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Melbourne Cricket Club
XXIX Club
Sixty-Third Annual Report

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2018/19 MCC XXIX Club Committee

Chairman: Colin Walker

Hon Secretary: Matthew Stein
Hon Treasurer: Mark Butler
Committee: Mark Anderson
Geoff Fidler
Ash Midlin
Tim Norton
Peter Petricola
Michael Sholly

Life Members: Tom Leather
Ian McDonald

Permanent Backstop: Sir Robert Menzies (1958 – 1977)
Dr Don Cordner (1994 – 2005)
Paul Sheahan AM (2018 –

Past Presidents:

1957 – 1959	Keith Tolhurst
1960 – 1962	Ian McDonald
1963 – 1965	Keith Rigg
1966 – 1968	Col McCutcheon
1969 – 1971	Col Spargo
1972 – 1974	Col Munro
1975 – 1977	Max Haysom
1978 – 1980	Lindsay Birrell
1981 – 1983	Brian Watson
1984 – 1986	John McCarthy
1987 – 1989	Bob Lloyd
1990 – 1992	Graham Brown
1993 – 1995	Peter French
1996 – 1998	Peter Anderson
1999 – 2001	John Anderson
2002 – 2004	David Broad
2005 – 2007	Stuart Stockdale
2008 – 2009	Bill Stahmer
2009 – 2012	Mark Anderson
2013 - 2015	Philip Halbish
2015 - 2018	Geoff Fidler
2018 -	Colin Walker



XXIX CLUB

Chairman's Report

It is with pleasure that I present my chairman's report for the Season 2018/19.

We had the sad news in February of the Passing of Dr. Ian "Doc" Macdonald, however his contribution to his club will never be forgotten. We include, in this annual report a reflection on the life of Ian with acknowledgement from the Royal Children's hospital web site (see P.38).

https://www.rch.org.au/alumni/alumni_profiles/McDonald,_Ian_Hamilton

Match Results

We scheduled 18 games for the season, of which we won nine, lost seven with two wash outs.

New Permanent Backstop.

The committee appointed of our "Permanent Back Stop", in Paul Sheahan AM to continue the tradition. The past Permanent Backstops for the XXIX Club have been Sir Robert Menzies (1958 – 1977) and Dr. Don Cordner (1994-2005).

Tours Internationally and Interstate.

In August, 20 club members travelled to Kuala Lumpur for a six-day cricket tour, playing two games against the Royal Selangor Club, and one against Kelawar Cricket Club. We were hosted at a Welcome Dinner, pool side on a hot balmy night at the Royal Selangor Club. The feedback from the tourists about this style of short tour was very positive and we look to plan more in the coming seasons.

The annual Vignerons match was played in Penola, South Australia, in December. Once again this tour was a highlight because of the hospitality offered by the Vignerons members, namely George Kidman, Dan Redman, and Nick Zema who opened up their wineries for tours and tastings. We had a wonderful lunch at Hollicks Restaurant and a dinner at a great restaurant called Fodder, with a selection of wines kindly donated by our opposition.

Thanks to committeeman Phil Halbish who organised this tour in conjunction with club member Jeremy Oliver. We also travelled to the Gold Coast to play the Queenslanders Cricketers Club in May, which gave us a chance to enjoy the warmth of their autumn.

Special Presentation

Major Raj Chetty (pictured) presented the XXIX Club with the Royal Australian Artillery Standard, (which has now been framed), as a trophy to commemorate our annual match against the Australian Army.



A Few Firsts

We played our first game at one of the new MCC ovals at Beaumaris Secondary College. I recommend that all members should inspect this facility. Nearly every weekend there will be men's and women's matches played there, so it gives you a great opportunity to visit Beaumaris.

We played a pink ball game against the President's XI on the MCG, as the site screens were set up for a day/night international fixture. Our team did not have success that match so I will blame the conditions that we had to bat under for the loss.

“Doc” Macdonald - Long Room Lunches

Both this year’s lunches were well supported, and we enjoyed the presentations of guest speaker John Hastings at our March luncheon, and Brad Hodge at our June event.

Boxing Day Test Functions Day 1 and Day 3

Both days were full houses. On Boxing Day we had the pleasure of having former Australian Test captain Kim Hughes as our guest speaker.

Football Functions in the Hans Ebeling Room.

These functions have become popular, as it allows members to socialise over the football season. The functions this year were on 11th May - Carlton v Collingwood match and 25th August – Richmond v Brisbane match.

Congratulations

The XXIX Club Youth Cricketer of the Year award winners this year were Campbell Kellaway and Ms Clementine Ryan-Fuller. We will watch with interest as your careers blossom.

Thanks

I wish to thank your XXIX Club committee members, for their drive, to continually improve the experience for you, the members, our Players, Umpires, Scorers, and Team Managers who contributed to a successful season, and the MCC general parent Club Committee for their support of the XXIX Club.

I wish to also thank the curators of our grounds, particularly Glenn Arnup (Albert Ground) and Scott West (Beaumaris and MCC); it is a privilege to be able to play on these quality grounds.

A special thanks to Steven McCooke and Liam Dimattina in the MCC Office, for their assistance in making the XXIX Club work, and finally thanks to John Anderson for being our resident MC at our functions; a true professional.

Colin Walker
Chairman



Finance Report for Season 2018/19

Annual Dinner – Thursday September 27, 2018

This year's dinner was scheduled back to our traditional AFL grand final week date, where we had 243 members and guests attend to hear Bob 'The Cat' Bevan MBE entertain us, up from 180 last year when held in November. We only broke even as a result, however this was up from last year where we made a small loss. We will look to continue the AFL grand final week time slot in the future.

Long Room Lunches

These lunches have been very successful in the past so this calendar year we had three terrific lunches which have become popular with our members, and a great way to bring guests along to introduce them to our club and into the inner circles of Victorian/Australian Cricket.

Our first lunch in August 2018, had ex-Australian swing bowler Adam Dale interviewed by our own John Anderson as resident MC who loves to get the crowd involved. Adam is also currently involved in our Premier team as coach so was able to relate well to the club and recount his international career.

In March 2019, recently retired John Hastings was able to give great insight into the current Australian team, recounting stories about his international tours and some great insight with his experience in the Indian IPL.

Finally, in June 2019, Brad Hodge gave us a few laughs about his own career and spoke about his time in the game. All three lunches attracted between 80 and 100 attendees and although we do not make any profit out of these days (a small loss), they are of great value and a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon in the Long Room at the MCG.

Day 1 & 3 Luncheon – December 26 & 28, 2018

Approximately 130 members and guests on both days attended this function at the Test match against India in the Keith Miller Room. This allowed our members and guests to relax and enjoy the cricket in luxury behind glass. These days also resulted in a small profit.

AFL Football Functions – Hans Ebeling Room

After a successful function last year, it was decided to add another AFL match at the "G" to make two per season. It is another great opportunity for our members to get together in the winter. The package of finger food, beverages and a reserved seat is also great value, which also allows the club to gain a small profit.

28 July 2018 – Collingwood v Richmond – 82 attended this function where a "Round of Golf" voucher was auctioned for a profit of \$250 being added to the event receipts.

11 May 2019 - Carlton v Collingwood – 107 attended a close encounter that saw Collingwood prevail deep into the last quarter. Some good rivalry and banter came to the surface.

As with previous years, we gave a Young Cricketers (Male & Female) of the Year Award of \$600 each towards cricket equipment. We made a donation of \$1000 to the MCC Women's Cricket for their pre-season training camp, also we made a \$500 donation to the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation as a gesture of the passing of Dr Ian McDonald.

Finances remain strong with \$64,595 still in term deposits and cash at bank of \$23,797 in the trading account.

Mark Butler
Hon. Treasurer

MCC XXIX Club Statement of Income and Expenditure			
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019			
June 30 2018			June 30 2019
	INCOME		
\$ 15,915	Subscriptions (including Entrance Fees)		\$ 24,580
\$ 1,369	Interest Received		\$ 988
\$ 20,260	Annual Dinner Revenue (136 Members & 101 Guests)		\$ 29,910
	Test Day 1 Luncheon (68 Members & 61 Guests)		\$ 18,035
\$ 14,290	Test Day 3 Luncheon (51 Members & 76 Guests)		\$ 19,090
\$ 16,345	Long Room Luncheons, 20 Aug 2018, 8 Mar & 21 Jun 2019.		\$ 23,610
\$ 272	Sales of Club Apparel & Cricket Equipment		\$ 270
\$ 4,320	Hans Ebeling Room Functions (28 Jul 2018, 11 May 2019)		\$ 15,885
	Ireland, Wales & England Tour 2019		\$ 201,841
	Kula Lumpur Tour 2018		\$ 12,645
\$ 50	Other Revenue		
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\$ 72,821		Total Income	\$ 346,854
	EXPENDITURE		
\$ 20,287	Annual Dinner Expenses		\$ 29,774
	Test Day 1 Luncheon Expenses		\$ 16,913
\$ 12,005	Test Day 3 Luncheon Expenses		\$ 16,090
\$ 17,668	Long Room Luncheon Expenses		\$ 24,747
\$ 5,561	Game Catering and Match Fees		\$ 9,943
\$ 1,464	Catering Committee Meetings		\$ 1,553
\$ 3,375	Hans Ebeling Room Expenses		\$ 12,382
\$ 1,132	Ireland, Wales & England Tour 2019 (provisional)		\$ 201,000
	Kula Lumpur Tour 2018		\$ 12,422
\$ 1,200	MCC Young Player Awards		\$ 1,200
\$ 3,258	Trophies		\$ 1,406
\$ 3,505	Merchandise		\$ 1,032
\$ 500	Donations		\$ 1,500
\$ 4,128	Printing and Stationery		\$ 2,915
\$ 203	Public Notices		\$ 336
\$ 1,414	General Expenses		\$ 826
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\$ 75,701		Total Expenditure	\$ 334,039
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\$ (2,880)		Net Profit (Loss)	\$ 12,815
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\$ 15,295	Cash At Bank		\$ 23,797
\$ 64,595	NAB Term Deposit		\$ 64,595
\$ 1,680	Accounts Receivable		\$ 8,485
\$ 7,008	Assets At Cost		\$ 3,336
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\$ 88,578			\$ 100,213

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 Club 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.

