone	D J Broad
2011	Kerry O'Keefe	P J Halbish	D S Crow
2012	Merv Hughes	M W D Sholly	P D King
2013	Wayne Phillips	M R Stein	S M McCooke
2014	Daryl Harper	N H Quinn	P Hanlon
2015	Danny Morrison	N H Quinn	A P Sheahan
2016	Greg Richie	M A Butler	M S Anderson

List of Founding Members of MCC XXIX Club – 1956

J	Crawford		C S	McCutcheon
N C	Crompton		I H	McDonald
H	Dowsley		A	McKay
J	Daniel		J G	Miles
C L	Fairbairn		L P	O'Brien
C	Gardiner		D	Peters
J G	Green		W N	Ponsford
W	Harrison		W S	Rickards
M R	Haysom		K E	Rigg
J G	Hunt		C	Smith
M	Kenny		R	Speechley
D	Kerr		R B	Stevens
H M	Kerr		J H M	Symons
J D	Kinnear		R H	Teasdale
L	Kline		G	Thoms
T W	Leather		E K	Tolhurst
G	Longney		I	Warne-Smith

2016/17 Results at a Glance

26-Oct-16	Army	Albert	P.Kennedy	WIN	P.Kennedy 42
8-Nov-16	President's XI	MCC	M.Anderson	WIN	P.Petricola 64 ret
16-Nov-16	Bendigo CC	Albert	T.Jones	Lost	T.Koop Bendigo 74*
20-Nov-16	MCC Young Members	Albert	A.Middlin	WIN	M.Buchanan 83*,R.Cooper 66*
23-Nov-16	Vignerons XI	Nuriooptna	M.Butler	WIN	T.Jones 40*
4-Dec-16	Aust Cricket Society	Wesley	C.Nunan	WIN	S.Jones 41*,D.O'Shaughnessy 41*
7-Dec-16	Media XI	Albert	P.O'Bierne	Lost	A.Kent 109, D.Harford 92
8-Feb-17	CC NSW	Albert	M.Butler	Lost	T. Marchant 31 & 3/22
12-Feb-17	Crusaders	McKinnon	C.Nunan	WIN	O.Gunning 50
19-Feb-17	Euroa CC	Euroa	R.Shugg	Lost	T.Alexander 5/20
22-Feb-17	Epicure XI	Albert	S.M.McCooke	WIN	A.Kent 92
1-Mar-17	Combined Club XI	Albert	M.Stein	WIN	M.Scholten 71*
8-Mar-17	HMAS Cerberus	Cerberus	G.Fidler	WIN	T.Corney 3/26
4-May-17	PICF Colorado	Philadelphia	S.M.McCooke	WIN	S.W.McCooke 3/16
4-May-17	PICF Wandering ANZACS	Philadelphia	S.M.McCooke	Lost	S.W.McCooke 42 ret
5-May-17	PICF Haverford College	Philadelphia	S.M.McCooke	WIN	Played Indoor
6-May-17	PICF Royal Auto Club	Philadelphia	S.M.McCooke	WIN	M.Reidy 6 dismissals
6-May-17	PICF Merion CC	Philadelphia	S.M.McCooke	WIN	B.Anderson amongst wickets
7-May-17	PICF Colorado	Philadelphia	S.M.McCooke	Lost	Very Cold
11-May-17	NY Masters	NY Queens	G.Fidler	Lost	T.Fidler 4/62
14-May-17	Toronto CSCC	Toronto	G.Fidler	Lost	T.Fidler 45*



Figure 5: The only three MCC 300 gamers Now Turn Out For XXIX Fixtures

MCC XXIX Club v Army Southern Command

MCC XXIX CLUB v Army / Southern Command							
Played at: The Albert on October 26, 2016							
	MCC XXIX CLUB 6/147			Defeated		Army/Southern Command 9/145	
Player	Batting		Bowling	Player	Batting		Bowling
P Hughes	3		1/34 (4)	J McCabe	4		0/12 (3)
P Kennedy ©	42		0/21 (4)	J Goss	25		
J Kent	13		4/28 (4)	I Hodgkins	3		
C Sturrock	15		0/7 (5)	T Grieve	9		1/17 (4)
T Corney	13		0/15 (3)	M Laughlin	14		
M Jamieson	27	n.o.	2/17 (7)	J Marshall ©	55	n.o.	0/32 (5)
P Jackson	10		2/5 (4)	D Coombes	10		
M Reidy (wk)	12	n.o.		D Chegwidden	0		2/11 (4)
G Fidler	dnb			B Duncanson	19		1/26 (5)
T Jones	dnb			S Summers-Dixon	3		1/10 (4)
C Nunan	dnb		0/16 (5)	N Bell	3	n.o.	0/23 (3)
				M Nipperess	dnb		1/16 (4)
Sundries	11			Sundries	2		
Umpires	T Norton	J McKinnon					
Scorers	B Hopkins						
Team manager	C Walker						



Figure 6: An Army Marches On its Stomach According to Spider and Kenty

There was a sense of occasion at The Albert on the 26th of October 2016 as the MCC XXIX Club prepared to play an Armed Services XI. The match was to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the XXIX Club’s first match played some sixty years earlier on the 4th November 1956 v Southern Command at Broadmeadows.

Genuine XXIX Club royalty was in attendance in the personage of ‘The Doc’ McDonald and Charlie Fildes, both of whom played in that original match. A wonderful, if not inspiring, effort for them to be there.

The Army batted first and lost early wickets thanks to a brilliant caught and bowled by Paul Jackson (2/5) and magnificent 'one hander' (with pirouette) by Tim Jones. As you might expect, the Army fought back with Captain J Marshall (55) and J Goss (25) compiling a steady partnership to put them back on track. Enter John Kent (4/28) who turned our fortunes with three wickets in an over...and was promptly removed from the attack.

Some lofty hitting from B Duncanson (19) took the Army total to a respectable 9/145 despite some good 'death bowling' from Hughesy (1/34) and Mike Jamieson (2/17).

The Doc's half time address must have been inspiring as the XXIX Club flew out of the blocks with Paul Kennedy (42) and John Kent (13) rattling up forty odd runs in the first few overs. Our middle order of Cam Sturrock (15), Tim Corney (13) and Paul Jackson (10) edged us towards the total as we continued to lose wickets.

A final partnership from Mike Jamieson (27) and Michael Reidy (12no.) saw us home with a few overs to spare.

I hope we did justice to the XXIX players of 1956 who also won that match. Clearly they had us covered in the nickname department featuring players such as 'Groper' Green and 'The Lizard' Stephens, not to mention 'The Doc'.

Many thanks to our umpires Tim and John, our scorer Barry, chairman Geoff Fidler and team manager Col Walker for their organization on the day.

The match report from 1956 read "In view of the enthusiasm subsequently shown in the messes, there seemed little doubt of the probable successes of the XXIX Club ventures." I am pleased to report that after sixty years nothing has changed.

Paul Kennedy
Captain

MCC XXIX Club v MCC President's XI

MCC XXIX CLUB v MCC President's XI									
Played at: MCG on November 8, 2016									
MCC XXIX CLUB					Defeated		MCC Presidents XI		
3/161							8/152		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Mark Butler	32		1/6	(1)	M Brown ©	23			
P Petricola	64	ret.	0/27	(5)	J Benson	20			
M Buchanan	48	n.o.	0/18	(3)	S Brewin	15	0/19	(1)	
J Paynter	2		0/8	(2)	B Harper	11	0/9	(1)	
P Kennedy	12	n.o.	0/12	(5)	Z Mevissen	35	0/44	7.3	
W McGillivray	dnb		3/36	(8)	A Walton	15	ret.		
A Middlin	dnb		1/15	(3)	N Ervin	8			
M Sholly	dnb				R Templeton	13	n.o.		
M Reidy	dnb				A Baker	2	0/19	(3)	
M Anderson ©	dnb		1/9	(5)	T Thompson	2	n.o.	0/28	(4)
P Halbish	dnb		1/19	(8)	S McCooke	dnb	2/33	(6)	
Sundries	3				Sundries	5			
Umpires	J Robinson	M Slattery							
Scorers	B Hopkins								
Team manager	C Walker								

It was a privilege and honour to be invited by our Chairman to lead the XXIX Club team into battle in this coveted fixture on the hallowed turf. Playing on the MCG is something no player from either team takes for granted no matter how many times some may have graced the turf and it's always a very special occasion for those players making their MCG debut, of which there were several in this fixture.

I note in last year's annual report that our skipper, Nick Quinn, noted that "a full review will be conducted to make sure that next season's game ends in a victory for the XXIX Club – probably starting with the captain"! Well, Nick was right, he wasn't invited back to captain and the review delivered a positive outcome as I am pleased to report the XXIX Club bounced back strongly in this season's fixture to record a nine run victory in a tight and keenly contested match.

The victory was set up by our top order who took full advantage of having first use of the first-class batting conditions. Openers Peter Petricola (64 ret.) and Mark Butler (32) both struck the ball sweetly as did Meyrick Buchanan who made a quick-fire 48no coming in at number 3. At the compulsory close after 40 overs we had amassed 3/161 – a competitive total but by no means one that couldn't be chased down by a President's XI line-up including the MCC 1st captain and several experienced current and former Premier club players.

