



# Veteran's Newsletter

Ringwood District Cricket Association INC



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## Around the Grounds

Well, we are up and running and into another season. For the first time, we have teams in Over 40's, Over 50's, and now Over 60's, so we have lots of games to report on. It seems most games were mostly spent fixing up stumps and bails constantly blown off. A reminder to send in any photos taken at your game, or let me know of any humorous antics. I did notice that every team I tipped to win their section this year, had a good win..

Hopefully, everyone had a good day, and I hope most of you performed better than I did! (A duck!)

If, by the way, you wish to advertise in our newsletter, it's cheap. Drop me an email! Cheers

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Warrick Dickson sends one down in the Wonga Park Masters 2 derby

### Masters 1

#### *Warranwood v Wonga*

Warranwood hosted Wonga Park at Quambee. Warranwood batted first and were in trouble early losing 3 for 37. Andrew Walker (27) and Neale Wood (40) steadied the ship to get the Sharks over 100 for 4 wickets. Rob Wood added a quick 27 as Warranwood finished at 8/157. A reasonable score but Wonga are known for their batting (is that right!!). Brad Guan was the best of the Wonga boys taking 3/25 and Darren Howse took a blinder at deep long on.

Wonga then batted and were also in early trouble at 3/31. Glen Stephens was bowling well and took 3/23. 'Maggie' Hartley and Brad Guan came to the crease and both got their 40's. Chambo added a solid 31 which put the Wonga boys at 4/142 needing 16 off 10. In the end Wonga Park made 160 with 4 balls to spare.

As always between these two teams, it was played in good spirits and both teams were seen to partake in ale or two after the match.

#### *Croydon v Lilydale*

The 'Dales' batted first and quickly found themselves battling a slow outfield, big ground, some tight bowling and importantly, a lack of practice. A recovery from 2-18 looked a chance as 'Big Bad Bruising' Billy Baxter returned to Vets with 40, including two huge sixes. Scotty Boyce contributed 29 and Gavin Hunt 23. Graeme Howse and Paul Clarke were the pick of the bowlers with very tight bowling spells.

Simply, 126 was not enough. After being 2-31, Crofty (43) and David Howse (38) took over, despite good bowling from Sean Ryan 2/32 and Gav Hunt, the pick of the bowlers.

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### **South Croydon v Ainslie Park**

South batted first and struggled throughout to make 9/120. Only wily veteran veterans, Nick Foden (23) and Geoff Pawson (24) were able to make any impact for the Dogs. For Ainslie it was good to see Craig "Doggy Daniels" and Steve Serci (2-5) play so well after 18 years out of the game. In reply Chicken Werner (41) and Franger Francis (40) wrapped up the game early, with the 'leaping' Larry Turnley contributing 24. Owen Bennett took 2-10 off 3 overs.

Fortunately both sides have easy games against Croydon and Wonga next round!

### **South Warrandyte vs. Nth Ringwood**

South Warrandyte won the toss and elected to bat on a lush green outfield, something not seen for a few years. New opening bowler for North Ringwood, Mike Bellizia (1/12) started downhill and with the wind at his back soon generated a good pace, beating the bats time and again. At the other end captain John Ampt (1/12) continued with his slow medium wobblers and scoring was difficult. After 7 overs South Warrandyte were 2 for 9 with the dangerous Don Rixon back in the pavilion for a duck. Captain Paul Campbell (40) and opener Peter Lowe (26) steadied the batting. The South Warrandyte cause was assisted by a little loose bowling and a couple of poor fielding efforts in the middle stages. With a solid Tim Rule (42) and a quick fire 17 from Adrian Campbell, the Hawks posted a very competitive score of 4 for 164.