Applications for membership and subscription details can be found on the MCC website:

<https://www.mcc.org.au/mcc-cricket/mcc-cricket/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 (\$60.00) 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 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
Aug 2018	Overseas Tour – Malaysia

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.

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 63rd 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’Bryan	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
2017	Chris Rogers	P S Sealey	D Talalla
2018	Bob Bevan MBE	J H M MacKinnon	J A Sutherland

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

2018/19 Results at a Glance

Date	Match	Venue	Captain	Highlights
AUG				
Sat 18	Royal Selangor Club Over 40's	RSC (Kiara)	M Sholly	Win
Sun 19	Royal Selangor Club	RSC (Kiara)	P Halbish	Loss
Tue 21	Kelawar Cricket Club	Kelab Aman	A Middlin	Win
OCT				
Wed 24	ACS	Walter Galt	C Nunan	Win
Wed 31	Puckapunyal CC	Albert	J Kent	Win
NOV				
Wed 14	Bendigo CC	Albert	T Jones	Loss
Wed 21	C C of NSW	Albert	M Butler	Win
Sun 25	Euroa CC			Washed Out
DEC				
Tue 4	Vignerons XI	Penola	P Halbish	Loss
Sun 16	MCC Young Members			Washed Out
Wed 19	Media XI	Albert	M Anderson	Win
FEB				
Wed 6	MCC President's XI	MCG	P Petricola	Loss
Wed 13	Combined Club XI	Albert	M Stein	Win
Sun 17	Crusaders	Beaumaris	C Nunan	Loss
Wed 27	Epicure	Albert	S McCooke	Win
MAR				
Fri 1	N.Z. Old Tablelanders	Fawkner Pk	G Fidler	Loss
Wed 6	HMAS Cerberus	Albert	M Reidy	Win
MAY				
Sun 19	QLD C C	Robina	M Reidy	Loss

MCC XXIX Club v Royal Selangor Club **over 40's**

Played at: The Royal Selangor Club – Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur -18 August 2018

MCC XXIX CLUB 4/179 c.c.				Defeate Royal Selangor Club 8/99 c.c.			
Player	Batting		Bowling	Player	Batting		Bowling
Ash Farr	33		0/10 2	Muralee Nair	2		
Matt Curtain	36	ret.	1/13 4	Nadaraja	0		
Allan Steenholdt	35	ret.		Sandeep	9	0/10	1
Peter Leggett	12		1/12 3	C. Young	4		
Michael Reidy wk.	8			Kartik	16	0/23	3
Ron Shugg	11	n.o.		Kamesh	14	0/34	6
Phil Halbish	21			Sanjay	16	1/37	5
Liam Buchanan	10	n.o.	0/13 5	Tan Kim Hing	15	n.o.	1/27 6
Michael Sholly ©	dhb			Ajay	6	2/25	6
Ash Middlin	dnb		2/25 6	Arun	8	n.o.	0/19 3
Geoff Fidler	dnb		2/18 4	Rueben	dnb		
Setton Leggett	dnb		2/7 6				
Sundries	12			Sundries	9		
Umpires	Colin Walker , Venukumar						
Scorers	Meyrick Buchanan, Bama						
Team managers	Geoff Fidler						



The first match of the tour was played at the beautiful oval at the Royal Selangor Club in Kuala Lumpur. The XXIX Club won the toss and were eager to bat and set a positive tone for the tour.

Accordingly we started strongly with Matty Curtain and Ash Farr putting on a 50 run opening partnership. Matt retired on 36 and Ash was joined by Allan Steenholdt. The former Melbourne 1st XI opener displayed a powerful array of shots and after a strike rate of over 100 was also retired for 35. Meanwhile Ash was displaying stylish drives and pulls before being stumped for 33.

This gave our middle order an outstanding base to capitalise on. As the field spread, Peter Leggett (12), Michael Reidy (8), Ron Shugg (11no) were content to knock the balls around and take the singles on offer. Phil Halbish and Liam Buchanan added the finishing touches and we finished with 4/179 off our allotted 30 overs.

Ash Middlin took the new ball and had them confused from the start. He mixed his medium pacers with the occasional off cutter and slower balls. The first wicket came from Simon Leggett who produced an inswinger that was clipped powerfully behind square leg. The player was staggered to find an alert Steenholdt move swiftly to his left and hold a sharp chance. Simon finished with the outstanding figures of 2/7 off 6 overs. Middlin also claimed two wickets to have the Selangor Club struggling at 4/27.

From there the result was never in doubt but the XXIXers didn't let up. Wickets were spread with former president Geoff Fidler claiming two wickets including a superb caught and bowled. Matt Curtain and Peter Leggett picked up one each. Behind the stumps, Michael Reidy completed two stumpings with great efficiency but a highlight being a one handed diving catch down leg. After the 30 overs Royal Selangor Club finished at 8/99.

A comprehensive victory for the XXIX Club and hopefully the leadership shown by the experienced players of the tour would hold us in good stead for the feature match the following day. Allan Steenholdt was awarded the man of the match and I would like to thank Col Walker for umpiring and Meyrick Buchanan for scoring.

Michael Sholly
Captain



MCC XXIX Club v Royal Selangor Club

Played at: The Royal Selangor Club – Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur -19 August 2018									
MCC XXIX CLUB 10/158				Defeated by Royal Selangor Club 5/159 c.c.					
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Liam Buchanan	4		0/18	3	Viduth	76	n.o.		
Allan Steenholdt	26				Saifullah	0			
Meyrick Buchanan	45		1/36	4	Sharveen	8		0/16	3
Paul Whybird	18				Viran	28		3/10	5.2
Seton Leggett	11				Thariq	34	n.o.	1/27	6
Sam Brewin	6		0/13	3	Neville	dnb		3/48	8
Matthew Curtain (wk.)	18				Pavandeep	dnb		2/17	8
Ash Farr	2				Harinda	dnb			
Ash Middlin	0				Suharil	dnb		0/14	3
Wilson McGillivray	14		2/22	5	Shivamm	dnb		1/20	4
Adam Rayner	2	n.o.	0/23	4	Nalin	dnb			
Phil Halbish ©	dnb		0/10	3					
Aaron Boyle	dnb		0/35	6.4					
Sundries	12				Sundries	15			
Umpires	Geoff Fidler								
Scorers	Colin Walker, Zul								
Team managers	Michael Sholly								

The main game in the XXIX Club tour of Kuala Lumpur was viewed upon with much anticipation from both sides. The official dinner the evening before was a fantastic affair poolside at the Royal Selangor Club (RSC) and the expectation of a competitive contest the following day was the primary topic of discussion. Overcast conditions at the wonderful RSC's Kiara sports complex greeted the players the next day and the wicket, while well grassed, was sure to provide a fair contest. RSC won the toss and sent the MCC XXIX Club into bat first. The early loss of Liam Buchanan was countered well by Allan Steenholdt and Meyrick Buchanan who took the total to 1/73 before Steenholdt was dismissed. The dismissal of the younger Buchanan seven runs later put RSC on top. The final tally of 158 felt like it was a few runs short as the change of innings was taken. Credit to the attack of the RSC that combined pace and swing, with expert slow bowling, that extracted the best of the conditions and put the XXIX Club batters to the test.

In the field the XXIX Club started well, with young quick Wilson McGillivray picking up two early wickets and bowling with genuine pace. While the XXIX Club felt in the game in the overcast conditions, with the ball swinging and beating the bat, young RSC opener Viduth chose to take on the bowling and took the game away for RSC finishing as man of the match with a well compiled and entertaining 76 not out. He was ably supported by Thariq who finished with an elegantly compiled 34 not out to take the home side to a well deserved seven wicket victory.