A balanced opening attack combining a blend of experience and youth with veteran Phil Halbish and youngster Wilson McGillivray started things off steadily and it was very nice to see Phil sneak one through the defences of the President's XI and MCC skipper Matthew Brown in the 9th over for 23 with the score on 36. From there on we were able to keep the run rate at a reasonable level while picking up wickets at regular intervals. MCC young all-rounder Zac Mevissen (35) provided some stiff resistance through the middle of the innings and when he was bowled by McGillivray in the 34th over the score was 6/126, leaving the President's XI needing a run-a-ball off the last six overs. Some tight bowling and desperate fielding in the final overs from a spirited XXIX Club team saw us through to a nine run victory and the club song was duly belted out with gusto in the visitors' dressing room.

Both teams shared some convivial beverages in the dressing rooms before making their way up to the Committee Room to meet their partners and join club officials and guests to enjoy a magnificent dinner hosted by MCC President Steven Smith and members of his committee. The obligatory speeches were made and pleasantries exchanged and the Brian Watson Memorial Trophy presented by Brian's widow, Lin, was gratefully accepted by our Chairman, Geoff Fidler. Man of the Match awards were presented to Peter Petricola (XXIX Club) and Zac Mevissen (President's XI).

As always, a big thank you to our band of volunteers who contributed on the day including John Robinson and Mike Slattery (umpires), Barry Hopkins (scorer) and Colin Walker and Jack Huxtable (managers). Also, we extend our grateful thanks to President Steven Smith and his committee for their outstanding and generous hospitality and affording the XXIX Club the opportunity to participate in this special fixture.

Mark Anderson
Captain



Figure 7 Warriors of the MCG

MCC XXIX Club v Bendigo Cricket Club

MCC XXIX CLUB v Bendigo Cricket Club									
Played at: The Albert on November 16, 2016									
MCC XXIX CLUB					Defeated by				
157					Bendigo C.C.				
4/160									
Player	Batting	Bowling	Player	Batting	Bowling	Player	Batting	Bowling	
M Scholten	4		S Koop	74	n.o.				
O Gunning	20	1/17 (3)	K Chant	0		1/1	(2)		
A Burge	12	1/19 (6)	J Franzi	18		0/4	(2)		
J Paynter	39	0/10 (3)	N Fitzpatrick	9		2/21	(5)		
P Kennedy	6	0/21 (5)	S Graham	29					
M Reidy	6		B Andrews	27		2/17	(5)		
T Alexander	39	0/12 (3)	M Gray	dnb		1/24	(3)		
C Nunan	2	1/31 (6)	J Higgs	dnb		0/9	(3)		
R Shugg	14		J Francis	dnb					
P Hughes	7	0/10 (1)	B Goodwin	dnb		2/35	(6)		
G Hannah	1	n.o. 1/38 (7)	Travis Windridge	dnb		1/33	(6)		
T Jones ©	dnb		A Gibbs	dnb		1/11	(3)		
Sundries	7		Sundries	3					
Umpires	J McKinnon T Norton								
Scorers	B Hopkins B Baker								
Team managers	C Walker I Coates								

This year Bendigo was in a determined mood to rectify the result of last year thrashing. Their team manager Ian “Bear” Coates assembled a young but strong and enthusiastic group for this highly-contested match in its 27th year.

The XXIX Club batted first on a greenish Albert track steadily reaching all out for 157 off 35 overs. We welcomed three young guns from Premier Cricket in what we hope is the first of many games for the XXIX club. Oliver Gunning (20), Alistair Burge (12) and Glenn Hannah (1/38) made valuable contributions.

Jack Paynter (39), another member of our new ‘youth policy’ contingent, contributed a fine knock. Tim Alexander (39) continued his good form in these matches and Ron Shugg (14) was entertaining as always.

After lunch the XXIX Club were quietly confident as our bowling attack burgeoned with bowlers of all persuasions. From the fast, Hannah and Paynter, mediums with Kennedy and Nunan, spin Alexander and Oliver and uncategorised Hughes.

All bowled well, but with a match winning 74 no by the Bendigo opener Koop, ably backed up by Andrews, Franzi and Graham, the Bendigo boys galloped to a six-wicket victory.

As has become traditional, we shared a great roast dinner punctuated only by formal presentations. Unlike the match, it was here that the XXIXers excelled themselves, as many of the more experienced brigade slipped easily into form.

Many thanks as usual go to umpires John Mackinnon and Tim Norton and scorer, Barrie Hopkins. Thanks to Colin Walker for his extraordinary team management skills which had the team well hydrated during and after the match.

Tim Jones
Captain

MCC XXIX Club (New Members) v MCC Young Members XI

MCC XXIX CLUB (New Members) v MCC Young Members XI									
Played at: The Albert on November 20, 2016									
MCC XXIX CLUB					Defeated				
9/224					MCC Young Members XI				
9/222									
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
A McCooke	47		1/19	(4)	R Cooper	66	ret.		
M Buchanan	83	n.o.			A Cowan	18			
P Smith	7		3/21 (inc Htk)	(4)	T Downing	42	ret.		
J McNamara	6		0/37	(5)	T Watson	38	ret.		
A Makowski	17		0/41	(7)	M Pearce	20			
T Marchant	15		1/16	(4)	B Thompson	24	n.o.	1/23	(6)
M Jamison	0		0/32	(6)	D Peree	0			
A Raynor	3		1/34	(6)	L Durkin	1		3/48	(7)
J Fitzgibbon	8				N Scammel	1		1/32	(7)
N Quinn	6		0/14	(4)	T Leathan	0		2/37	(7)
A Middlin ©	22	n.o.			N Seers	0	n.o.	1/22	(5)
					? Green	dnb		0/44	(5)
					M Butler ©	dnb		1/14	(3)
Sundries	10				Sundries	12			
Umpires	J McKinnon T Norton								
Scorers	B Hopkins								
Team managers	G Fidler								

When the MCC host induction evenings for new provisional members, the sporting sections and special interest groups are encouraged to display their offerings - trade show style. By far, the young members group attracts the greatest interest. With this depth of resources, the young members conceived the idea that they can put a team on the Albert to tackle the XXIX Club. We took this as an opportunity to field a team comprised predominately our new XXIX Club members. We then parachuted captains versed in XXIX protocols into each side and let nature take its course.

The game was something of a bat fest on a flat Albert track that saw a stunning opening partnership from Alistair McCooke (47) and Meyrick Buchanan (83*). Skipper Ash Middlin (22*) closed out the innings at 9/224.

Rob Cooper (66*) retaliated for the MCCYM's putting Jack McNamara into the tennis courts more than once. He was assisted by aggressive batting that saw another two retirements, bringing the state of the match to "game-on". Patrick Smith entered the attack at a critical moment and was successful in putting a wobble into the middle order bowling from umpire John Mackinnon's end.

We whispered to one of the batsman to get his helmet because although Paddy would not mean to hurt him, he sometime doesn't really know where they are going. With two consecutive wickets at the end of an over, he was dragged (kicking and screaming) from the attack to be denied a hat trick ball. Not much later, those on the field could see a conspiracy unfolding when Michael Jamieson feigned an injury at the bowling crease. *Who was Ash going ask to finish the over?* The supporters in the hill entered the conversation, and Paddy gave the skipper no choice by simply striding to his bowling mark. In a fairy tale ending, he clean bowled the last wicket to pick up a rare XXIX hat trick. Phew! A two-run victory.

Skippers Ash Middlin (us) and Mark Butler (them) did a great job in balancing the contest while giving everyone a role to play. The close finish kept scorer Barrie Hopkins on his toes.

It looks like they will be back for more this coming season.

Tim Norton
Match Umpire

MCC XXIX Club v Vignerons XI

MCC XXIX CLUB v Vignerons XI							
Played at: The Nuriooptna Cricket Ground on November 23, 2016							
MCC XXIX CLUB				Defeated		Vignerons XI	
3/120						6/119	
Player	Batting		Bowling	Player	Batting		Bowling
T Jones	40	n.o.		G Kidman	14		0/12 (6)
M Scholten	38			G Hogg	6		0/5 (1)
M Butler	2			T Bailey	1		0/28 (4)
P Kennedy	13		1/11 (4)	G Stirling	1		
P Leggett	12	n.o.	1/36 (7)	T Burge	56	Ret	
M Rattenbury	dnb		2/22 (7)	M McGill	9		
J Kent	dnb		2/12 (7)	B Schutz	8		
A Pritchard	dnb		0/14 (5)	M Arney	10	n.o.	2/25 (6)
B Ceresa	dnb		0/13 (3)	H Michael	10	n.o.	0/15 (3)
M Butler ©	dnb		0/9 (2)	J Oliver ©	dnb		0/12 (4)
R Shugg	dnb			D Slorack	dnb		1/21 (4)
M Reidy	dnb						
Sundries	15			Sundries	4		
Umpires	T Norton	T Pellow					
Scorers	G Goodman						
Team managers	C Walker						

It was an enthusiastic squad of 13 that descended on the Barossa to be hosted by Jeremy Oliver and Trent Burge from the Vignerons. We gathered for lunch at Seppeltsfield in their private wine room. Some of us had some tastings of 100-year-old Port which was quite the experience. We were then transferred by coach to the high-altitude vineyard, Steingarten. Numerous Rieslings later, and invigorated by the picturesque views of the Barossa and Eden Valley, we headed over to the magnificent St. Hugo's Vineyard for a degustation dinner. This recently renovated winery was opened especially for us on this night.

The food at St. Hugo's was amazing and uncharacteristically the food was matched to the wine, which was superb. The MCC Long Room Wine and Food Society would be green with jealousy. Believe it or not we were actually there for the cricket!

At Nuriooptna Oval the next morning we were sized up our opposition. Many were a little fresher than us! Unfortunately, Hughsey had to pull out at the last minute with a calf he injured getting home the night before.

