



Veteran's Newsletter

Ringwood District Cricket Association INC



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Issue 1

Welcome to another season of vets cricket. Condolences to those like me who have filled a spot in a senior team in either or both of the first 2 rounds of senior cricket. How the body aches!

Season 2009/10 is looking good. We welcome Montrose and Kilsyth back to the fold and congratulate Ranges, Wonga Park, Olinda and North Ringwood for submitting extra sides. A special mention to Wonga for putting together 4 teams to play in the 3 Masters divisions. (I still wouldn't be surprised if they manufacture 4 premierships in 3 grades !) As a result, we will have 2 grades of 10 teams and 2 grades of 8 teams, ensuring we won't have a bye or a lack of teams in any grade.

Many issues were covered at the coordinators meeting, including player's registration, key dates, and communication lines. We will reiterate many of these issues below. If you have any topics of general interest, special articles, photos or a desire to contribute, etc, I am very keen to hear from you.

Wishing you all a happy season,

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The 2009/2010 Crystal Ball

Given I picked Wonga to win only 1 flag last year, it stands to reason I was wrong in most other grades. Let's try again....

Masters 1

Most of the top division clubs are playing down their chances this season, due to potential player loss. While general numbers appear strong at Wonga, there are rumours that players for their top side may be hard to find. This may open the door for Croydon, particularly if their powerful batting can be bolstered by an additional bowler or 2. South Croydon will miss Nigel Foden, and Lilydale's chances may hinge on the availability of the likes of Chris Baxter and Craig Staggard. Ainslie and Warranwood may struggle as old legs need to be replaced. Interest will be high in the first round clash between South Warrandyte and Nth Ringwood, the latter rumoured to have recruited well.

The first team to find a strong bowling attack may win the Division, but until that attack is discovered, you have to stick with Wonga.

Masters 2

If I was a bookie, I would 'take on' both Wonga's in this section, and look towards one of Templeton, East or Ranges to seek 2010 promotion. At various stages last season each of these teams threatened, but have lacked depth and consistency. Templeton must surely have a wealth of potential 40years olds to draw on to support

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Steve Teakel, and won't need to find many new players to go one better this year. Ged Wright will implore the 'old Aquinas Irish mafia' to produce greater performances for East Ringwood, and they will win more than they lose. Ranges numbers appear strong and there is a touch of quiet confidence in the camp. Bonesia will look to Cornel van Dort for a minimum of 280 runs for them to threaten, while Baysie Park and Mt Evelyn find something in home games.

I picked East Ringwood last year, and will stick with them to do a few things 'Wright'.

Masters 3

In the first of our 10 team grades, no bookmaker worth his salt would give you good odds about Kilsyth. With potential numbers to fill the MCG, the return of Nigel Foden and the rumoured introduction of Mark 'Unters' Unternahrer, they have to be serious contenders. It's hard to gauge Olinda with 2 sides, and Montrose will be an unknown quantity.

Clubs with multiple teams have a strong track record in this grade, so don't write off Warranwood, Baysie Park or Nth Ringwood. Norwood will do better second year and Warrantyte are always competitive. And of course there is Wonga Park!

You would have to think Kilsyth will start favourites, but we will know more when they tackle Greg Sharp's Warranwood boys in Round 1.

Legends

Although this will be a very competitive 10 team competition (2 divisions next year?), I will go out on a limb and say that Nth Ringwood WILL win this section. The Bulls coordinator/captain /team manager/bootstudder and opening bowler Nat Young, is confident he can add depth to a powerful squad, and go back to back.

The danger may be Sth Warrantyte who performed exceptionally well last season. Ranges can't be assessed as they will be providing 2 squads, while Ainslie and Bayswater Park may struggle. Gregor Mason will lead a Warranwood team with plenty of experience, while every visit to Warrantyte and Mt Evelyn is a struggle on the field.

But I reckon Nat Young is already planning his premiership victory speech!!!



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Rule changes

There are none. Having said that, the Executive wish to remind teams that:

- In the spirit of Vets cricket, Batsmen who know they are out, should walk, rather than put pressure on their 'mate' umpiring
- All games are played as 36 over matches, unless agreed by captains otherwise. Where the side batting second passes the opposition before the 36 overs have been played, then Captains should agree on how the remainder of the game is to be played. It may mean, for example, that:
Current batsmen immediately retire and give others a hit

Or

Particularly on a hot day, say, agree to play for another 6 overs to give others an opportunity for a bat or bowl.