North Ringwood openers Peter Rogers (14) and John Ampt (16) started slowly due to some very tight bowling by Tim Rule (1/15). North Ringwood started a recovery with another veteran's newcomer Brian I'anson scoring a quick 37. He was caught on the boundary, trying to finish the inning in style, although Adrian Campbell (2/16) was doing his bit to restrict the scoring. A late flurry of runs towards the end with Kevin Reyment (18), Paul Tyndall (14) and a fighting 27 not out from another newcomer John Wright, could not quite snatch a victory

## **Masters 2**

### **Wonga 2 v Wonga 3**

No surprises here, as Wonga continued their winning run! In an eagerly anticipated match, two of last year's premiers lined up against each other on the scenic Wonga Park No 1. Deon Vos, captain of the ex-3rds won the toss and decided to have a bat. After an early wicket, Tony Harvey joined Pete Henkes at the crease for a big second wicket stand, before Tony retired for a well compiled 40. Craig Thompson joined Craig Meadows at the crease and the run rate lifted. Meadows retired with his 40 and then a couple more quick wickets fell in Rohan Burke and Mark Thomas(33no) before Ray Hartley and Craig Thompson saw the 36 overs out and the score at a respectable 165. Wickets were shared around with Fordy and Clarkey getting a couple each.

The 2nds then had their turn at the crease. Shane Lamour (33), Ian Mathieson (28) and Warrick Dickson(27) all batted well, and after Warrick was dismissed the 3rds thought an upset was brewing. !

The wily 'Coutta' joined Russell Hughes (29no) and together they saw the 3rds home in the 2nd last over. Gary Woods was the best of the bowlers with 1/5 off his 6 overs while Tony Harvey grabbed a couple before his injury. Wonga was the winner

### **East Ringwood v Mt Evelyn**

Mt Evelyn won the toss and elected to bat on the recently refurbished East Ringwood reserve. They were in early trouble at 4/13 with Damien Wright and Buzz Allender getting the ball to move around on the new deck and picking up two wickets each. Wickets continued to fall with Jules Cosmi and Damian O'Loughlin also managing a couple of wickets each and Mt Evelyn were eventually all out for 80 in the 31<sup>st</sup> over. The highlights for the home team were the maiden vets' wickets for Shozza O'Loughlin and Jules Cosmi.



*The Montrose team back into Vets cricket*

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East Ringwood's chase began badly when Darren Wightman got a breakthrough with the second ball of the innings to start a very sharp six over spell, however East's new opener Steve McDonald was able to steady the ship with a stylish 30.

Having recently retired following a distinguished career at East Box Hill, Steve was able to join brothers Mick and Jim on the park for the first time ever with the remainder of the clan boosting the crowd at East Ringwood.

David Dempster picked up two wickets and East Ringwood passed the score 5 down in the 24<sup>th</sup> over.

### ***Bayswater Park v Templeton***

The Taipans played local rivals Bayswater Park at Guy Turner Res. Bayswater won the toss and batted. A sound opening partnership of 88 runs in 22 overs lead by "Pommy" Cheshire (43) and Tooze (40) was a good start, despite tight bowling from Scott Carter (3 maidens in a row).

Then things started to go wrong for the Parkers and wickets fell in quick succession until Buckley and Greg Andrews put on 30 together, and the innings closed on 135 having only nine batsmen; Andrews finished with 21. The best bowlers for the Taipans 'Skeeta' Read 3/15 with a double wicket maiden in his last over and Mike Elliott 2/29.

The Taipans started disastrously with Shaun Exton falling over and being stumped off Dodd's first ball. Brett Keys (41) and newcomer Craig Henry (41) put on 72 for the "third" wicket and when Brett retired with the score at 103, Scotty Carter guided the Taipans home with 34 no, in the 25<sup>th</sup> over. Tooze was the most economical bowler with 1/17 off his six overs. Another newcomer for the Taipans, Mike (ex Glen Park?) Elliott took two wickets and looked very composed in the middle order.

### ***Ranges v Boronia***

Ranges won the toss and with a new look side in 09/10 elected to bowl first. Boronia were slow to get started thanks mainly to an opening spell of 6 overs 0/9 from Dave Tilker. He was ably supported by some tight into the wind bowling by John Orren and Shane Holland. Boronia picked up the scoring rate with all top five batsmen getting a start. Cornell Vandort 31 (a failure to Cornell) and Michael Eccles 26 led the way, backed up by Darren Williams compiling a solid 41 from the number 1 spot and Phil Hickleton's blistering with 40. A lower order collapse saw Boronia loose 5 for 24 with 4 ducks in the innings (lots of fines collected already by Boronia and only one game in) to be all out with three overs to spare. Brian "Jimmy" Baker ripped through the Hawk's tale end taking 4/19 from 4 overs as Boronia was all out for 160.