We won the toss and decided, after some drizzle the day before, to send the opposition in on a bit of a slow seaming green top.

It ended up being a good decision, as our opening bowling combinations of Rattenbury (2/22) and Kent (2/12) ripped into the top order with their pace (or lack of it), which favoured the seaming and swinging conditions. At one point we had them 4 for 20. Trent Burge, a current Adelaide Grade player held us up for a while and made a patient and classy 56 retired.

The Vignerons managed 6 for 120 off 35 overs. Peter Leggett (his first for the club) and Paul Kennedy also chimed in nicely with a wicket apiece.

After the brief temptation of another quick sample during the innings break, Matt Scholten got us off to a flyer with a quick fire 38. Tim Jones his opening batting partner started to find his momentum and led us to victory with a good 40 not out, passing them three down.

As the post-match wine was provided mostly from the vineyards of the opposition players, it gave us the opportunity to get first hand perspectives on the wine styles. Grant Burge was kind enough to provide one of his special bottles. When it came to the formalities, there were some lively speeches from several in the room, all of whom were reflective of the hospitality we received and spoke of repeating fixture in future years. The carvery we were provided was first class.

The boys celebrated in style, which clearly showed the next day by the look on their faces. Great tour!..with many continuing onto the Test match at the Adelaide Oval.

As the main organiser, Tim Norton was ably assisted by Col Walker who doubled up a bus driver. Gary Goodman undertook scoring duties. Special thanks to Jeremy Oliver for his hospitality showing us the heart and soul of the Barossa Valley.

Mark Butler
Captain



Figure 8: Rats wants to Bottle this Green Top



Figure 9: Sunset at St Hugo's



Figure 10: Old Vine Riesling at Steingarten

MCC XXIX Club v Australian Cricket Society

MCC XXIX CLUB v Australian Cricket Society XI									
Played at: Wesley College Oval, Glen Waverley on December 4, 2016									
MCC XXIX CLUB					Defeated		ACS XI		
9/213							9/146		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Peter Sheehan	18		1/13	(4)	K Penaluna	30		1/20	(2)
Stuart Jones	41	ret.	1/16	(3)	J Clay	0		0/15	(5)
Chris Wigg	9				P Leggett	42	ret.	1/26	(5)
Ron Shugg	27				S Stockdale	12			
Barry Anderson	3				V Delaney	0		1/26	(4)
David O'Shaughnessy	41	ret.	0/14	(4)	M Delaney	24		1/12	(4)
Nick Scammell	18		1/10	(5)	J Quale	0		0/11	(5)
Gary Douglas	7		3/13	(6)	J Smith	6		0/19	(2)
Frank Tovenati	1	r.o.	0/33	(5)	I Sharp	4			
Carl Nunan ©	16	n.o.	1/20	(5)	T Cowell	12	n.o.	0/18	(3)
Michael Rattenbury	2	n.o.	0/18	(8)	M Browning ©	3	n.o.	1/24	(3)
Baden Morton	dnb				N Smith	dnb		0/17	(3)
					B Hopkins	dnb		0/15	(4)
Sundries	30				Sundries	13			
Umpires	T Norton	B Seymour							
Scorers	B Hopkins								
Team managers	C Walker								

The XXIX Club was hosted by the ACS at Wesley College, Glen Waverley on Sunday 4th December. We lost the toss and were put in to bat by the ACS. Many the side had not represented the XXIXers before but we were nevertheless confident that we had a good mix of youth and experience to be competitive.

Our team included Stuart Jones, an overseas visitor from Wolverhampton, who we blooded as opener with Peter Sheehan. Peter was the first wicket to fall for 18 and this brought Chris Wigg to the wicket. Chris played some very nice shots before being dismissed for 9. Ron Shugg (27) and Stuart (41ret) put on a very stabilising partnership before Stuart retired. Nick Scammell (18) and David O'Shaughnessy (41ret) then hit the opposition around to enable us to have a strong total of 9/219 to defend.



Figure 11: Rats Reported for Grunting

Michael Rattenbury opened the bowling with Nick Scammell. Michael bowled a tight spell. He was able to maintain his momentum despite an official warning from umpire Norton for "grunting". Eight overs from Rats yielded 0/18. Nick's five overs were also very economical. Overall all our bowlers performed well and we were able to restrict the ACS run chase. The best bat from the ACS was our own Peter Leggett who retired on 42. Our best bowler was Gary Douglas who took 3/13 off six overs being assisted by some excellent glove work by Ron Shugg. In the end we won convincingly with the ACS making 9/146.

Thanks to everyone who played the game; special mention to team manager Colin Walker, scorer Barrie Hopkins and umpire Tim Norton.

Carl Nunan
Captain

MCC XXIX Club v Media XI

MCC XXIX CLUB v Media XI									
Played at: The Albert Ground on December 7, 2016									
MCC XXIX CLUB					Defeated by				
8/223 c.c.					Media XI				
8/224					8/224				
Player	Batting	Bowling			Player	Batting	Bowling		
A Kent	109	0/30	(4)		J Tate	6			
J Bott	1				S Gullen	20	1/17	(4)	
J Weiner	12				D Harford	91			
P O'Bieme ©	14				D Breton	12			
A McCooke	51	0/31	(5)		M Stevens	19	2/36	(5)	
D Chippendall	12	r.o.	0/16	(3)	M Lloyd	3	0/31	(6)	
S McCooke	0		2/20	(5)	A White ©	42			
P Sealey	9	r.o.	3/34	(7)	J Ralph	4	1/33	(7)	
R Shugg	9	n.o.			T Morris	12	n.o.	1/8	(3)
C Nunan	2	n.o.	0/26	(4)	A Maher	1	n.o.		
J McAleer	dnb		0/31	(4)	A Hudson	dnb	1/49	(6)	
M Anderson	dnb		3/25	(4)	J Clark	dnb	0/29	(5)	
Sundries	4				Sundries	14			
Umpires	T Norton	J Robinson							
Scorers	B Hopkins								
Team managers	C Walker								

In a sign of the times, the toss took place on Twitter and banter began days in advance, with @davidking34 #filthy he'd been left out of the Media XI and, as a result, tipster @quinney_1 posting MCC XXIX Club at \$1.33.

But after just five overs on match day, those odds fell through the floor, and the scene was anything but social, as MCC champion Andrew Kent bullied the bowling (and whatever you call that Anthony Hudson was putting into play).

Kent finished on 109 and Alistair McCooke contributed 51 to a formidable MCC XXIX Club total of 223. Huddo (1-49 from six overs) never looked like repeating his former Albert Ground glory and it was left to Mark Stevens (2-36 from five – insert surprise face emoji), Jon Ralph (1-33 from seven), Matthew Lloyd (0-36 from six) to contest.

The scribes' chase wrote into this (now) traditional sporting fixture an innings to be remembered. Daniel @HarfSerious Harford displayed more than serious talent, playing shots all around the ground, his pull shot the most commanding. When he fell for 91 the Media XI were 201 and had essentially stitched-up an emphatic win. Adam White (42) again showed his class, Scott Gullen (20) and Stevo (19) chipped in and Tom Morris (12no) helped see the Media XI over the line.

As ever, the match brought memorable moments. Breton's batting stance, Stevo's caught-and-bowled and Dos Anderson's (not atypical) late arrival and ensuing three wickets, just to recall a few.

Fittingly, this yarn concludes with all participants getting together in the Clive Fairbairn Pavilion face-to-face. Traditional social media, some might say.



Paddy O'Beirne
Captain

Figure 12: Fine Team Taken Down By The Scribes

MCC XXIX Club v Cricketers Club of NSW

MCC XXIX CLUB v Cricketers Club of NSW														
Played at: The Albert Cricket Ground on February 8, 2017														
MCC XXIX CLUB					Defeated by					Cricketers Club of NSW				
10/155										9/156				
Player	Batting	Bowling			Player	Batting	Bowling							
Mark Butler ©	12				Evan Robertson	11	1/16		2					
John Bott	9				Steve Mihelakos	18	0/1		(1)					
Matt Scholten	4				Steve Kish	0								
Davis Chippindall	20				Will Stonehouse	0	0/7		(2)					
Matt Stein	5	1/22		(5)	Lach Stonehouse	42	0/13		(1)					
Michael Kerr	8	1/12		(5.3)	Stuart Stockdale	10								
Chrishna Graham	9				Bill Blair	33	n.o	3/27	(7)					
Will O'Brien	40	1/27		(4)	Tom Robertson	15		1/0	(0.1)					
Todd Marchant	31	3/22		(6)	Ken Yardy	9								
Paul Sealey	8	2/34		(7)	Will Blair	0		2/33	(7)					
Ron Shugg (wk)	0	n.o.			Joe Scarcella	3	n.o	1/24	(7)					
Tim Alexander	dnb	1/25		(7)	Peter Sherman	dnb		3/28	(6)					
Sundries	9				Sundries	15								
Umpires	John Robin: John McKinnon													
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins													
Team managers	Tim Jones C Walker													

With a forecast 37 degrees and a lot of early week rain we lost the toss and were inserted into bat. The match was reduced to 35 overs due to the heat, in the realisation that early post-match refreshments were going to be crucial.

We started aggressively with the bat as we knew the wicket would be a highway in the next innings. This cost us too many wickets and at one stage we were 7 for 72.

It was David Chippindall who made a solid 20 and then the younger players in Todd Marchant (31) and Will O'Brien (40) in the lower order with some sensible but calculated hitting to get us to 155, before we were bowled out in the second last over.