While the result didn't go the way of the XXIX Club, the day and the experience of visiting such a special place as the Royal Selangor Club to play the game of cricket, which we all love, and competing against the young cricketers of the region, was not lost on any of the playing group - young and old. It was once again our good fortune to be able to represent the MCC XXIX Club was reflected upon for many hours afterwards, as was the experience of a day thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Phil Halbish
Captain

MCC XXIX Club v Kelawar Cricket Club

Played at: Kelab Aman, Kuala Lumpur -21 August 2018							
MCC XXIX CLUB 6/193 c.c.				Defeated Kelawar Cricket Club 10/103			
Player	Batting		Bowling	Player	Batting		Bowling
Ash Middlin ©	44	ret.		Brett Miller	15		
Paul Whybird	25			Tanvir	7		
Sam Brewin	29		3/5 5.2	Adam	4	1/25	3
Meyrick Buchanan	10		3/19 4	Riz Sall	19	0/11	2
Liam Buchanan	36	ret.		Chris Mann	5	0/44	3
Allan Steenholdt	3		0/13 2	Umair	16	0/21	2
Wilson McGillivray	7			Bobby	1	1/21	5
Ron Shugg	9			Chris Round	2	2/21	4
Aaron Boyle	9	n.o.	1/26 4	Siva	16	0/28	5
Peter Leggett	1	n.o.	0/8 4	Saiful	2	2/16	6
Phil Halbish	dnb		2/10 6	Charlie	3	n.o.	
Michael Reidy wk.	dnb						
Adam Raynor	dnb		1/22 5				
Sundries	20			Sundries	13		
Umpires	Colin Walker, Muton						
Scorers	Seton Leggett						
Team managers	Geoff Fidler						

This was the penultimate game of the 2018 Malaysia tour against the Kelawar Cricket Club. Excitement was high due to previous tours to this club and the hospitality.



We arrived at the Kelab Aman cricket ground with high expectations and, like any ground in Malaysia, it didn't disappoint. Set in the middle of Kuala Lumpur surrounded by skyscrapers and cranes, this was a sight to see.

Unfortunately for us there was a building under construction directly next door to the ground with a 30-ton pile hammer going for most of the day. Not ideal for the second last day of a cricket tour.

MCC XXIX Club won the toss and decided to have a bat, allowing a few guys to gather their composure.

So off to the change rooms we went, to strip and get ready to go into battle. Fortunately, we didn't have anyone from the CFMEU with us to shut down the facility. The change rooms were under construction and it is fair to say a health hazard. Wires, steel and loose bricks at every turn.

The opening partnership was a solid start from Whybird and Middlin seeing us get to 37 until the Malaysian quick Saful rattled the stumps.

It was a solid display with the stick from the XXIXers with five players reaching double figures and some power hitting at the back end from Liam Buchanan (36 retired). The final total was 6/193 off the allotted 30 overs.



The lunch break was a mix of some outstanding local spicy curries with a side of pappadams and roti bread. Followed by an ice cold bottle of water to wash it down. Allan Steenholdt was **overheard saying** 'A spicy curry is the ideal preparation for bowling in 39 degree heat'.

Unfortunately, Allan had to leave the field in the 3rd over to use the amenities.

The XXIXers had the twin towers in Halbish and Raynor open proceedings. Halbish, winding the clock back to his halcyon days with fine figures of 2 for 10 off 6

overs, while Raynor at the other end was making the going tough for the young Malaysian openers with some hostile chin music.

In all honesty, Kelawar was never really in with a chance after the opening spell, Meyrick Buchanan chimed away with figures of 3/19 off four overs but the spoils belonged to Sam Brewin with some crafty left arm orthodox bowling claiming 3/5 off 5.2 overs. Kelawar CC bowled out for 103 in the 29th over.

MCC XXIX Club finished what was a wonderful tour on a winning note.

Thanks must go to Col Walker and Michael Sholly for their organisation of not just this game but the whole tour.

*Ash Middlin
Captain*



MCC XXIX Club v Australian Cricket Society

Played at: Walter Galt Reserve Parkdale on October 24, 2018										
MCC XXIX CLUB 6/142					Defeated	Australian Cricket Society 10/141				
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling		
Andrew Sheehan	0				S Ferguson	3				
Michael Reidy	4				S Kerr	7				
Glenn Thomson	37				L Fisher	0				
Neil Adams	42	ret.	2/16	8	T Corney	7		0/24	5	
Phil Robison	26	n.o.			K Piesse	40	ret.	2/12	5	
Marino Bovo	6				J Robins	40	ret.	1/35	7	
James Davis	0		0/30	4	S Stockdale	14				
John Kent	19	n.o.	0/19	4	G Craig	10		2/10	6	
Brian Ceresa	dnb		1/28	8	D Bennett	0		0/22	4	
Michael Kerr	dnb		1/13	8	J Smith	9		0/21	3	
Carl Nunan ©	dnb		4/26	8	J Chaperon	0	n.o.	0/15	4	
Sundries	8				Sundries	11				
Umpires	John MacKinnon, Mike Rose									
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins, Will Ross									
Team managers	John Macnish									

The first match for the local season was played at Walter Galt Reserve in Parkdale, being the home of Premier Cricket club Kingston Hawthorn. The XXIXers inducted three new players – Phil Robison, Neil Adams and Glenn Thomson.

The ACS won the toss and elected to bat. Neil Adams (2/16 from 8 overs) and Michael Kerr (1/13 from 8 overs) opened the bowling and kept the ACS runs to an absolute minimum; John Kent and Brian Ceresa also bowled well. The ACS middle order (Ken Piesse and Bill Robins) dug in and enabled them to post a competitive score of 141. Carl Nunan 4/26, John Kent 0/19, Brian Ceresa 1/28 and James Davis 0/30 were the XXIX Club bowlers.

The XXIX Club innings started slowly and we lost the early wickets of Andrew Sheehan and Michael Reidy. Our middle order took control of the ACS bowling and the main contributors were Glenn Thomson who made 37, Neil Adams 42 retired and Phil Robison 26 no – all three excelling in their first game for the club. John Kent made a cameo 19 n.o. to get the XXIX Club their first win of the season.

Thanks to umpires John Mackinnon and Mike Rose who controlled the game; scorers Barrie Hopkins and Will Ross and to our team manager John Macnish for ensuring the day went smoothly.

Thanks to the ACS who hosted the game.

Carl Nunan
Captain

MCC XXIX Club v Puckapunyal Cricket Club

Played at: The Albert Ground on October 31, 2018									
MCC XXIX CLUB 9/171 c.c.					Defeated ARMY Puckapunyal C.C. 6/162 c.c.				
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
John Kent	0				Daniel Pugh	18			
Jon Clampett	47		1/27	6	Riley Deeble	0			
Paul Whybird	4				Ian Hodgkins	72	n.o.		
Laurie Heath	2				Matt McLaughlin	0			
Matthew Curtair	52		0/16	3	Jeff Marshall	53		1/38	7
Tim Corney	4		0/15	1	Brook Gibson	1			
Michael Reidy	24	ret.			David Chegwiddden	1		2/28	7
James Davis	24	n.o.			Phil Brooks	10	n.o.	2/38	7
Philip Robison	5		1/12	7	Matthew Bell	dnb		1/10	5
Dean Hanlon	1		0/32	7	Mark Nipperess	dnb		2/18	4
Brian Ceresa	0	n.o.	2/18	6	Jacob Nipperess	dnb		0/31	7
Carl Nunan	dnb		2/22	7					
Sundries	9				Sundries	7			
Umpires	John McKinnon, Darren Deeble								
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins								
Team managers	John Macnish								



The army boys travelled down to the Albert for the second time playing for the PB Sorkh Bed trophy honouring three of their fallen comrades and mates in Afghanistan in 2011. The XXIX Club having won the inaugural contest last year was keen to go back to back with a team similar to last years.

Prior to hostilities getting under way, we enjoyed lunch together over which some true and other untrue stories of last year's contest were told. We won the toss and decided to bat first on another cracking Albert track.

Things didn't initially go our way with Kent, Whybird and Heath back in the shed by the fifth over with the score on 10! The loss of Kent didn't matter much, but Whybird and Heath were both big losses.

Jon Clampett and Matt Curtain then came to the party and steadied the ship before launching into an entertaining partnership of 92 from 14 overs. Jon was next out for a very valuable 47, with eight 4s. Matt followed soon after having posted his half century, also smiting eight boundaries.

Another significant partnership between Michael Reidy (24 ret) and James Davis (24 no) saw us through to 9/171 at the end of our 37 overs. This seemed to be about par on such a good wicket, and with some good bowling and catching, a defendable score.

We opened the bowling with Phil Robison and Jon Clampett who bowled very accurately and restricted the Army boys to 1/17 runs from the first nine overs. The next 2 wickets fell on 44 in the 18th over on consecutive deliveries from Carl Nunan. Unfortunately, he failed to get a hat trick and was roundly chastised by our expectant team! From there we bowled well, but Ian Hodgkins and Jeff Marshall batted very well for 'Pucka' to put on 93 runs before we had our next success thanks to Brian Ceresa with his leg spinners, bowling Jeff for a well compiled 53 with the score on 137. At this stage they still needed 35 from the final four overs.

Our bowlers all did their jobs well and in the end we won by nine runs. Carl Nunan, 2/22 from seven overs, Dean Hanlon, 0/13 from his first five, Brian Ceresa, 2/18 from six, Phil Robison 1/12 from seven and Jon Clampett, 1/27 from six all did the jobs asked of them to bowl us to victory.