Dave Tilker had a day out with the bat as well getting Ranges off to a flyer with 45 from just 25 balls, then Ranges stumbled to be 4/67 and 160 seemed a long way away. Shane Holland and Dean Stevenson steadied the ship compiling 40 and 42 respectively, to turn the game back in Ranges favour and passing Boronia's total with 3 overs to spare and 4 wickets in hand. Phil Hickleton wrested the man of the match title from Dave Tilker with a masterful 6 over display of swing bowling into the wind, taking 3 top order Ranges wickets for just 9 runs.

## **Masters 3**

### ***Wonga 4 v Montrose***

The game started in perfect weather with Montrose returning to the vets fold playing on the top Wonga ground. Wonga opened with Johnny Beck (13) & new boy Paul McMahon (40) getting 41 for the first wicket. But then the wickets tumbled with Montrose's Roth getting 3/21 before another new boy Chris Dhar (19) (recruited from the Wonga Park Tennis Club) and Mick Dawes (10) steadying the ship before the last wicket fell, after a suicidal single straight out of indoor cricket by another new boy Paul Hodson (18) giving Wonga a total of 155 after 30 over's, all out. Best of the Montrose bowlers was 'Darren Roth (3/21)', Dave Clarkson 2/12 and Over 50's Legend, Rob Olazabal 2/10 with the umpires commenting Clarkson was turning the ball square.

Montrose then came out bats blazing with the score suddenly 2/44 after only 7 over's. Montrose continued to send in batsman to score their 40 including, Ian Dell, Kevin Smith and Darren Roth.



East Ringwood's McDonald brothers – Jim, Steve and Mick

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## **North Ringwood vs Warrandyte**

North Ringwood took first use of the crease and Steve Short came out thrashing, making 33 of the first 36 runs before Peter Mackey got some revenge on the last ball of the 4<sup>th</sup> over.

Terrific support from Flavio Xantidis (30), Duncan Cant (40), Bruce Agnew (41) and Andy Wright (40) kept the pressure on the Warrandyte attack and although John Bumpstead, James Yoffa and Chris Jackson bowled well, a formidable total of 5-219 cc was set.

Andrew Smith ensured that Warrandyte were put behind the eight ball by taking the first 3 wickets in a 4 over spell yielding only 25 runs and steady bowling by Duncan Cant (1/12), Andy Wright (2/28) and Flavio Xantidis (1/25) kept the lid on the chase.

The Warrandyte innings fell away after a good partnership by John Bumpstead (40) and Peter Mackey (26) to end on a creditable but insufficient 165 off 30 overs.

In the other games, Kilsyth defeated Warranwood, Bayswater Park defeated Norwood, and I can only assume Olinda had a win over Olinda!

## **Legends**

### **South Warrandyte v Warranwood**

After winning the toss Warranwood elected to bowl, with the intention being to get themselves warmed up. (And starting with 10 players helped.)

Tough at times, but the Sharks bowling was accurate with only 9 extras and fielding tight. Only Carl Schoonraad managed to make 43 with the extra 3 runs coming from a generous (silly) missed-the-foot fielding effort from Gregor Mason. Mick English had been delayed getting to the game so he did not bowl until the 20<sup>th</sup> over. Not surprisingly, he snared a wicket with his second ball, desperately needed at the time. Steady batting saw SWH finish 5/148 but it was not enough to defend on the fast grass covered Coleman reserve.

Warranwood's batsmen won the day in 25 overs, Kevin Lewis (40) & Rob Ruffle (41). With this situation pending, Mal Moyes retired (29), Mick English retired (11) allowing some of our lower order batsmen to have some time at the crease and hit the winning runs. End result 4/157 from 26 overs. For SWH, their stars were Peter Reilly (23 and 0-13) and Lachie McMahon (23 and 1-33).

### **Ainslie Park v North Ringwood**

Nat Young's 'old bulls' turned up at Ainslie to start their mission for back to back flags. North decided to bowl first, and while Wayne McCrimmon had the best figures of 4-14, it was the tight bowling of Nat and Craig 'the mad kiwi' Scott that swung things North Ringwood's way, from early in the game. For Ainslie, only Bash Westgarth (32) and Andy Wild (30) can say they batted well.