It was always going to be tough to defend as the wicket got flatter, however we got off to a good start with the new ball as Paul Sealey (2/34) and Todd Marchant this time with the ball taking 3/22 who got us right back into the game as CCNSW were in trouble at 6 for 85.

However, some good batting from our nemesis Bill Blair who once again had a man of the match performance with 3 wickets and 33 not out got them over the line. It was a great finish to a terrific day's play of cricket passing us 9 wickets down with 2 balls to spare. Their captain Tom Robertson was speechless after the match, as he was ecstatic with clinching victory, as we have certainly had the wood over them in recent years.

Thanks once again to the umpires John Mac & John Robbo in the heat, Barrie on the book and the assistance with drinks and refreshments by Tim Jones & Col Walker.

Mark Butler
Captain



Figure 13: NSW Recognition for Our Illustrious Team Manager

MCC XXIX Club v Crusaders

MCC XXIX CLUB v Crusaders XI									
Played at: The McKinnon Cricket Ground on February 12, 2017									
MCC XXIX CLUB					Defeated		Crusaders		
9/152							10/128		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
A McCooke	10		0/23	(7)	D Cull	5			
D O'Shaughnessy	34				D Kyle	5			
O Gunning	50		2/20	(5)	D Patel	8			
J Davis	6		0/18	(2)	G Warfe	10	0/6	(2)	
L Streat	0		1/9	(4)	D Streker	48	2/17	(5)	
A McCormick	1				J Ivanecky	4	2/13	(5)	
T Corney	5	r.o.	0/13	(3)	P Marshall ©	26			
G Hannah	28	n.o.	5/7	(6.1)	J Watts	8	1/37	(6)	
M Bovo (wk)	0	r.o.			L Edwards	0	1/3	(5)	
C Nunan ©	4		1/13	(4)	P Walker	0	0/29	(5)	
J Fahey	6	n.o.	0/17	(3)	G Shipp	1	n.o.	1/40	(7)
Sundries	8				Sundries	13			
Umpires	Darryl Holt								
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins Greg Kinnivurg								
Team managers	John McCormick								

Morning rain presented a challenging wicket, and that was experienced first-hand by the XXIXers when the Crusaders won the toss and told skipper Carl Nunan to put the pads on.

However, the XXIX Club XI was up to the task with a wonderful combination of potential MCC players, experienced XXIX Club members, four resultant XXIX Club membership applicants, and three current MCC players tuning up for Premier Cricket finals. This diverse combination truly reflected the charter of the MCC XXIX Club.

Respected current Demon player Alistair McCooke (10) tackled the tricky wicket for an important opening partnership of 35 with debutant David O'Shaughnessy (34). Oliver Gunning then took immediate control of the game and led the XXIXers to 2/73 with an excellent classy half-century. However, with some penetrating Crusaders bowling, there was a run of wickets. Faltering at 9/110, young MCC first-year player Glenn Hannah joined forces with new XXIX Club member John Fahey. Immediately they mastered the Crusaders attack, compiling a match-winning partnership of 35 for the last wicket. Whilst both batted in complete control, a partnership highlight was Glenn Hannah striking his first ever six. It was huge, caught by a spectator some 30 metres over the boundary, as it careered over the carpark reserved for Crusaders dignitaries! With this, the outstanding final wicket partnership of XXIX Club debutants Glenn and John brought the innings to a well compiled 145.

Riding on the back of the wonderful final wicket partnership, the XXIX Club would not give the Crusaders any chance of victory. The time in the field was marked with outstanding bowling, fine fielding by way of catches held (and no misfields), plus flawless wicket keeping (four catches and no byes) from another XXIX Club debutant Marino Bobo.

Alistair McCooke showed the way with a tight opening spell, followed by Oliver Gunning (2/20), young debutant Lachie Streat (1/9), Tim Corney (1/13) and captain Carl Nunan (1/13). New XXIX Club members James Davis (0/13) and John Fahey (0/17) both continually beat the bat without luck.

Glenn Hannah leveraged his batting form to bowl superbly with the new ball taking 5/7 off six overs; four clean bowled. His excellent debut for the club earned him 'Man of the Match' Award, and will hopefully lead to a wonderful cricket career with the MCC and beyond.

The Crusaders were subsequently dismissed for 128, resulting in the XXIX Club accepting the David Strudwick Memorial Award. This is named in honor of the late, and highly respected, former MCC player Daryl Strudwick, who was also a respected Crusaders representative.

Tim Corney and Carl Nunan are to be acknowledged for recruiting five debutant players into the mix. Thanks also to Colin Walker for getting the team on the park and to scorer Barrie Hopkins.

A great day was well enjoyed by all XXIX Club members, highlighted by a hard-fought win over the Crusaders XI, with so many new club members enjoying a great victory upon debut.

John McCormick
Fixture Manager



Figure 14 Good to See Some Youth in The Squad

MCC XXIX Club v Euroa Cricket Club

MCC XXIX CLUB v Euroa C.C.							
Played at: The Memorial Oval Euroa on February 19, 2017							
MCC XXIX CLUB 10/117				Defeated by		Euroa CC 10/147	
Player	Batting		Bowling	Player	Batting		Bowling
Stuart Millikin	0		0/42 (4)	Sean Templeton	39		
Rory Stewart	2			Andrew Squires	13		
Tim Oaten	13		0/7 (1)	Rohan Craven	0	1/11	(5)
Jeremy Stone	2			Ash Ellis	16	0/14	(3)
Michael Oaten	0			Lynden Colclough	19	1/0	(3)
Nick Oaten	17		2/17 (7)	Aden Smithers	4	1/15	(3)
Matt Oaten	25		2/11 (5)	Andrew Sheehan	25	0/7	(3)
Tim Alexander	1		5/20 (7.4)	Peter Rae	3	1/22	(3)
Ron Shugg ©	22			Ben Millikin	17	1/2	(3)
Ryan Fort	22	n.o.	0/18 (5)	Adam Wright	4	n.o.	2/6 (4)
Sam Branigan	0		1/28 (4)	Phil Armstrong	0		
Paul Hughes	dnb			Glen Coridas	dnb	0/13	(4)
				Broderick Floyd	dnb	3/17	(4)
Sundries	12			Sundries	7		
Umpires	Mike Slattery	Eric Franklin					
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins						
Team manager	Tim Jones						



Figure 15: Picture Perfect at Euroa CC

Sunday morning at the Albert. Geoff Fidler has the bus warmed up and we head off up the Hume for one of the great cricket fixtures. Up to play against (Euroa) Milly's mob. You feel it as you head into Kelly Country! By that I mean the hospitality and warm greetings.

The ground looks OK if the pitch a little doubtful. The weather threatening! Probably for the first time we have four members of the same family in the team. MCC stalwart Michael Oaten and his three sons...fantastic!

Euroa bats first and gets a reasonable start, our openers a little troubled. The Oaten brothers get involved and Nick and Matt get a few wickets and slow them down. It is however Tim Alexander who bowls beautifully and takes 5/20 to keep them to 147. **A reachable score!**

The Melbourne Milky and Rory Stewart open and are both back in the Pavilion for not many. We are struggling early on until Nick and Matt Oaten start to put on a partnership. Unfortunately, they hole out as the weather worsens. Ron Shugg and Ryan Fort with some great hitting put a bit of respectability to the score but we fell short. Euroa deserved the win.

The lunch and afternoon teas were delicious. The beers cold and the feelings warm. All players and Mike Slattery, Barrie Hopkins, Colin Walker and Tim Jones enjoyed the fixture very much!

The bus ride back was better than getting up there! Especially the little rest stop near Pretty Sally.

We were all winners!

Ron Shugg
Captain

MCC XXIX Club v Epicure XI

MCC XXIX CLUB v Epicure XI									
Played at: The Albert Ground on February 22, 2017									
MCC XXIX CLUB					Defeated		Epicure XI		
6/250 c.c.							10/71		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Andrew Kent	92	ret.	2/7	(3)	N. Petal	6			
Rob Templeton	15				B Fraser	11		1/13	(2)
Mark Butler	26				L Cullen	0		0/46	(5)
Stuart McCooke	38		1/5	(2.3)	V Dua	0		0/36	(6)
Ron Shugg	30				J Nash	1		1/23	(5)
Mark Anderson	25		0/5	(2)	J Gilham	1			
Harley Thomas	13	n.o.	0/7	(3)	A Bashir	1		1/21	(3)
Mike Reidy	0	n.o.			H Basset	0		1/66	(7)
Geoff Fidler	dnb		3/2	(3)	T Lowden	19	n.o.	1/34	(7)
Peter McGarry	dnb		1/13	(3)	I Campbell	12			
Tim Corney	dnb		2/7	(3)	R Santana	3		0/8	(1)
Steve McCooke	dnb		1/19	(3)					
Sundries	11				Sundries	17			
Umpires	John Robinson, Mike Slattery, Tim Norton								
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins John Brookes								
Team managers	Jack Huxtable								

The XXIX Club customarily took first strike at the batting crease with ‘MCC 300 gamers’ Andrew Kent and Robert Templeton opening up. Once again Andrew showed he was a ‘class above’ in this level of competition, racing to 92 before he was unceremoniously retired much to the surprise of his team mates looking on, let alone his own. Apart from Andrew’s dominance, the rest of the batting line up put in a fairly even performance with Mark Butler (26), Stewart McCooke (38) and Ron Shugg (30) keeping the board ticking over until time was called after 36 overs with the XXIXers 6/250.