Player of the match for the XXIX Club – Matt Curtain for his match turning 52.

Not surprisingly, Barry Hopkins did a sterling job with the scorebook, John Macnish managed us with skill and John McKinnon was his usual phlegmatic self as our umpire. Thanks gentlemen!

As usual the chairman, Col Walker, was at his convivial best and made sure the day went off without a hitch. After a roast dinner and some healthy banter with our visitors we went home satisfied that we had upheld the good reputation of the XXIX Club.

*John Kent
Captain*



MCC XXIX Club v Bendigo CC

Played at: The Albert Ground on November 14, 2018							
MCC XXIX CLUB 6/246 c.c.				Defeated by BENDIGO C.C. 0/247			
Player	Batting		Bowling	Player	Batting		Bowling
Matt Curtain	8		0/10 2	James Seymour	156	n.o.	0/3 3
Andre De Lange	34		0/33 5	Shayne Koop	86	n.o.	
Blake Thomson	29			Kyle Humphries	dnb		
Charles Lill	78		0/12 2	Sam Brewin	dnb		1/2 2
Usama Saddiq	41		0/51 7	Tom Hart	dnb		0/4 4
Bryn Gaunt	43	n.o.	0/18 4	Jack Belsar	dnb		1/20 5
John Fitzgibbon	0		0/18 1	Liam Evans	dnb		1/28 10
Carl Nunan	2	n.o.	0/18 4	Kayne Goldsworthy	dnb		2/28 8
Ron Shugg	dnb			Mat Gray	dnb		1/57 6
Anna O'Donnell	dnb		0/48 8	Andy Rosos	dnb		0/19 2
Adam Rayner	dnb		0/37 5	Nathan Fitzpatrick	dnb		
Sundries	11			Sundries	5		
Umpires	John Robinson, Mike Slattery						
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins, Gary Piggott						
Team managers	Tim Jones, Ian Coates						

This year's match against Bendigo turned out to be a very one-sided affair. The XXIX Club fielded a strong and balanced side of Premier Club youth and XXIX Club experience. In addition, we welcomed Anna O'Donnell from the MCC women's Premier team, a first for this fixture.

Bendigo, featuring mainly their 1st XI, were in a determined mood and approached this game expressing of their current season's high aspirations. This being the 125th anniversary of their formation, the team accordingly celebrating a long and proud history in Bendigo District Cricket.

The XXIX Club welcomed four debutants from the Premier Club 1st XI, namely Andre De Lange, Usama Saddiq, Charles Lill (grandson of John) and Blake Thomson and of course, Anna O'Donnell from the MCC ladies.

All XXIX Club participants had an enjoyable day both on and off the field. Most of the batters got runs and certainly both team's bowlers had good workouts with nearly 500 runs being scored.

Six for 246 was a creditable total for the XXIX Club and would win most games at the Albert. Our debutant batters all got amongst the runs, with Charles Lill making a solid 78 backed up by Blake Thompson (29), Andre De Lange (34) and Usama Saddiq a hard hitting 41. This was topped off with a fine 43 no by Bryn Gaunt.

Bendigo, aided by current and former 1st XI Premier players James Seymour (156 no) and Shayne Koop (86 no), methodically accumulated the runs and with some flashes of exuberance, reached the target with only one over to spare. Despite the lack of wickets all seven bowlers acquitted themselves well on the flat Albert track and fast outfield, notably Anna who opened the bowling (0/48) and our leggie Usama with 0/51. However, this heavy defeat did not detract from the overall experience of this match, as old friends and new joined to enjoy a great lunch and dinner. Bendigo's man of the match went to Charles Lill and the XXIXers presented their award to a very deserving James Seymour for a brilliant 156 no.

Thanks to Barrie Hopkins for the scoring and Colin Walker, as usual, for his great match management skills and to the umpires Mike Slattery and John Robinson.

Tim Jones
Team Manager

MCC XXIX Club v Cricketers Club of NSW

Played at: The Albert Ground on November 21, 2018								
MCC XXIX CLUB 4/112				Defeated	C.C. of N.S.W. 10/111			
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling
Mark Butler ©	7				I Neil	25	r.o.	
Laurie Heath	0	r.o.			T Robertson	11		0/20 2
Bryn Gaunt	44		1/0	.4	S Stockdale	14		
Paul Whybird	43	n.o.			J Mounis	17		0/4 1
David Chippendall	1		1/9	4	P Buruma	1		0/21 3
Phil Robison	5	n.o.	1/17	7	J Howarth	14		0/22 4
Ron Shugg	dnb				G Brooks ©	6		
Jon Clampett	dnb		0/14	4	H Swift	0		0/21 4
Josh Ash	dnb		4/20	7	J Thurwell	5		1/15 4
Hugh Hyslop	dnb		1/14	6	J Edgar	1		2/5 2
Matt Curtain	dnb		1/23	4	S Kish	2		
Sundries	12				Sundries	15		
Umpires	John McKinnon, Mike Slattery							
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins							
Team managers	John Macnish, Tim Jones							

After plenty of rain throughout the course of the week the fixture was in danger of been cancelled. However due to the terrific efforts of the ground staff we were able to get a match underway on an improving Wednesday afternoon.

The Cricket Club of NSW managed to get a side together, although I think the forecast may have scared a few off to make the flight down. We were delighted, though, when we lost the toss and were advised that they would bat first in somewhat moist conditions that were only going to improve.

Two MCC XXIX Club debutants shone in the field, with the injection of some young blood through Hugh Hyslop and Josh Ash who both proved handy with the ball. Josh taking four valuable wickets with his right arm leg spin to rip the heart out of the middle order, and Hugh opening the bowling getting an early break through. Phil Robison was also threatening with his medium pace and with a good team effort in the field had the tourists on their knees clawing their way to 111 all out.

In reply we got off to a shaky start losing two quick wickets, Laurie Heath burning himself looking to get off the mark being run out. It was then a solid partnership between Bryn Gaunt (44) and Paul Why Whybird (43*) steering us home for a six wicket win.

In what was a relatively comfortable win, we have no doubt next year CC of NSW will be out for revenge in this normally very competitive fixture between the much rivalled states.

Thanks again to John McKinnon and Mike Slattery for umpiring, Bazz balancing the scorebook and John Macnish and Tim Jones who helped out throughout the day.

Mark Butler
Captain

MCC XXIX Club v Vignerons XI

Played at: The Penola Sports Ground, Penola. December 4, 2018

MCC XXIX CLUB 7/145 c.c.				Defeated by Vignerons XI 6/15:			
Player	Batting		Bowling	Player	Batting		Bowling
Paul Whybird	50	ret.		Dean Whitelaw +	7		
Matt Scholten	11			George Kidman	50	ret.	1/22 6
Stuart Stockdale	10			Brett Vaughan	14		1/8 7
Phil Halbish ©	15		0/28 7	Trent Burge	39	n.o.	1/10 2
Paul Kennedy	5		0/6 1.3	Tim Bailey	0		0/14 2
Ash Halbish	0	r.o.		Curt Evans	29		1/6 2
Peter Leggett	12		0/9 3	Dan Redman	7		0/23 6
Mike Reidy +	8	n.o.		Conrad Slabber	2	n.o.	1/13 5
Carl Nunan	6	n.o.	1/26 5	Jeremy Oliver ©	dnb		0/27 5.4
Ron Shugg	dnb			Nick Zema	dnb		0/10 2.2
Michael Rattenbury	dnb		1/27 4	James Hall	dnb		
Brian Ceresa	dnb		1/35 4.3				
John Kent	dnb		2/16 7				
Sundries	28			Sundries	3		
Umpires	John Robinson, Mike Slattery						
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins						
Team managers	Tim Jones, Geoff Lord						



The mighty Vignerons came out ahead in their annual clash with the MCC's XXIX Club, victorious at the Penola Cricket Club on December 4 by four wickets with overs in hand.

The match was preceded by a vigorous training session the previous day that incorporated visits to Kidman, Redman and Zema, lunch at Hollick and an unforgettable dinner at Fodder. It was a great opportunity for the XXIX Club to visit the homes of three regular Vignerons' players, although reacting to a significantly twinged calf, Nick Zema was heard to mutter to several Vignerons that this was absolutely the last time out for him. Time, of course, will tell. Fodder was a serious highlight and will feature in any future tours to the region, or perhaps any region...

Meantime, sincere thanks to George Kidman, Dan Redman and Nick Zema for their brilliant hospitality and for coordinating things at the Penola end. Thanks also to all Vignerons – including the only partially mobilised Ulrich Grey-Smith – for presenting such an array of wines over the two days, which culminated in a long, late night firstly at the cricket club and then at the Royal Oak. All evidence provided to this time suggests that not much happened in Coonawarra on December 5.

Put into bat on a wicket that occasionally stopped and bounced, the XXIXers built a score around the excellent opening work of Paul Whybird who retired with 50 against his name. Sundries were next top score with 28, which bears no reflection whatsoever on the exemplary work behind the stumps by James Hall, whose catch to dismiss Phil Halbish on 15 provided all the evidence necessary to prove that performance-enhancing substances still have a role to play in veterans' cricket.