At all times, common sense should apply.

Vets committee 2009/2010

The structure of the Vets committee is done in a way, whereby specific roles are assigned to committee members. The following people should be contacted on issues listed if you have a query:

- Rules and Ground conditions - Bill Stafford (0400442050)
- Gary Walles (0418 756 925)
- Newsletter - Chris Allan (monty5@optusnet.com.au)
- Rep teams - Ken Johnson (97257120) and Gary Walles
- General enquiries - Gregor Mason (gma46982@bigpond.net.au)
- Registration and Sporting Pulse/Mycricket input- Ian leech (0418323446)
- Over 60's -Chris Hartrup (0400 821803)
- Presentation Night - Bill or Marg Stafford (billstafford1@bigpond.com.)
- The other committee members are Nat Young, Rob Milne, and our president, Daryl Stephens.

Registration and Scores

As discussed at the Coordinators meeting, it is important that clubs have registered their players, not only on Sporting Pulse, but for Insurance purposes, also on www.mycricket.com.au. Once this has been done, the scores each week need only be inputted onto Sporting Pulse. We ask this be done on the Sunday night after a game if possible, but certainly by Monday night. Any queries, don't hesitate to contact Ian Leech on 0418 323 446 (M) or robian@dodo.com.au.

Presentation night

Our end of season Presentation night will again be held at Ringwood Bowling club. We have booked the event for Friday 5th March and ask that you let your club committees know now, so we can avoid clashes. We are also keen for all players to attend. It's always a great night, and features an opportunity to catch up with both team mates and opponents in a convivial atmosphere.

Over 60's report

It has become obvious to many cricketers that Legend's cricket is merely the pathway to Over 60's cricket. Our Veterans Association has embraced the concept, and taken on the management of an over 60's team in the Victorian competition.

Their season has already started with their first game played 2 weeks ago against Essendon. In missing some of

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their usual bowling power and on a slow Poplar Reserve ground, the RDCA side could not peg back Essendon's total of 8 for 191. In reply RDCA scored 7 for 163, going down by 28 runs.

Best performances on the day included the world best 'dart' bowler, Graeme Seymour, who took 2/22 off 8 overs, with R Groat taking 2/30 and scoring 19 not out. I Sharp retired making a lovely 40 not out with B Branson contributing 30.

If you are keen to get involved or learn more about the competition, contact Chris Hartrup on 0400821803.

From the Pres.....

Welcome to RDCA Veteran's Cricket.

As we commence our twenty-first season, we extend a special welcome to teams and players who will be playing "Vet's Cricket" for the first time. "Vet's Cricket" is not the same as open age competition or Saturday cricket, and in the main, differs because the emphasis is more on the social benefits rather than the competitive nature of the game. Whilst teams still play for points and there are final series and premierships; the conduct of games may not be as intense, whereby captains can orchestrate the conduct of a game to maximize player participation and the result is secondary to a satisfactory day's play.



There are no official umpires so team captains are responsible for the conduct and playing conditions of the game. Innings are restricted to a maximum of 36 overs; in some circumstances captains may agree to less. Batsmen must retire once they reach 40 runs and in an innings, 8 players must bowl, but not more than a maximum of 6 overs. Normal one day rules apply and players must be registered before they play with a club and there is no need for a clearance.

Age, rather than ability is the only qualification. The RDCA has 3 divisions and 26 teams in the over 40's competition (Masters). It has 10 teams in the over 50's competition (Legends) and one team entered in the metropolitan over 60's competition.

There are two inter competition games each season for both Masters and Legends teams against the FTG Cricket Association and the Eastern Cricket Association.

In August 2010, the RDCA Veterans have entered a team in the Veteran's Cricket Carnival in England and participation in this tour is open to anyone who is available to travel at that time.

To all players, we trust you will enjoy your involvement and always remember the Veteran's Motto: -"Strive to do your best, never give up and treat people with respect".

....'Dasher' Stephens

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