The saying ‘a quick game is a good game’ does not necessarily apply when ‘friendlies’ such as this fixture is played where there is a strong emphasis on giving everyone the chance to have a decent bat and/or bowl. Unfortunately, in reply, Epicure suffered somewhat of a dramatic collapse. At 0/20 there was little sign of what was about to happen but after the initial breakthrough, their innings headed on a fast downward spiral to be 8/28 not long after. Fortunately, for the sake of BBQ that hadn’t been switched on yet, there was a 9th wicket partnership of 33 thanks to our ‘Epicure Man of the Match’ Tom Lowden and Ian Campbell. However, when this resistance was broken our guests were bowled out for 71. Chairman Geoff Fidler was used wisely and claimed 2/3 off three overs after Andrew Kent (2/7) took two early wickets that was followed by Tim Corney’s 2/7.

If our opponents slightly under performed on the field, there is no way the same could be said about their off field performance. I’ve been lucky to have been on the end of many fine Epicure meals, and their gourmet BBQ in particular, but you’d be hard pressed to find a better offering than what everyone was treated to post match. We thank James Gilham and his staff that looked after us so well.

No day would run so well without the support of scorer Barrie Hopkins, umpires John Robinson, Mike Slattery, in addition the efforts of team manager Jack Huxtable.

(As an aside, it was pure coincidence that, with the writer also having had the honour of turning out for 300+ MCC 1st XI games, it was the first time the three ‘MCC 300 gamers’ played in the one team together since Andrew ‘graduated’ last season).

Steven McCooke
Manager/Captain



Figure 16: First Slip says "I hope he doesn't nick it"



Figure 17: Who is the odd man out in the floppy hat?

MCC XXIX Club v MCC Combined Club XI

MCC XXIX CLUB v MCC CLUB XI						
Played at: The Albert Ground on March 1, 2017						
MCC XXIX CLUB			Defeated	MCC CLUB XI		
5/184				8/180 c.c.		
Player	Batting	Bowling	Player	Batting	Bowling	
John Bott	0		Rohan McCarthy	26		
Mark Butler	26	1/28 (6)	Rich Savage	37		
Bryn Gaunt	28	2/20 (3)	Raj Aiyappan	13	0/44	(8)
Paddy O'Beirne	48	n.o.	Rob Hunter	18		
Chris Muller	0		Tim Bayles	23	0/37	(7)
Matt Stein ©	0	0/32 (6)	Anwar Newkirk	35	n.o.	
Matt Scholten	71	n.o.	Jules Landy	5		
Tim Fidler	dnb	2/33 (6)	Angus Chapman	2	0/13	(3)
John Fitzgibbon	dnb	2/37 (8)	Chris McSween	5	5/28	(8)
Ryan Fort	dnb	1/16 (8)	Rolly Imhoff	6	n.o.	0/28 (6)
Michael Reidy (wk)	dnb		Kishna Iver	dnb	0/27	(6)
Brian Ceresa	dnb	0/8 (1)				
Sundries	13		Sundries	10		
Umpires	Mike Slattery, John MacKinnon					
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins					
Team managers	Colin Walker					

With the Club XI Combined team comprising fit and active current players, this is always a high standard and competitive fixture. Over recent years, the XXIX Club has been consistently close without tasting success. With this in mind, a strong XXIX Club team was assembled under perfect blue skies at the Albert on 1 March.

The Club XI won the toss electing to bat first. Most of their top order got some runs without getting away from the XXIX Club side, who (apart from one dolly dropped by the usually safe hands of Tim Fidler) fielded well and bowled very tightly. Pick of the bowlers were Tim Fidler (2/33), John Fitzgibbon (2/37) and also Ryan Fort (1/16 off 8). The end total of 5/184 off 38 overs was a competitive one for the home team to chase.



Figure 18: Slats Trying to Steal The Stumps Again

After the early loss of Johnny Bott, Bryn Gaunt (28) and Mark Butler (26) combined for a very solid 50 run partnership for the XXIXers. Gaunt, on debut for the XXIX Club, was particularly impressive with a series of flourishing cover drives and cut shots and looked well on the way to a big score before being trapped LBW. That dismissal sparked a collapse for the XXIX Club, who lost two more wickets in the same fashion in the same over to be left reeling at 5 for 60. The main destroyer was Chris McSween who finished with the impressive figures of 5 for 28.

But near tragedy turned to triumph as the polished Paddy O'Beirne and the evergreen Matt Scholten combined, starting cautiously before opening their shoulders to deliver a **120 run partnership** which enabled the XXIX Club to take out victory in the last over with just a handful of balls to spare. O'Beirne finished on 48, and Scholten a beautifully complied 71 not out.

As always Mike Slattery and John Mackinnon umpired faultlessly in the hot conditions. Thanks to penman Barrie Hopkins and manager Col Walker for their efforts in ensuring the success of the day.

Matt Stein
Captain

MCC XXIX Club v Cerberus XI

MCC XXIX CLUB v CERBERUS XI									
Played at: Cerberus Naval Base Crib Point on March 8, 2017									
MCC XXIX CLUB					Defeated		Cerberus XI		
5/158							10/114		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Matt Curtain	42	ret.			Goodman	1	r.o.	0/17	(4)
Jon Clampet	40	ret.	1/23	(5)	Keegan-Mills	0		0/38	(4)
Peter Leggett	15	ret.	1/11	(3)	Maughan ©	27		1/2	(1)
Andrew Sheehan	35	r.o.	1/22	(5)	Honey	21			
Jim Davis	5	n.o.			Watts	5		0/10	(1)
Geoff Fidler ©	1		0/9	(2)	Minney	2			
Carl Nunan	2	n.o.	0/10	(5)	Waters	4		0/5	(2)
Michael Reidy	dnb				O'Keefe	2		0/4	(1)
Ron Shugg	dnb				Mathew	26		0/7	(2)
Peter McGarry	dnb		2/4	(3.2)	Lane	13		0/10	(2)
Jeremy Oliver	dnb		1/8	(5)	Herbert	2	n.o.	0/20	(3)
Tim Corney	dnb		3/26	(5)	Roff	dnb		0/37	(8)
Sundries	18				Sundries	11			
Umpires	Mike Slattery								
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins								
Team manager	Colin Walker								



Figure 19: Mr Shugg Being Recruited as Midshipman



One of the longest standing fixture on our calendar continued on March 8, when the XXIX Club travelled down the Peninsula to HMAS Cerberus. Our ranks were filled with a mixture of experienced campaigners and enthusiastic debutants. The XXIX Club called correctly at the toss and elected to have a bowl in the relative cool of the day.

‘Everyyoungs’ Jeremy Oliver, Carl Nunan and Tim Corney bowled line and length, supported by fielding and catching rarely seen from the XXIX Club! Tight bowling continued from Jon Clampet, Andrew Sheehan and Peter McGarry and Cerberus were knocked over for 114 in the 33rd over.

A full lunch in the Officers Mess was enjoyed with copious banter between both teams, and the challenge was set. Resumption of play after the break meant Cerberus fielded in the full heat of the day and our batsmen took full toll. Matt Curtain and Jon Clampet respectively eased into the 40’s before being called in, and although we had passed our target, Peter Leggett and Andrew Sheehan continued to hone their batting skills. The completion of the 28th over saw teams shake hands and head to a debrief and presentations in the mess.

A big thank you to umpire Mike Slattery, scorer Barry Hopkins and team manager Colin Walker, as well as Joe Carroll at HMAS Cerberus, for his support of the fixture including access to the base. We look forward to hosting at the Albert next year, whilst continuing our winning ways.

Geoff Fidler
Captain

MCC XXIX Club at The Philadelphia Festival of Cricket



Game 1 & 2

In the opening game at Evansburg at the home ground of the British Officers Club (about 40 minute bus ride from our hotel which is a 40 minute train ride from main town Philadelphia) we defeated Colorado CC.

Batting first the XXIXers made a commendable 5/133 from the 20 overs. Stewart McCooke (24) and David O'Shaughnessy (18) got the team off to a good start putting on 46. Carl Nunan (18) kept things going. Steven McCooke (36) top scored and Glenn Hannah's (21 n.o.) finished things off nicely.

Peter Leggett snaffled a bullet at point off the second ball of Colorado's innings off chairman Geoff Fidler. At 1/54 Stewart

McCooke got an important breakthrough and went on to take a handy 3/16 off 3.1 whilst his 'old man' grabbed 2/16 off 4 overs (spin twins??).

Hannah and Leggett picked up one each and, with two run outs that complemented some good fielding, Colorado were out for 103 in the 19th.

Game two was 20 mins the other way from our hotel so after stopping off at Merion CC for lunch, a 2 km walk to nearby Haverford College, the XXIXers played Wandering Anzacs (US) in the late game. Bowling first, Carl Nunan took two of the earlier wickets and when Tim Fidler took a leaping catch we looked in the game at 3/54. Unfortunately, we ran into a team with a bit more depth and, although a pretty college ground, it is on the side of a hill with an unusual boundary set up. The innings got away from us and we were set 164.

Stewart McCooke was best of the bowlers conceding just 17 off 4 overs then followed up with the bat, reaching the retirement score of 40, his innings including a couple of cracking 6s. Tim Fidler (21) batted nicely as did Peter Leggett (30) who added a lot of respectability to our score that ended up 44 short. A 'reluctant' Ian Bennett (4 n.o.) got on the board and Mike Reidy, whilst not off the mark, put in a huge effort behind the stumps in tricky conditions for wicket keepers with surrounds that didn't have perfect bounce.