Led by sterling work from Conrad Slabber, Brett Vaughan and Curt Evans, each of whom maintained excellent control of length, direction and pace, the Vignerons' attack was given added colour and diversity through the fizzing leg-spin of Trent Burge, the ozone-rich air of Tim Bailey and the unsettling pace and bounce of George Kidman. Despite a favourable track, I went for a few without snaring a pole, resuming my place in the field to the audible relief of my team mates. Dan Redman, unlucky not to take wicket, bowled and fielded like a frisky young Coonawarra claret.



Constructed around a red-inked 50 by George Kidman and a more than useful 39 not out by Trent Burge (which included a heave right over square leg from a rising Halbish snorter), the Vignerons still managed to infuse some tension into the game with a steady clatter of wickets. Curt Evans provided some fireworks – mainly along the ground for a change – and showed to the XXIXers why his place in the side is set in concrete for at least the next decade.

The match was played in the correct spirit by teams who were determined to give no quarter unless otherwise incentivised, although nobody – as far as I could tell – felt the need to scuff the ball to show they were a good bloke. Sincere thanks and congratulations to all participant Vignerons – an absolute pleasure to share the field with you all.

*Jeremy Oliver
Captain Vignerons XI*

MCC XXIX Club v Media XI

Played at: The Albert Ground, December 19, 2018									
MCC XXIX CLUB 3/219 c.c.					Defeated		Media XI 11/62		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Laurie Heath	56				Daniel Hartford ©	12		0/6	1
Mark Butler	0		3/29	5.3	Jon Ralph	4		0/10	3
Shaun Richardson	5		0/21	3	Jamie Tate	1			
Jackson Koop	109	ret.	2/20	5	Scott Gullan	2		0/18	2
Matt Simpson	40	n.o.	1/16	3	Jimmy Bartel	6		0/25	4
Matt Stein	4	n.o.	1/27	5	Adam White	60			
Mark Anderson ©	dnb				John Hastings	2		0/23	2
John Fitzgibbon	dnb		3/16	5	Leigh Montagna	1		0/26	3
Andrew Wilson +	dnb				Drew Jones	31		1/21	6
Michael Reidy +	dnb				Andrew McCormack	14		0/22	3
Steven McCooke	dnb		1/31	5	Andy Bellairs	6		1/50	4
					Mark Stevens	18	n.o.	1/17	4
Sundries	5				Sundries	7			
Umpires	Geoff Fidler, Keiron Croker								
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins								
Team managers	John Macnish, John Kent								

After a string of losses at the hands of our friends from the media in recent seasons, I am pleased to report that order has been restored with the XXIX Club arresting what was becoming an alarming trend.

Pre-game we welcomed former Dandenong, St Kilda and Caulfield batsman Sean Richardson for his first match in the XXIX Club hoops. Despite a modest return on debut, Sean will be a tremendous acquisition for the club on and off the field given his vast experience in the game.

After a shaky start, the foundation for our victory was set up by a lively partnership for the third wicket between the enigmatic Laurie Heath (56) and dashing MCC 1st XI all-rounder Jackson Koop, who notched up his maiden XXIX Club century with a superb 109. Former Northcote all-rounder Matt Simpson chimed in with a brisk 40 at the back end of the innings that saw us finish with a very competitive 3/219 after our allotted 32 overs.

While reasonably confident at the change of innings, the Media XI batting line-up has offered many surprises in recent years that has seen the XXIX Club snatch defeat from the jaws of victory. Thankfully, a few former AFL footballers that had done some of this damage to us in recent years, namely Jimmy Bartel and Daniel Harford, could only muster 18 between them. The ‘ace in their pack’, however, came in the form of former international, John “The Duke” Hastings who strode to the wicket in the comfortable position of No. 7 after Jackson Koop (2/20) and John “Smacka” Fitzgibbon had taken care of their top order.

No one could possibly have envisaged what was to follow but, with all due respect, I do need to report on the ‘The Duke’s’ involvement in the lowlight of the match with former first-class off-spinner, our own Steven McCooke. Here was a contest rarely seen in XXIX Club matches. A man with a first-class ‘5-fa’ and more than 300 1st XI under his belt taking on a former Test and limited overs international all-rounder with the game delicately poised. A contest that many a cricket would have paid an entry fee to witness!

What followed was a piece of cricket that would have embarrassed any of the cricketers plying their trade on the mats on any weekend over at Fawkner Park! McCooke bowling from the city end, moved passed umpire Croker to deliver one of his trademark drifting off-spinners to Hastings, and as the ball travelled through the air it was clear the ball was not going to hit the cut surface. In mid-

flight before the ball had pitched, umpire Croker decided to call wide, which seemed to distract Hastings who then lunged and reached for the ball that had now bounded off the pitch and he only proceeded in spooning a catch to cover. Confusion and embarrassment reigned as Hastings, fully aware of the rules, trudged off to the Fairbairn Pavilion but a quick mid-pitch meeting of XXIXers saw to him called back to the crease given he may have been somewhat distracted by the umpire's premature wide call!

If that wasn't enough to question John's appetite for playing 'friendlies' in the future, the next over facing the lively pace of Jackson Koop, he showed his class by moving inside the line and clipping one off his legs that went like a tracer bullet only to land in the safe hands of Laurie Heath, who snapped a very sharp chance at backward square leg. What's that saying? "Cricket's a great....."!

After Hastings' dismissal, Media XI skipper Adam White continued on with his sparkling innings but when he was eventually dismissed for a very classy 60 the game was well and truly in our keeping and the Media XI were dismissed for 162 in the 32nd after Treasurer Butler (3/29) ran through the tail.

As usual, the umpiring, off-field and hospitality duties were beautifully looked after by our band of XXIX Club volunteers and all players in the game were extremely appreciative of the efforts of Messers Fidler, Croker, Hopkins, Macnish and Kent for the respective roles they played in making it such a pleasurable experience to play game and enjoy the day. Will look forward to another great fixture next season in search of back-to-back victories.

*Mark Anderson
Manager/Captain*



MCC XXIX Club v MCC President's XI

Played at: MCG, February 6, 2019							
MCC XXIX CLUB 10/90 c.c.				Defeated by MCC President's XI 4/93			
Player	Batting	Bowling		Player	Batting	Bowling	
Peter Petricola ©	3			Andrew Kent	19	0/13	2
Matt Curtain +	1			Alistiar McCooke	1	0/6	2
Mark Butler	15			Sharvin Muniandy	19	0/6	3
Matt Stein	2	0/4	1	Ben Vague +	14		
Ash Middlin	16			Meyrick Buchanan ©	23	n.o. 1/0	3
Matt Scholten	32			Josh Benson	14	n.o. 2/5	2
Phil Halbish	1	2/12	4	Josh Ash	dnb	1/9	4
Stewart McCooke	6	0/19	4	Andrew Baker	dnb	1/16	6
Mark Anderson	0	0/19	3	Christian Johnston	dnb	2/6	3
Carl Nunan	3	1/11	3	Nick Quinn	dnb	1/4	4
Hugh Hyslop	1	n.o. 1/8	4	Pat Smith	dnb	1/11	3
Wilson McGillivray	dnb	0/18	4	Nathan Ervin	dnb	1/13	3
Sundries	10			Sundries	3		
Umpires	Geoff Fidler, Tim Norton						
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins						
Team managers	Colin Walker, Steven McCooke						

This year's match was significant in that it was the first match played since the sad passing of one of our founding fathers, Ian 'Doc' McDonald. Both teams wore black arm bands in the memory of the 'Doc'.

In this keenly anticipated event on the annual fixture being officiated by Geoff Fidler and Tim Norton and scored by Barrie Hopkins, the XXIXers won the toss and chose to bat on one of the most talked about surfaces in world cricket. These murmurs continued as the XXIXers fell to 4 for 15 in quick time. Ash Middlin and Mark Butler showed some promise and looked like dragging us out of trouble before both departed before reaching 20. It was up to Matt Scholten to work with the tail which he did so ably without much support to finish on 32 with the XXIX's closing the innings, all out for 90 off 35 overs.

An early wicket and some tight bowling kept the XXIXers hopes alive but the loose deliveries were well dispatched by the President's XI top order. Phil Halbish claimed two wickets in succession and some crafty bowling from Mark Anderson and Carl Nunan saw chances fall just beyond outstretched fingers. The President's XI past the target four down after 23 overs.

The match was played in terrific spirit by both teams in a way that Ian "Doc" McDonald would have wished for.