North Ringwood really only required 4 batsmen to reach Ainslie's paltry total of 128. Ian (if it hits your pads you are LBW) Leech made 15, Mick Grounds 26, while Gary Cook and Craig Scott cruised to 40 each.

Both sides dropped too many catches but the Bulls looked pretty good otherwise. Fortunately for Ainslie, North's 'Hendo' demanded the mercy rule be enforced and the game soon after finished.

### **Mt Evelyn v Croydon Ranges1**

Ranges batting first, whilst steady, did not get any traction at Mt Evelyn until 'Spanner', batting at number 10, came to the crease. Bluey Dunn bowling into a stiff breeze bowled the last 3 overs and finished up being spanked for 51, including 5 big sixes. Spanner got his 40 off about 20 balls. Ranges ended up 8/167. Best of the bowling for Mt Evelyn was Robert Marshall who took 3/9.

Mt Evelyn struggled to keep up with the run rate and finished well short on 7/137. Chris Theile top scored with 37no.



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Charles Pople, whilst requiring a runner to bat, bowled 6 very tight overs getting 2/18. Ranges won convincingly, thereafter drinks were served as everyone was complaining about the bitterly cold wind.

*WDT Legends received a walkover from Croydon, while Ranges 2 had a walkover against Bayswater Park.*

## **Over 60's**

Looking resplendent in newly acquired and well received Ringwood 'Over 60's RDCA' shirts and caps, the side played its second match of the year against Bayside 2 at South Warrandyte.

Coming off a loss in the first match this was a complete reversal, with a very strong all round line up and everyone contributing to a convincing win. Bayside were undermanned and 'borrowed' a couple of Ringwood players who did very well.

Ringwood won the toss and batted on a ground that was soggy but drying and after 40 overs had compiled a very handy 4 for 221. Best batting performances came from Mick Gavin (40), Spanner (41), Steve Pascoe 42 and Kevin Dunn (42).

Best bowlers for Ringwood were Ian Wood (bowling Hand Grenades) 5-15 off 5 and Robbo with 2 for 8 of 5.

Next match, Ringwood travels to Casey. Casey is usually a very competitive outfit, and they will need to be, if we maintain our present form.

## ***..And also from around the grounds***

Word after their game was that Lilydale had at least three "guns" back for next game, so watch this space!

Ainslie's wonder 'massage man,' David Wright, was half an hour late. It was assumed by all that he had been late 'massaging' himself.

Age catches up with all of us. Poor 'Baz' Williams, our legendary Rep bowler, had 18 off his last over! We won't mention Bluey Dunn's figures again!

At Wonga v Wonga, 'Waz' Dickson's wicket was made more extraordinary not only for the fact that Mark Thomas completed a very good stumping, but Tony Harvey, who was bowling, pulled a calf muscle in the celebration and could not complete the over.

Ranges have decided to adopt Boronia's fines system, with the first fine to be awarded to John "The Captain" Evans for wearing a straw boater whilst fielding, Shane "Chris Tavare" Holland for taking 20 balls to get off the mark, and John "Disco" O'Neill unable to bowl due to sore ankles from too much dancing the night before!

Wonga 4's new boy Daniel Ellis was unlucky to have his first ball in vets dropped! Mate, get used to it!

Warranwood's Mike Nelson has to explain to his wife, the serious carpet burn on his elbow after diving low to take a catch off his own bowling

In the Legends game, Warranwood vs. South Warrandyte, the perceived average age of the teams was SWH (65) and WWD (53). It was agreed that 12 years difference was noticeable, especially in the field.

Ainslie's Legends are blaming opposing keepers for their poor game. For the Bulls, 'Cooky' stopped everything, made a superb 40 and fielded brilliantly as a sub. Ainslie's boom wicket keeping recruit John Dunne, made only 1 run, let byes through on the first 2 deliveries bowled, then proudly announced he will peak by next March.

At Mt Evelyn, the match highlight was the number of injuries sustained by players from both sides, with many players limping off at the end of the match. Things can surely only improve as the season progresses.

A great cameo from Montrose's Dean Harris 26 not out, including four sixes'.

And finally, special mention and credit to Montrose's 'gentleman' McKane for walking from a very faint edge, only he heard.

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..And just a reminder as to who your contacts are....

## Vets committee 2009/10

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:

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## Anyone for bowls on a Monday night?



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