In short it was a positive day where the XXIX Club gave a good account of themselves.

Game 3

The XXIXers had one game scheduled day two and with predicted inclement weather that came to fruition, all matches were rescheduled to an indoor cricket facility at Haverford College. Played to 10 over-a-side indoor cricket rules, our slightly conservative approach of hitting into the side net (one run) combined with running a single (worth two) so counts for three total proved effective. Reidy, O'Shaughnessy, Stewart McCooke, Nunan and Leggett all reached the compulsory 20 retirement and Hannah's last ball six has us finish on 153.

All ten XXIXers bowled, including Barry Anderson who took a wicket off his first ball - for 20 years! - and Tim Norton got the arm over. Not sure how all the scoring worked, but the XXIXers managed a 47 run win.

Indoor was fun and we keep reminding ourselves that this is a Cricket FESTIVAL, not a tournament, but we are more attuned to the outdoor T20 stuff.

Game 4 & 5

Well, would you believe it, the XXIX Club go two from two on Saturday to finish four wins, one loss. The team that beat us Friday, the Wandering Anzacs, lost a match today to also finish 4:1 but head our group on the head to head result. It looks like our second placing will get us the wild card berth in the semi-final after the official festival banquet dinner. We played Royal Auto Club from UK after a wet day and night. Conditions slippery, grass long, plenty of extras, on the side of a hill at Haverford College again, we hung in there to make 133 pretty much in 'tip and run' style. I think they took us a bit easy. Tim Fidler grabbed important wickets and with a solid effort in the field we

bowled them out for around 78. Unfortunately, we don't have the results for this game that was scored on an iPad, but we recall that Michael Reidy had a game to remember behind the stumps being involved in six dismissals.

It was then back to Merion CC to play the locals. Quite different conditions. Beautiful flat, mown outfield (normally 28 lawn tennis courts) but a bit heavy from the previous day's rain. The pitch was a coir mat on a plastic base on what was wet grass. Hence there was no bounce, no pace.

We stuck to the winning formula, batting first, using our 20 overs, allow a healthy dose of extras, hit and run to build our score and ended on 122.

Their batting was just fair (although their skipper heaved a waist high fully to deep square to be out in first over). Basically you couldn't play normal shots and definitely not across the line and they paid the penalty when attempted. All out 72 with Tim Norton and Barry Anderson claiming their first 'outdoor' wickets on tour.

Travellers Cup

XXIX Club miss a semi-final spot on run rate, not on net run rate. Not sure how that would have resulted but anyway, now played a consolation final called Travellers Cup.

On the final day of the festival the XXIX Club took on Colorado (who we defeated in the first round match) in the Travellers Cup at the home of the festival, the Philadelphia CC (our first game there in a fifth different location for our six matches).

Like Merion in parts, played on an oval that will soon be 30 lawn tennis courts to accommodate the greater member desire (for those also not playing golf on one of their three courses). Fair to say the painted creases were the only way to distinguish the pitch from the outfield- and I'm not joking i.e. on a lawn tennis court (no turf base) still wet from recent rains.

The XXIXers, starting to feel the pinch, battled our way to 104 off 20, even in the face of some ultra-slow bowling at times that gave you no pace to hit with. Colorado passed us comfortably in 17th over.

A fantastic brunch followed at which the XXIX Club was awarded the Sportsmanship award (I think as consolation to being defeated in the Travellers Cup).

All in all, the XXIXers gave a more than admiral account of ourselves and I was privileged to lead the team throughout the tournament.

Steven McCooke
Captain



Figure 20: There is a Pitch Here Somewhere

MCC XXIX Club v Colorado XI

MCC XXIX CLUB v Colorado XI - T20									
Played at: British Officers Cricket Club, Evansburg, Oval No.1 on May 4, 2017									
MCC XXIX CLUB					Defeated		Colorado XI		
4/133 c.c.							10/102		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
S.W.McCooke	24		3/16	(3.1)	R Appat	35		1/17	(3)
D O'Shaughnessy	18				D Patel	0		1/9	(2)
C Nunan	18		0/10	(2)	J Pathak	24		0/18	(4)
S M McCooke	36		2/16	(4)	J Kit Dias	0		2/14	(4)
B Anderson	0				Arun Tholudur	10		1/34	(4)
G Hannah	21	n.o.	1/16	(3)	A Janoria	16		0/11	(1)
P Leggett	0	n.o.	1/11	(2)	D Apparasu	3	r.o.		
T Fidler	dnb		0/17	(2)	Rakesh Mennon	3	r.o.		
M Reidy	dnb				Inram Choudhan.	3		0/22	(2)
G Fidler	dnb		1/15	(2)	Himz	0	n.o.		
I Bennett	dnb				Shailesh	1			
P Knuppel	dnb								
Sundries	16				Sundries	7			
Umpires	PICF Umpires Association								
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins								
Team manager	Colin Walker								

MCC XXIX CLUB v Wandering ANZACS

MCC XXIX CLUB v Wandering ANZACS T/20									
Played at: Haverford College, Philadelphia on May 4, 2017									
MCC XXIX CLUB					Defeated by		Wandering ANZACS		
5/120 c.c.							3/164 c.c.		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
S.W.McCooke	42	ret.	0/17	(4)	S Vithlani	21		1/18	
D O'Shaughnessy	11				Parth Patel	7			
G Fidler	1		0/18	(2)	V Patel	6			
S.M.McCooke	0		0/21	(2)	M Patel	40	ret.		
T Fidler	22		0/29	(4)	J Sudherson	40	ret.	0/17	
M Reidy	0				K Shah	12	n.o.	1/30	
P Leggett	30	n.o.	0/19	(2)	Pranav Patel	14	n.o.	1/14	
I Bennett	4	n.o.			S Akella	dnb			
B Anderson	dnb				A Desai	dnb		2/18	
G Hannah	dnb		1/34	(4)	D Botha	dnb			
P Knuppel	dnb				J Botha	dnb			
C Nunan	dnb		2/25	(2)	S Desai	dnb		0/17	
Sundries	10				Sundries	24			
Umpires	PICC Association Umpires								
Scorers									
Team manager	Colin Walker								

MCC XXIX CLUB v Haverford College CC

MCC XXIX CLUB v Haverford College CC Indoor Cricket (Modified Rules)									
Played at: Haverford College, Philadelphia on May 5, 2017									
MCC XXIX CLUB					Defeated		Haverford College CC		
2/153 c.c.							5/106 c.c.		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
M Reidy w.k.	22	ret.			Andrew C.	13		0/35	(1)
D O'Shaughnessy	22	ret.	1/6	(1)	Nate R.	15		0/23	(1)
S W McCooke	20	ret.	1/0	(1)	Jake R.	6		2/27	(1)
C Nunan	19	ret.	1/13	(1)	Rhagau B.	21	ret.	0/26	(1)
P Leggett	21	ret.	0/7	(1)	David W.	21	ret.	0/30	(1)
T Fidler	17	r.o.	0/14	(1)	Erthan F.	0			(1)
G Hannah	15	n.o.	0/5	(1)	Richard	4			(1)
G Fidler	3	n.o.	0/9	(1)	Matt L.	0	n.o.		(1)
S M McCooke	0		0/9	(1)	Charlie L.	0	n.o.		(1)
B Anderson	dnb		1/12	(1)					
T Norton	dnb		2/9	(1)					
I Bennett	dnb								
Sundries	14				Sundries	26			
Umpires	PICC Association Umpires								
Scorers	Electronic Score Board.								
Team manager	Colin Walker								

MCC XXIX CLUB v Royal Auto Club (UK)

XXIX Club 138 defeated RAC UK 78 (Scorecard not available)

MCC XXIX CLUB v Merion CC

MCC XXIX CLUB v Merion CC T20									
Played at: Merion CC (Coir Mats)									
MCC XXIX CLUB					Defeated		Merion CC		
5/122 c.c.							10/72		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
S.W. McCooke	1		1/3	(2)	S Khan	3		0/27	(4)
D O'Shaughnessy	22		1/5	(1)	C Thompson	7		1/21	(4)
G Fidler	18		2/8	(4)	C Joss	4			
S.M. McCooke	34		1/0	(.3)	K Virk	5		1/25	(4)
M Reidy	4				S Kirtane	1	r.o.	1/25	(4)
G Hannah	16	n.o.	0/10	(2)	J Johnson	9			
C Nunan	2	n.o.			S Huston	6			
B Anderson	dnb		1/12	(2)	P Ernst	0			
T Fidler	dnb		2/6	(2)	V Dravid	4			
T Norton	dnb		1/7	(2)	H Chinn	5			
P Leggett	dnb		0/20	(3)	C Martin	0	n.o.	2/20	(4)
Sundries	25				Sundries	28			
Umpires	PICC Association Umpires								
Scorers	Paul Whitaker								
Team manager	Colin Walker								