Peter Petricola
Captain



MCC XXIX Club v Combined Club XI

Played at: The Albert Ground, February 13, 2019														
MCC XXIX CLUB 3/178					Defeated					Combined Club XI 6/174 c.c.				
Player		Batting		Bowling		Player		Batting		Bowling				
John Bott		29				Darren Edmunds		11						
Paul Whybird		21				Ritchie Savage		14						
Bryn Gaunt		53		n.o. 1/12 3		Sam Shearer		20		0/13 6				
Shaun Richardson		4		0/6 3		James Forrest		66		n.o.				
Cameron Judd		66		n.o. 2/35 9		Angus Sheedy		8		0/26 4				
Mark Butler ©		dnb				Roly Imhoff ©		16		0/17 5				
Matt Scholten		dnb				Sam Dimopoulos		0						
Ryan Fort		dnb		1/41 9		Matt Forrest		29		n.o. 0/26 5				
Hugh Hyslop		dnb		0/26 8		Sam Lucardie wk.		dnb						
Tim Alexander		dnb		2/47 8		Eddie Boal		dnb		0/15 1.2				
Ron Shugg wk.		dnb				Bharat Batra		dnb		0/33 4				
Stephen Williams		dnb				Mohammad Sufiyan		dnb		3/41 8				
Sundries		5				Sundries		10						
Umpires		Les Blackbell, John MacKinnon												
Scorers		Barrie Hopkins												
Team manager		Colin Walker												

Once again blue skies and a flat deck at the Albert Ground greeted the participants in the now traditional Valentines Day clash between the XXIX Club and the the combined MCC Club XI Competition side. The Club XI were desperate to avenge the narrow defeat that they had suffered last year and had no hesitation in batting on winning the toss.

The XXIX Club had a particularly strong bowling outfit with the new cherry being taken by former Carlton and Victorian fast bowler Ash Gilbert (2/21) who showed he had lost none of his accuracy or bounce in a new ball spell that had the visitors hopping around. Likewise, former chairman Phil Halbish (0/13) and Sub-district stalwart Ryan Forte (1/35) also delivered very tidy opening spells, but with some late hitting, the Clubbies were able to creep up to 5/188 from their allotted 36 overs. Batting honours went to Club XI captain Roly Imhoff (50 ret) and Old Scotch player Sam Shearer who showed why he was the competition's leading run scorer with a well compiled 50.

In reply the home side started brightly with the evergreen Mark Butler (33) and polished former Hawthorn-East Melbourne batsman Bryn Gaunt (20) combining for an opening 47-run stand before a couple of quick wickets from Trevor Maggs put the XXIX Club on the back foot.

Despite an elegant 25 from former Carlton opener Steve Williams and some late hitting from Ryan Forte (39) the XXIX club fell around 20 runs short of the target in what was a competitive fixture played in terrific spirit all day.

Many thanks to umpires Mike Slattery and Les Blackbell and scorers/managers Barrie Hopkins and Colin Walker for their assistance on the day.

Matt Stein
Captain

MCC XXIX Club v Crusaders' XI

Played at: Beaumaris Secondary College, February 17, 2019									
MCC XXIX CLUB 7/172 c.c.					Defeated by Crusaders 9/181 c.c.				
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Matt Curtain	41	ret.	0/26	6	Tim Wilks	42	ret.		
Hugh Hyslop	7				Oliver Garlich	8		1/26	6
Josh Ash	14		0/20	6	Ethan Walker	39	ret.	1/12	2
Andrew Wilson	19				Barry Anderson	18			
Peter Sheehan	11		0/29	4	Tom Edwards	3			
Paul Jackson	0		1/20	4	Peter Marshall © +	3			
Tim Corney	40	n.o.	3/8	3	Tom Hall	35	n.o.	1/26	6
Carl Nunan ©	18		2/16	5	Harrison Thompson	1		2/29	6
Sam Nunan	3	n.o.	1/19	3	Lindsay Edwards	3		0/23	6
Will Curtain	dnb		0/26	3	Ansh Shah	5		0/22	4
Brian Ceresa	dnb		1/10	1	Peter Walker	0	n.o.	1/28	5
Marino Bova +	dnb								
Sundries	19				Sundries	24			
Umpires	Tim Norton, Darrel Holt								
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins, Charle Wilks								
Team manager	John McCormick								

The XXIX Club presented a highly credentialed team, astutely captained by the inspiring Carl Nunan, in the annual fixture versus Crusaders on the wonderfully prepared MCC oval at Beaumaris Secondary College.

With the Crusaders winning the toss and electing to bat, the XXIXers were sharp in the field, and with wonderful bowling from Tim Corney (3/8) and Carl Nunan (2/16), were able to contain the Crusaders to 9/181 from their allocated 35 overs. Also supporting the tight bowling were fellow wicket-takers Paul Jackson, Brian Ceresa and Sam Nunan.

The chase for 182 for victory was a challenge duly accepted by the XXIX Club batsmen, and began in fine style with Matt Curtain opening the batting and scoring a fine 41 before having to retire. **Matt's innings was well supported** by Hugh Hyslop, Josh Ash, Andrew Wilson and Peter Sheehan, leaving the XXIXers pursuit achievable at the fall of the fifth wicket.

At this point, in support of their wonderful bowling efforts for the day, first-class all-rounders Tim Corney (40 not out) and skipper Carl Nunan (18) joined forces, and put together a cavalier style 42-run partnership. Pounding the Crusaders attack to all points of the boundary, nearing the final over of the innings, captain Carl smashed the Crusaders opening bowling to the longest boundary, only to be caught just before flying over the pickets for a huge six, which would have led the XXIXers to victory.

This resulted in the XXIXers courageous chase falling just nine runs short, at 7/172, in the final 35th over.

The outstanding bowling and batting performance of XXIXers Tim Corney led to him being duly awarded the Man of the Match award. Led by Colin Walker, we thank the match officials Darrel Holt, Tim Norton and Barrie Hopkins.

We retired to an establishment on beach road for a post-game review of our loss.

John McCormick
Manager

MCC Club XXIX v Epicure XI

Played at: The Albert Ground, February 27, 2019									
MCC XXIX CLUB 7/278 c.c.					Epicure XI 10/158				
Defeated									
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Mike Reidy	8				Ben Holmes	14		0/13	2
Laurie Heath	49		0/28	2	Mitchell Brown	32		0/20	4
Cameron Judd	58	ret.	2/10	3	Peter Tompkins	0		0/34	3
Andrew Kent	53	ret.	0/13	3	James Gilham	0		4/37	6
Rob Templeton	28	ret.	1/19	4	Paul Norris	0			
Jon Clampett	28		0/5	3	Luke Date	5			
Peter Crock	11		2/13	2	William Malcolm	0		0/33	3
Chris Muller	22	n.o.	3/3	3	Thomas Lowden	63		0/33	7
Nick Power	10	n.o.	2/23	6	Mihindu Abeywardhana	30			
Carl Nunan	dnb		0/20	4	Ian Campbell	0		0/45	5
Steven McCooke ©	dnb		0/16	3	Ali Bashir	0	n.o.	0/48	6
Sundries	11				Sundries	14			
Umpires	Mike Slattery, John Robinson								
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins,								
Team manager	John Macnish								



A delightful 'light lunch' courtesy of our ever so hospitable opposition set the tone for as nice a day for cricket as you'd wish to find, in the none too shabby surrounds of the Albert Ground.

The 'usual arrangement' prevailed with the XXIX Club taking block first. Mike Reidy and Laurie Heath (49) opened up on an Albert 'deck' unusually 'doing a bit'. Mike hung around for a while and left it to his partner to do most of the scoring, 'Lozza' being dismissed one short of a well struck half century. Former North Melbourne Premier player, Cameron Judd (58 ret) showed a touch of class, partnering Andrew Kent (53 ret) who maintained his prolific scoring in this annual fixture.

Rob Templeton (28 ret), Jon Clampett (28) and Chris Muller (22 n.o.) kept the scoreboard ticking over until 'time' was called after 36 overs with the XXIX Club 7/278.

The Epicure XI openers made a reasonably solid start with Mitch Brown (32) doing well in particular. However, with their departures, a number of teammates quickly followed, with the score being '7 for not many' not long after.

Tom Lowden (63) belied his batting spot at number eight by sweetly timing the ball in stylish fashion, and was joined by Mihindu Abeywardhana (30) to create a fruitful eighth-wicket partnership that helped Epicure to 158 before being bowled out in 33 overs.

Five XXIX Club bowlers took wickets, the early 'wreckers' being Chris Muller (3 for 3) and Cameron Judd (2/10) before spinners Nick Power (2/23) and Peter Crock (2/13) looked after the lower order.

Epicure once again turned it on with a sumptuous post-match 'BBQ'. Special thanks to Ali Bashir, a regular player in this match but captaining Epicure for the first time. Unfortunately it will be his last time; not because of the result but due to Ali leaving Epicure, seeking greener pastures, the following day. A number of Epicure staff attended the match, including CEO Peter Tomkins who in fact played, and bid him farewell with a surprise presentation. We wish Ali well and thank Peter, all the players, and staff who contributed to making it such a great day.

We thank and congratulate Glenn Arnup and his MCC staff for presenting the ground in such great condition. Both teams are grateful for the contribution of XXIX Club members who volunteer to ensure the ay runs smoothly. Thank-you to umpires Mike Slattery and John Robinson, scorer Barrie Hopkins, team manager John Macnish and chairman Col Walker, who is always there to assist.

Steven McCooke
Manager/Captain

MCC XXIX Club v N.Z. Old Highlanders XI

Played at: Fawkner Park, March 1, 2019									
MCC XXIX CLUB 10/177					Defeated by N.Z. Old Tablelanders 9/248 c.c.				
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Matt Curtain	19		0/28	4	Grant Elliot	40	r.o.	1/13	4
Ritche Savage	45				Scott McHardy	54	r.o.	2/19	4
Matt Scholten	8				Stuart Robb	36	ret.		
Andrew Wilson	6		1/31	5	Hamish French	17			
Carl Nunan	10		0/20	3	Robert Kerr	5		0/18	4
Andrew Sheehan	1				Rupert Moore	39		2/11	3
Michael Kent	37	n.o.	0/31	3	Jamie McNaught	27	ret.		
Nick Power	1		1/11	2	Rob Morrison	2		0/40	6
Adam Rayner	34		1/26	4	Steve Tew	7			
Peter Rae	5		0/16	2	Richard Finlay	6		0/20	1
Marino Bovo	0				Jeremy Moore	0		1/15	3
Geoff Fidler ©	dnb		2/35	6	Brent Stephenson	dnb		1/29	6
Tim Corney	dnb				Ross George	dnb		3/10	2.2
John Kent	dnb		2/42	6					
Sundries	9				Sundries	14			
Umpires	Mike Slattery, Keiran Croker								
Scorers	Barrie Hopkins,								
Team manager	John Macnish								

The only thing hotter than the weather this day was the opposition. It's not often an experienced XXIX Club team plays against a player who batted at number five in the last Cricket World Cup final - even if it was for the defeated NZ side!

Our opening bowling pair of Adam Rayner and Carl Nunan looked up to see Grant Elliot holding the bat at the striker's end. Although Grant played the game in the right spirit, it's fair to write all of our bowlers struggled to make inroads into a batting line up where he, McHardy, Moore and Robb put the bowling to all parts of Fawkner Park. Finding enough bowlers on a 38C day was a challenge, and our bowling stocks suffered a further rotation setback when Tim Corney decided to use his cheekbone to stop a full bodied hit in the outfield. Fortunately, scans cleared Tim of any serious injury and he was able to share a refreshment at the post match debrief. At the end of our bowling stint, the Old Tablelands amassed a formidable 9 for 248.

The XXIX Club run chase was stifled by accurate bowling and tight fielding. Matt Curtain and Ritchie Savage led the chase, however wickets fell at a constant rate. Michael Kent and Adam Rayner gave some respectability to the scorebook, however we were bowled out in the thirty-fourth over for 177. A short walk back to the Albert was the start of an enjoyable evening of camaraderie and talk of a visit to our friends from across the ditch.

Thank you to all players who made themselves available to play, and to Barrie H, Keiran Croker and Slatts for scoring and umpiring respectively, and also John Macnish for his team management, in keeping the water up to us all afternoon.

*Geoff Fidler
Captain*



MCC XXIX Club v HMAS Cerberus

Played at: The Albert Ground, March 6, 2019														
MCC XXIX CLUB 9/129 c.c.					Defeated					HMAS Cerberus XI 7/119 c.c.				
Player		Batting		Bowling		Player		Batting		Bowling				
James McIntyre	2					John Hodge	0	1/16	2					
Peter Crock	10					Thomas Mellick	5	2/9	4					
Matt Curtain	40	ret.	2/12	4		Jacob Nerney	39	ret.	0/10	1				
Peter Leggett	13		0/13	4		Chris Gamble	22		1/0	1				
Glenn Thomson	13					Sam Jackson-Maher	1		1/9	2				
Tim Corney	0		1/14	2		James O'Donnell	12		1/6	2				
Paul Jackson	15		1/11	3		Dennis Carroll	19	n.o.	1/17	2				
John Kent	4		0/17	2		Zach Godden	4		1/23	4				
Michael Kerr	2		1/23	4		Michael Hirschauson	14	n.o.						
Nick Power	13	n.o.	0/17	3		Dave Rottinger	dnb		0/11	2				
Ron Shugg +	1					Joseph Butterworth	dnb		1/7	2				
Michael Reidy ©	1	n.o.				Joe Carroll ©	dnb							
Brian Ceresa	dnb		1/10	2		Vishal Bhakoo	dnb		0/8	2				
Sundries	13					Sundries	3							
Umpires	Mike Slattery, John MacKinnon													
Scorer	Barrie Hopkins													
Team managers	Geoff Fidler, Colin Walker													

In one of our traditional fixtures the XXIX Club played host to Cerberus on a dull overcast day at the Albert. Cerberus has strengthened their team over the past few years and we were looking forward to a close battle. The overcast weather decided it would have a say in proceedings and despite the fine efforts of the ground staff the intermittent showers delayed the start for a couple of hours. Eventually conditions improved and we agreed a 22 overs per team match.

Batting first, the XXIX Club batsmen were under immediate pressure with Tom Mellick the Cerberus opening bowler attacking with a fiery spell under the overcast skies. Tom had been a regular all season for Beaumaris 1st XI in the CSB competition and was a handful for our top order. Matt Curtain (40 ret) was up to the task and his innings was key in getting us to an acceptable score. With Paul Jackson (15), Peter Leggett (13), Glenn Thomson (13) and Nick Power (13 no) all getting a start we were able to find a way to 9/129 after our 22 overs.

Cerberus lost a couple of quick wickets but steadied with Jacob Nerney (39 ret) leading the way. The middle order increased the run rate and, aided by a number of dropped catches, continued to put pressure on our bowling and, at one point, looked in control of the run chase. However the depth of the XXIX Club bowling, which is not often the case, was to prove too strong for the Cerberus lower order. Matt Curtain ensured his Man of the Match status with 2/12 off 4 overs coupled with a fine outfield catch. Paul Jackson (1/11 off 3) and Peter Leggett (0/13 off 4) put the brakes on the scoring rate when required and Brian Ceresa and Tim Corney chipped in with important wickets. Cerberus fell 10 runs short, scoring 7/119 off their 22 overs.

Despite the late start the match proved close and a test for both teams. Special thanks to the ground staff for ensuring we got the match underway. Mike Slattery and John Mackinnon handled their umpiring duties with aplomb and Barry Hopkins ensured the scorebook was beyond dispute. Colin Walker and Geoff Fidler undertook management duties on the day and we all appreciated their organisation of the post-match festivities. We look forward to the next time we renew our friendships with the Cerberus players.

Michael Reidy
Captain

MCC XXIX Club v Queensland Cricketers' Club

Played at: Cheltenham Park Robina QLD, May 19, 2019									
MCC XXIX CLUB 11/99 c.c.					Defeated by		Queensland Cricketers Club 3/101		
Player	Batting		Bowling		Player	Batting		Bowling	
Matt Scholten	9				A. Reddich	0			
John Guiver	12				C. Sweet	26	ret.		
Rod Rae	14		1/18	3	D. Russell	26	ret.	1/0	0.4
Nev Conway	6		0/23	3	D. Johnson	14		0/6	1
Stuart Stockdale	16				J. Fish	16			
Chris Morton	2		0/10	3	P. Sherman	18	n.o.	2/9	5
James Davis	0		1/14	2	M.Thornton	0	n.o.	0/18	6
Tim Corney	4		1/16	3	D. Santer ©	dnb		1/13	5
Carl Nunan	13				G. Stevenson	dnb		2/24	9
Michael Reidy ©	2				J. French	dnb		0/1	5
Barry Anderson	2		0/19	2.2	G. Hudson	dnb		3/11	6
Marino Bovo	12	n.o.			I. Smith	dnb		2/14	4
Sundries	7				Sundries	1			
Umpires	John Robinson, Les Garraway								
Scorer	Colin Walker, Paul Baker								
Team managers	Colin Walker, Nev Taylor								

In Melbourne the football season was well under way, and winter fast approaching, when the XXIX Club headed to Queensland in search of some sun and fun. With Queensland based XXIX Club members Barry Anderson and Nev Conway making themselves available, and locals John Guiver and Chris Morton thanks to Michael (Rats) Rattenbury recruiting talents, added to the squad of travelling Melbourne members we had the requisite number of players, umpires and officials.

Our Sunday fixture was to be played against QCC at Cheltenham Park Robina, which is the home of the Gold Coast Dolphins. Home base for the touring group was RACV Royal Pines Resort, which was the perfect choice for the golfers in the group, those who liked a punt, and the wonderful Broadbeach restaurants and nightlife. We had a group of eight ably led by Col Walker and Rod Rae attend the members seafood banquet at the Gold Coast Turf Club on the Saturday. Despite Col and Rod claiming they were on top of the form, we were unable to cover our costs and made a voluntary contribution to the Gold Coast economy!

The Saturday evening, with a loose curfew in place, was spent at Royal Pines where most resort guests were intrigued by the unfolding events emanating from the Canberra Tally Room as Scott Morrison managed to win the “unwinnable” election. By the time ScoMo had claimed victory most of us were in the final phase of preparation for the QCC fixture next day.

Upon arrival at Cheltenham Park we were greeted with an early morning tea, sunshine and a wicket that had yielded many runs the day before, albeit that it had been refreshed by an overnight shower. On winning the toss, and with some questions surrounding the depth of our bowling, it seemed to me to make total sense to bat first.

Well, there isn't a lot more to report on the cricket! Our batting struggled against a very strong QCC attack with only Stuart Stockdale (16) looking set and Marino Bovo (12 n.o.) adding some quick fire runs at the end. The XXIX Club all out for 99.