MCC XXIX CLUB v Colorado XI - Travellers Cup

MCC XXIX CLUB v Colorado XI - Traveler's Cup T/20

Played at: Philadelphia Cricket Club on May 7, 2017

MCC XXIX CLUB				Defeated By				Colorado XI			
8/104 c.c.								1/105			
Player	Batting	Bowling		Player	Batting	Bowling					
S.W.McCooke	1	0/15	(4)	K Diasabeygunawarde	26	0/18	(2)				
D O'Shaughnessy	0			D Patel	40	ret.					
P Leggett	2			Ramesh Mennon	12	n.o.	0/4 (2)				
T Fidler	21	1/25	(2)	J Pathak	11	n.o.	2/9 (4)				
C Nunan	10	0/20	(3)	A Janoria	dnb	1/2	(1)				
G Hannah	0	0/18	(4)	S Patel	dnb	0/26	(3)				
S.M.McCooke	27	0/6	(1)	H Patel	dnb	4/27	(4)				
B Anderson	17			I Choudhary	dnb						
M Reidy	2	n.o.		Rakesh Mennon	dnb						
G Fidler	dnb	0/20	(2)	D Apparasu	dnb						
I Bennett	dnb			S George	dnb						
P Knuppel	dnb			Arun Tholudur	dnb	1/13	(4)				
Sundries	24			Sundries	16						
Umpires	PICF Umpires										
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins										
Team manager	Colin Walker										



Figure 21: The Touring Party at the Tournament Dinner at Merion CC



Figure 22: Chairman with His Harem at Merion CC

MCC XXIX CLUB v New York Masters XI

MCC XXIX CLUB v New York Masters XI -									
Played at: Idlewild Cricket Ground, Queens, New York on May 11, 2017									
MCC XXIX CLUB					Defeated By		New York Masters XI		
9/126							10/235		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
D O'Shaughnessy	1	r.o.			R Staple	0		2/14	(3)
S.W. McCooke	14		1/42	(7)	C Rove	45	ret.	0/20	(4)
P Leggett	0				S Daniram	56	ret.	1/2	(3)
S.M.McCooke	6		1/29	(3)	A Davis	29		0/21	(3)
M Reidy	7				M Dixon	10		3/34	(7)
T Fidler	8		4/62	(7)	J Peters	9			
G Fidler ©	34		0/9	(1)	D Kallicharan	27	n.o.	0/7	(2)
G Hannah	15		2/34	(6)	G Wildman	2			
C Nunan	6	n.o.	0/58	(6)	E Gale	6		2/10	(5)
B Anderson	0			(2)	P Roopchant	15		0/14	(2)
I Bennett	7	n.o.			A Hutcheson ©	15			
Sundries	28				Sundries	11			
Umpires	Queens United Cricket Academy -Official Umpires								
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins								
Team manager	C Walker								

We were curious to see a surveyor's tripod set up on the fringe of the Idlewild cricket ground. The guys told us that they had to regularly map the height of the trees so that aeroplanes from JFK wouldn't flick them on take-off. This precarious slice of land has been dedicated to local cricket; predominated by the Caribbean community, but with a youth program encompassing lots of kids from the sub-continent. The pitch was comprised of a coir mat laid over hard rolled clay. After the stumps were thumped in, the next most important items unearthed from the shipping container were the speakers and amp that boomed out calypso music all day. Umpires are expected to guess the snicks it seems.

Our single game in New York was against the Queens Academy Masters in the 'West Indian' part of town. They didn't need scary fast bowling to intimidate us, but it was obvious we were playing some seriously talented players despite their 'masters' status.

More research to be done, but allegedly there were eight former first-class West Indians in their team. You will note on the score card the name D. Kallicharan – well, he taught Alvin how to bat. If that wasn't enough, we were greeted by the presence of retired umpire Steve Bucknor, now a resident of NYC, critically spectating.

Glenn Hannah picked up the skipper for a golden but that was the last joy for a while with the other opener and no.3 retired at 50 (S Daniram apparently toured under Brian Lara but couldn't force a Test berth). Tim Fidler was rewarded with four wickets but on a slowish ground and decent boundaries (that they managed to clear by a distance on several occasions) they made 236 off 30 overs.



Figure 23: Who Would Have Thought Col Has a Twin?



Figure 24: Glenn Hannah Playing Calypso Cricket

Australia. Unfortunately, our time there was cut short as the cold took its toll.

We thank the Queens Academy Masters for the spirit in which they played the game and their hospitality.

Steven McCooke/ Tim Norton

Stewart McCooke started the chase confidently but we were 4/36 in no time. It was left to skipper Geoff Fidler to top score with 34 and we did manage to bat the overs out falling about 100 short.

At 5.00 pm all the local kids came for a nets session with the elite Aussie players. Lots of talent and enthusiasm on display from both the kids and the make-shift coaches. The hospitality of the locals was outstanding. Chicken and rice needs to get some support as an afternoon tea option in



Figure 25: Coaching Session at Queens Academy

MCC XXIX CLUB v Toronto Cricket Skating & Curling Club

MCC XXIX CLUB v Toronto Cricket Skating & Curling Club							
Played at: Toronto CS&CC Cricket Ground, Toronoto, Canada on May 14, 2017							
MCC XXIX CLUB				Defeated By		Toronto CS&CC	
7/146						5/147	
Player	Batting		Bowling	Player	Batting		Bowling
S.W.McCooke	44		1/23 (8)	N Khan	26		
C Nunan	0		0/25 (8)	J Cheema	23		
P Leggett	7			A Khan	44	1/7	(4)
S.M.McCooke	28	r.o.	1/4 (1)	A Mukadam	29	2/6	(4)
T Fidler	45	n.o.	2/31 (7)	N Shafi	10	1/13	(6)
G Fidler ©	0			F Syed ©	4	n.o.	
G Hannah	4		0/27 (8)	A Habeeb	1	n.o.	0/25 (8)
M Reidy	2	n.o.		M Malik	dnb	0/7	(5)
R Sodgnor	1			P Raval	dnb	1/27	(4)
P Knuppel	dnb			N Fincham	dnb	1/28	(5)
I Bennett	dnb			M Adil	dnb		
A Kullo	dnb		0/12 (2)	A Hafeez	dnb	0/26	(4)
Sundries	15			Sundries	10		
Umpires	Tim Norton						
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins						
Team manager	Colin Walker						

This was the first ever MCC visit to our reciprocal club, the Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club, and the XXIX club was honoured to carry the responsibility on behalf of the MCC. Fortunately, it was not curling season or we would have been a total embarrassment. Their club is multidisciplinary, with tennis, excellent squash and an indoor/outdoor pool. There was figure skating practise on display, but alas the curling rink was closed. Unlike the Philadelphia country clubs that begrudgingly allow cricket on tennis courts for a month or so, Toronto has a proper cricket ground with a quality deck. They tell us that when the three clubs merged, there was a hat draw to see whose name would be first and cricket won.

May 14th was mothers' day so the local club treated our entourage with roses and bubbles. The ladies thought they might politely watch the first session and go shopping, but our hosts would have none of that.

As it turned out, the XXIX Club went down in the second last over in the inaugural MCC v TCSCC sporting contest. Asked to bat first, the XXIXers compiled 7/146 off 40 overs on a slow but flat and even turf pitch, on a slowish outfield - all understandable in this early part of their season.



Figure 26: We Didn't Win, But We Flew the Flag

Stewart McCooke (44 off 88 balls, five 4s) held the innings together at the top of the order, putting on 69 with father Steven McCooke (28) for the third wicket. Tim Fidler (45 n.o.) dominated the back half of the innings to ensure a competitive total was posted.

Glenn Hannah was able to steam in with a strong, but very cool, breeze behind him and was unlucky not to find an edge that he regularly beat. Carl Nunan (0/24) bowled his eight overs very tidily with the new ball into the difficult 'breeze'. Tim Fidler got the first breakthrough at 1/40 then a brilliant leg side stumping by Michael Reidy off Peter Leggett had us in the game at 2/79. Stewart McCooke (1/23 off 8) took over from Carl and bowled with great control and not a lot of luck.

Despite tight bowling, wickets in hand started to tell. Tim Fidler's (2/33 off 7) second gave us late hope but sound batting (44 from the Canadian u/19 Captain) saw the host's home by five wickets with seven balls to spare.

Tim's and Stewart's efforts with both bat and ball saw them awarded joint man of the match for the XXIXers.

TCSCC were tremendous hosts. There was a pre-match tour of their tremendous facilities (once again, don't show our Squash Section!). In old time XXIX Club style, there was a one hour buffet lunch between innings, and a few beers over the match presentations post-match.

Thank you TCSCC for your hospitality and 'new' friendship.



Figure 27: Toronto Awards

Steven McCooke/ Tim Norton

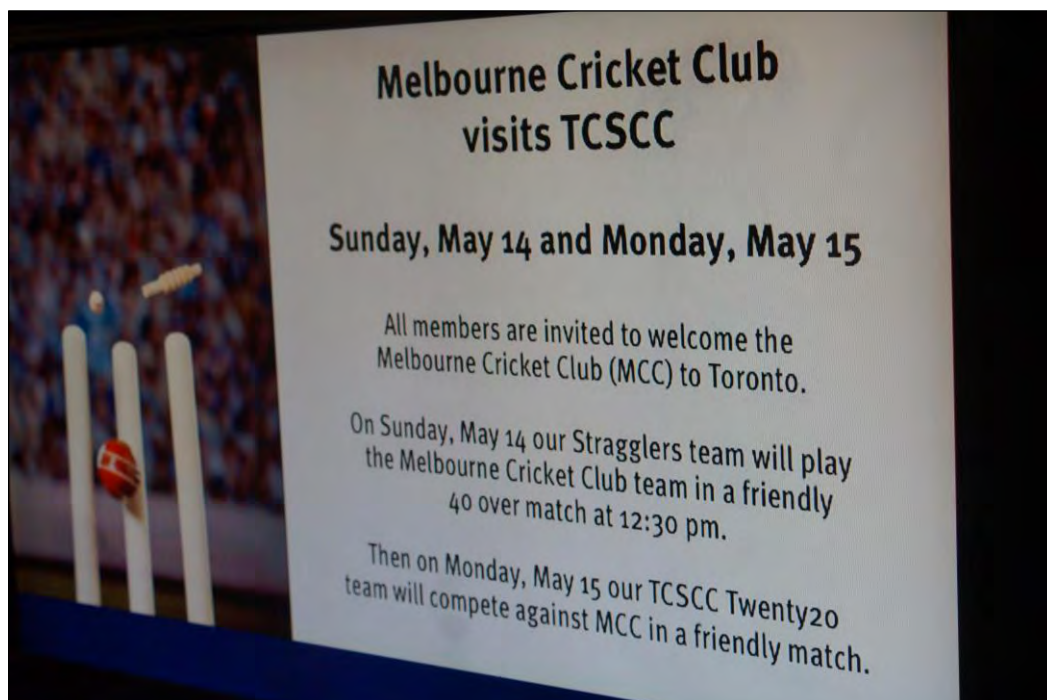


Figure 28: We Actually Only Had the One Game, But We Were Big News



Figure 29: T. Fidler @ Haverford



Figure 30: Toss for the Travellers Cup Game



Figure 31: Openers @ Philadelphia CC



Figure 32: D.O'Shaughnessy @ Merion



Figure 33: S.M. McCooke @ Merion



Figure 34: G. Hannah @ Toronto

List of MCC XXIX Club Members (*Members for Life)