In reply, despite losing a wicket in the first over, QCC were never troubled as Craig Sweet (26 no) and Dave Russell (26 no) quickly advanced the score and QCC were untroubled in chasing the target down in 17 overs.

The QCC post-match hospitality shown by Darren Santer and his team was first class with plenty of fresh prawns, BBQ and beverages providing the forum for much discussion and laughs about the day and the weekend.

Special thanks to Neville Taylor (QCC) and Geoff Fidler (XXIX Club) who were responsible for making the fixture happen, to our umpires John Robinson (XXIX Club) and Les Garraway (Gold Coast), and scorers Colin Walker and Paul Baker.

*Michael Reidy
Captain*



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Robert Sinclair
Rod Sitlington *
Michael Slattery
Andrew Smalley
Peter Smith *

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Ray Sneddon *
Finn Spackman
Stephen Spargo AM *
Neville Spears *
William Stahmer
Mathew Stahmer
Allan Steenholdt
Matthew Stein
Daryl Stephens
Andrew Stewart
Rory Stewart
Stuart Stockdale *
Jeremy Stone
Russell Stubbs
Paul Sundberg
Michael Symons

T

David Talalla
Ben Targett
Peter Taylor
Robert Templeton
Harley Thomas
John Thompson
Glenn Thomson
John Thomson
Richard Tindale *
David Tonkin
Liam Tonkin
Graham Townley *
Rick Townsend
Peter Twyford

V

Graeme Vine

W

Geoffrey Wagstaff *
John Waite
Colin Walker
Edward Walker
Jeffrey Walker
Scott Walker
Andrew Wallis
Peter Walton *
Andrew Warren
Jordan Watson
Gavin White *
Phillip White
Paul Whybird
Eivion Williams *
Neil Williams *
Stephen Williams
Andrew Wilson
Jonathan Wilson
Bruce Wilson
Timothy Winter

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Mark Woodruff
Kenneth Woolfe
Daryl Wraith *
Christian Wriedt

Y

David Yoffa *
Graeme Yole
Michael York

McDonald, Ian Hamilton

Extent of 95 and a half years

28th of July 1923 - 5th February 2019

Pre- medical education

1936 - 1940 Scotch College with particular interest in maths/physics, Australian history, scouting and cricket.

Medical qualifications, appointments, and points of interest

1941 - 1946

The University of Melbourne on a senior government scholarship. This was a compressed wartime medical course, graduating M.B., B.S., with honours in surgery, and obstetrics and gynaecology. Ian was also awarded blues in cricket and hockey.

1946 - 1947

Junior RMO Melbourne Hospital (later The Royal Melbourne Hospital) under Sir William (Bill) Johnston, Henry Searby, Jack Turner and Les Gleadell

1947 - 1948

Junior RMO The Children's Hospital, Carlton (later The Royal Children's Hospital) beginning a career-long association with the RCH.

1949 - 1953

Ian held numerous positions including admitting officer, surgical registrar, anaesthetic registrar, and, having obtained the D.A (Melb Uni) he became the assistant to the Senior Visiting Anaesthetist, Dr Margaret (Gretta) McClelland. Ian describes her as a charming lady and most competent practitioner. At the insistence of Dr Vernon Collins, who was at that time Medical Director, Dr. McClelland was shortly appointed to the new position of Director of the Department of Anaesthesia.

In that post-war period, anaesthesia was making the transformation from rag and bottle ether, through cyclopropane, to the remarkable metamorphosis producing methods essentially those of today (2015), which together with advances in I.V. therapy, antibiotics and rapid evolution of diagnostic methods, was changing the face of surgery, enormously expanding it into cardiac, pulmonary, oesophageal, neuro-surgical, reconstructive and other neo-natal fields.

Especially remembered by Ian was, surprisingly, still seeing patients with obstructive diphtheria, acute rheumatic carditis, and the extraordinary reversal of meningococcal septicaemia with the still all-potent penicillin. It was a



happy period with returning servicemen joining a small group in an obsolescent hospital, but with excellent rapport between medical, nursing, ancillary and administrative staff.

1953 - 1955

Ian had an Oxford interlude as Nuffield clinical assistant in the anaesthetic department at Radcliffe Infirmary where Professor Sir Robert Macintosh held the world's first chair in anaesthesia. This was an excellent department with straight forward safe clinical anaesthesia. Ian spent time with the world's premier paediatric anaesthetist Jackson Rees in Liverpool, an experience that Ian describes as having been illuminating. Touring the "garden" of England and Scotland made these two years a most pleasant time for Ian and his wife, Dorothy, along with their very young daughter. A mini RCH existed there, with Nate Myers, Tom Maddison, Alex Venables and Eoin Aberdeen meeting in variously scattered places in England.

Ian had meanwhile been granted Fellowship of the Faculty of Anaesthetists R.A.C.S

1955

Ian returned to anaesthetics at the RCH, now a fully professional department with Margaret McClelland as full time director, registrars, and paediatrically trained visiting staff.

Circa 1960 - 1962

Ian was the Victorian State Chairman of the Faculty of Anaesthetists (the Faculty, later to become Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists). During this time he also became half time senior visiting anaesthetist at the RCH and was invited to join the senior medical staff.

Paediatric anaesthesia remained Ian's main field, working part-time in private practice with outstanding surgeons Durham Smith, Nate Myers, Peter Jones, Max Kent and Alex Auldism from paediatric wards at Mercy, Cabrini and St George's Hospitals. He also undertook occasional surgeon/anaesthetist consultations at these hospitals with subsequent rather extraordinary private car transport of intubated high risk babies to the RCH, preceded the introduction of N.E.T.S (now PIPER).

1964

At this time Ian introduced the practice of prolonged naso-tracheal intubation, initially after failed tracheostomy extubation, and then for post-operative babies and children with severe breathing difficulties. John Stocks took over this intensive work load and became director of the newly formed I.C.U., and subsequently of the anaesthetic department. After John's tragic early death Kester Brown oversaw the department, continuing the spread of the RCH message world-wide.

Concurrently, Ian maintained a regular modest adult practice, becoming a visiting anaesthetist to the Victorian Plastic Surgery Unit at Preston and District Hospital in association with Sir Ben(jamin) Rank, Mr Don Marshall and Mr Dick Newing, some of whose fly-fishing skills Ian tried to emulate and with whom, representing the VPSU, he took part in a short reconstructive surgical visit to East Pakistan (now Bangladesh).

1988

Retired from the RCH

1991

Retired from all anaesthetic practice.

Other pursuits and interests

1949 Pelham St, Carlton Children's Hospital. Sister-in-Charge Ward 9, Margaret Lockhart, introduced Ian to theatre sister Dorothy Hogg, whom Ian wooed in theatre and subsequently shared a very happy life for 64 years. Margaret in turn happily married paediatrician Tom Maddison, and Ian's contemporary Alex Venables, cardiologist, succumbed to his ward sister Betty Turner. Ian sent him off as his best man! Dangerous days!

Wanderings

The Old Scotch Rover Scout Crew, led by bushman/mathematician Sir Tom Cherry, spurred Ian into bushwalking and by extension skiing, particularly cross country/downhill on the Main Range, Kosciuszko. Wartime skiing was on home made skis when Buller was accessed only by stony wheel tracks in Peter Williams' (orthopaedist) gorgeous Classic Vauxhall 30/98. With friends, Ian's skiing took off immediately after WW2 from newly built lodges like those of Chamois Ski Club (President in the 1960s) at Buller and USC (Hotham) Ian's home clubs, and from several other huts of varying rudimentality at widespread mountain areas. Wider adventures took them touring and trekking in the Himalaya, Kashmir, Ladakh, the d'Entrecasteaux Islands, South America, the trans-Siberian, etcetera, often in company with Dr Noel Ramsay and Diana (theatre sister Diana Harrison), both RCH stalwarts.

From 1970 The above pursuits induced the acquisition of several 4WD vehicles in which Dorothy and Ian toured the deserts and back roads of most of Australia with wonder and enjoyment, following the tracks of Sturt, Stuart, Leichardt, Giles, Burke and Wills, and others.

Melbourne Cricket Club

- 1946 - 1953 MCC 1st XI wicket keeper
- 1948 - 1953 Victoria 1st XI for 40 matches (Ian thanks his RCH mates)
- 1953 An Australian XI v South Africa at SCG. Ian's brother Colin opened the batting for Australia from 1952 until 1961
- 1956 Founded the MCC XXIX Club devoted to friendly cricket in Victoria, and now around the world
- 1957 Invited /elected to MCC general committee
- 1959 - 1960 Toured Pakistan and India as M.O. to Richie Benaud's Australian XI
- 1961 Founded (with great assistance) the MCC Hockey section
- 2000 Elected an Honorary Life Member of MCC

Finally

In 1990 Durham Smith introduced Ian to golfing, becoming in 2002 a member of Kew Golf Club, celebrated with the over 80s Stewart Cup in 2004 and 2014, and with an "ace" on the 4th in 2008.

In later years Ian said the book shelf, golf, and his three children kept him sane after losing his dear Dottie in 2014.

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