A

Murray Abblitt
David Aitken *
Timothy Alder *
Timothy Alexander
Chris Allen
Barry Anderson
David Anderson
John Anderson *
Mark Anderson
Peter Anderson *
Frank Angelico
David Appleby *
Broderick Arnhold
Peter Ashton *
William Atherton
Robert Austin

B

John Bacon
Kenneth Baddeley
Matthew Ball
Paul Barker
Colin Barnes
Stephen Batty
Cameron Baxter
Tim Bayles
Speros Beasley
John Bell
Gregory Bennett
Ian Bennett
Matthew Bennett
Russell Bennett
John Bennison
Lindsay Birrell *
Craig Black
Les Blackbell
Scott Blair
Vincent Booth
John Bott
Marino Bovo
Graham Boyd
Samuel Branigan
David Broad
John Brookes
Christopher Brophy
Graham Brown
Gregory Brown OAM
Graeme Brown *
Graeme Bulgin *
Gary Burke
Philip Burn
Adrian Butler
Mark Butler
Maxwell Butler
Scott Butler

C

Norman Carlyon AM *
John Cate
Brian Ceresa
Geoffrey Chancellor *
Brian Chaplin
Jeffrey Chapman
Michael Chesterman
David Chippindall
Andrew Chisholm
Bruce Church OAM *
Jon Clampett
Brendan Coates
Ian Coates
Neville Conway
Matthew Cook
Geoffrey Cormack *
Matthew Corney
Timothy Corney
Andrew Cowen
Daryl Cox
Peter Crock
Kieran Croker
David Crow *
Paul Currie
Matthew Curtain
D
Neil Dalrymple
William Dalrymple
Leslie Darbyshire
John Darling
Simon Davey
Robert Davies *
James Davis
Graham Dawson AM *
Jeffrey Dawson
Frank Dellow
Michael Delves *
Bruce Dickson
Cameron Dickson
John Dillon OAM
Kathleen Dillon
Barry Donaldson
Timothy Donohue
Donald Douglas *
Gary Douglas
Barry Dove QC *
David Dressing
Mark Dunstan
Michael Dwyer
E
Mark Edwards
Timothy Edwards
Nathan Ervin
Robert Evans

F

Ashley Farr
Andrew Fekete
Colin Feltham
Michael Fernon
James Fidge
Bruce Fidler
Geoffrey Fidler
Ian Fidler
Thomas Fidler
Tim Fidler
Charles Fildes *
Gregory Fisher
John Fitzgibbon
Richard Forsyth
Ryan Fort
Boyd Fox
Neale Fraser AO MBE *
Ron Freer *
Peter French *
G
Colin Galbraith AM *
Bryn Gaunt
Gaston Gianfreda
Peter Giles
Bill Gillard
Garry Goodman
Shaun Graf
Justin Graham
John Graham
John Grange *
Ross Greenwood
John Gregory
Michael Gretton-Watson
John Gunn
Rodney Gurry
H
Ashley Halbish
Graham Halbish
Philip Halbish
Grant Hammond
Stephen Hammond
Christopher Hanlon
Tony Hannebery
John Harden
Roderick Harper
Glen Harrison
Andrew Harrod
James Harrod
Richard Harrod
Geoffrey Hart
Laurie Heath
Peter Herschell
Bruce Hexter
Thomas Hickie

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Jacob Hoogendoorn
 Josh Hoogendoorn
 Dale Hopkins
 Barrie Hopkins
 Peter Horsfield
 Timothy Hosking
 Graeme Howarth *
 Christopher Howgate
 Jonathan Huddart
 Paul Hughes
 Nicholas Hulett
 Ian Huntington OAM *
 Jack Huxtable OAM

I

Ryan Imlach
 Andrew Ingleton

J

Paul Jackson
 Phillip James
 Michael Jamieson
 Frank Jenkin
 Colin Jennings
 Kristopher Jermyn
 William Johnson
 Andrew Johnston
 David Johnston
 David Johnstone *
 Huw Jones
 Tim Jones *
 Geoffrey Joshua
 David Judd
 John Kanis

K

Paul Kennedy
 Rowan Kennedy *
 Andrew Kent
 Craig Kent
 Christopher Kent
 John Kent
 Michael Kerr
 Ian Kerville
 James Kettyle
 Salim Khan
 Peter King
 Philip Kingston
 David Kirby
 Peter Knuppel

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 Mark Langley
 Alexander Laragy
 Harold Laver
 Peter Leggett
 Seton Leggett
 John Lill *
 Joram Linsten
 David Livingstone

Robert Lloyd OAM *

Peter Loney
 Geoffrey Lord

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 Philip Macisaac
 John Macaulay
 Alasdair Macgillivray *
 John Mackinnon *
 John Macnish
 Ian Maguire
 Paul Maguire
 Fraser Main
 Andrew Makowski
 Todd Marchant
 Andrew Marshall
 Kelly Masters
 Geoffrey Mathers *
 Barry Matters *
 Russell Matters
 Mark Maxwell
 Donald McCann *
 Steven McCooke
 Anthony McCormick
 John McCormick
 Ian McCubbin *
 Ian McDonald *
 Trevor McDonald
 Hayden McDonnell
 Peter McGarry
 Jack McNamara
 Don McQueen *
 Antony McWilliams
 Ian Meggs
 John Midwinter
 Quentin Miller
 Ben Milliken
 Stuart Milliken
 Peter Mills
 Robert Mitchell
 Bruce Moir
 Paul Molloy
 Jeffrey Morgan
 Baden Morton
 John Moss
 Donald Moyes *
 Christopher Muller
 Stewart Murch *
 Colin Murphy
 George Murray *

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Timothy Neilson
 Paul Nelson
 Richard Nicholas
 James Norton
 Timothy Norton
 Carl Nunan

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 Patrick O'Beirne
 Lloyd O'Brien AO*
 James O'Donnell
 Peter O'Donnell
 Stephen O'Flynn
 Jeremy Oliver
 Peter O'Rourke

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 Donald Parsons
 Douglas Patrick *
 Andrew Payne
 Russell Peake
 David Peddie
 Robert Peebles
 Donovan Pell
 Christopher Penman
 Ian Perdriau AM *
 Michael Peters *
 Marcus Phillips *
 Robert Pierce
 Christopher Pinniger
 David Pinniger
 Matthew Pinniger
 Robert Pollock OAM *
 Geoffrey Ponsford *
 Richard Poulton *
 John Priestley
 Arthur Pritchard

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Nick Quinn

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 David Raeside
 Michael Rattenbury
 Adam Rayner
 Andrew Reid
 John Reid
 Michael Reidy
 Darren Rennie
 Douglas Retchford
 Christopher Richardson
 Don Riley
 Neil Robertson PSM
 Dorothy Robinson
 John Robinson
 Barry Rogers
 Trevor Rowe
 Manson Russel *
 John Russell Snr
 Gregory Ryan

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Ritche Savage
 David Scalzo
 Nick Scammell

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Matthew Scholten
Harold Scurrah
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Thomas Sharp
Paul Sheahan AM
Andrew Sheehan
Peter Sheehan
David Shepherd
Benjamin Shepherd
Denis Sheppard
Michael Sholly
Ronald Shugg
Matthew Simpson
Peter Simpson
Robert Sinclair
Rod Sitlington
Michael Slattery
Andrew Smalley
Peter Smith *
Ray Sneddon *
Finn Spackman
Stephen Spargo AM *
Neville Spears *
William Stahmer
Mathew Stahmer
Matthew Stein
Daryl Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Rory Stewart
Stuart Stockdale *
Jeremy Stone
John Stoney
Russell Stubbs
Paul Sundberg

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Michael Taylor
Robert Templeton
Harley Thomas
John Thompson
John Thomson
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David Tonkin
Liam Tonkin
Francis Tovenati
Graham Townley *
Rick Townsend
Peter Twyford

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Graeme Vine

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Edward Walker
Jeffrey Walker
Andrew Wallis
Peter Walton
Andrew Warren
Gavin White
Phillip White
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Jonathan Wilson
Bruce Wilson
Timothy Winter
Mark Woodruff
Kenneth Woolfe
Daryl Wraith *
Christian Wriedt

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