

Grubbers Gazette



From the President

Welcome back to another week. It is good to see the weather warming up, just wish the wind would die down.

Mixed results on field this weekend, but was good to see off season recruit Cam Snookes get 70 and 3fa. Welcome to the club, and I hope you get 100 against your old mob.

Saturday night we saw Piano Bar visit the OGCC. From what I saw, it looked like everyone had a great time and Zac Jones tried to live up to the nickname of dancing queen, but I believe his left toe was quite sore after having it smashed in on field during the day.

In all seriousness though, thanks to Jaimie Fankhauser, Shaun Fankhauser, Ness, Adam Arnold and Jumpy for the work in the kitchen, around the bar and organising it is much appreciated.

This week the 1st and 2nd elevens play against Barwon Heads, if there was ever a game to fire yourselves up for this is it. Barwon Heads are the reigning A Grade premiers and will be a huge challenge. I think our boys are primed and off the back of last weekends result they will be incredibly keen to go.

The C and D grades play against Wallington and Winchelsea. Enjoy the trip, Winchelsea does do a great smoko so get down there for that.

In the coming weeks, we have the commencement of Grubb Lotto (Tonight), in 3 weeks we have Whitey's Ferret Racing, please get along to this event it should be a great night and a chance to win some \$\$\$\$\$.

Have a great weekend and it would be great to see 5 Wins on the board between the seniors and juniors.

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November 2024

*Whitey's Ferret
racing*

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Senior Cricket Match reports 12 October 2024

A Grade 10 -153 defeated by Drysdale 7- 222

New skipper, Fletcher Long, decided it would be a great decision to win the toss and bowl and in reply, Drysdale thanked him by putting on over 100 for the first wicket in the first 15 overs. High hopes of our English import, Zac Jones, taking some early poles didn't quite go to plan. Channeling Johnny Bairstow, he got confused as to where the crease was and proceeded to bowl 15 front foot no balls.

Cam Snookes (3-19) and Taylor Harvey, somewhat unlucky not to take a wicket, thankfully slowed the run rate, while Dan Roddis and Bailey Le Maistre picked up a couple of wickets each at the death, but Drysdale managed to compile a very handy score to chase.

Our chase started badly, losing 5-20, with Shaun Fankhauser, Zac Jones and Luke Morrison having the dubious honour of being part of a hat-trick. Cam Snookes (67) and Dylan Thorley (42) showed some fight, with a century partnership, but in the end, they both fell in quick succession, leaving the tail too much to do.

A disappointing result, but the boys are looking forward to redeeming themselves next week.

B Grade 5 – 216 defeated Portarlington 7 – 176

B Grade were once again led by the president/skipper extraordinaire out on to the home track for the first time this season to take on Portarlington. Successfully winning his second toss in two weeks, Bill Foord-Engelsman decided that once again we would bat first. Dave Turner came out of the world's shortest retirement to open the batting with Adam Arnold and fell cheaply for the first wicket. Jacob Taylor then joined Army at the crease and the two put on a beautiful 135-run partnership to set up the innings. Considered as the two lowest strike rate batsmen at the club, the two managed to tick the runs over at nearly 5 an over if you can believe it ! Portarlington apparently asked for proof of ID. Both Army (76 off 100) and JT (81 off 98) fell late as the boys tried to score some quick runs. Nath Down, Big Bill and coach, Dave Bullock all managed to find the rope late to push the score out to 5/216 off the 40.

Merrick Platt came back in for his first game of the season and showed a little bit of rust, going for 29 off his 4 overs. Dubbed as Mr. Everything, Billy opened up from the other end and managed to take the first wicket to finish with 1/34 off his 8. The spin-trio from last season then took over through the middle overs with JT (1/25 off 8), Thomas Kent (3/20 off 8) and Rob Rutley (0/39 off 8) restricted the run rate to put the game out of reach. Jarvis White continued his good start to the season with ball in hand, taking 1/29 off his 4 overs when the batsmen were going late. Our fielding efforts at times was a bit ordinary, but in the end, we had enough runs to defend, Portarlington managing to get to 7/176 from their 40 overs.

C Grade 10 - 111 defeated by Collendina 10 - 202

Another new skipper in Adam Spiby had a tough day in the office. Losing the toss, the boys were asked to bowl. Tahj Wirth and Zac Poynder opened the bowling.

Tahj in first game back after a long lay off, bowled with good pace and control and very unlucky not to pick up 2 or 3 with a few edges flying through the slips with some very agricultural batting early by the Cobras. Figures not reflecting the quality. 8 overs 0/48.

Unfortunately not Zac's day, struggling a little for line and length. World Champion C Grade bowler, Bill Finn, did what Bill does best, took wickets. Broke the opening partnership removing both, put clamps on the scoring and finished with 8 overs 4/23.

Kai Spiby (1/38) took over from Tahj and managed to remove the Cobras skipper, R.Peters. Darren Craig (2/25) took over at Bill's end, bending it sideways making it difficult for batsmen. Xavier Kiddle bowled with impressive control towards the end of the innings finishing with 3 overs 2/12. Steve Bate (1/5) grabbed the last wicket. Good to see Jackson Kent back out. He showed some class at cover, cutting off crucial runs.

Chasing 200 on a lightening fast ground didn't really seem out of reach if we got off to good start, but unfortunately wasn't the way it played out. Greg Scarpa and Stevie Bate kept out some quality bowling, before we lost both cheaply. At 2/9 Elijah Baran and the skipper needed to steady for a bit, and negotiated some very consistent bowling and good fielding. Took the score to 50 with a bit of patience before the skipper got bowled for 15. Daren Craig and Xavier Kiddle missed out and Jackson showed glimpses of his quality but was eventually out for 17. Elijah remained our mainstay, showing some real class and maturity in making 27. The tail wagged a bit, but we fell well short.

Plenty of room for improvement, but it was pleasing to see the efforts of Bill Finn and Elijah Baran.

D Grade 9 – 176 defeated by Queenscliff 2 – 179

New skipper, Shannon La Bel, lost his first toss and was asked to bat. We opened with new player, Paul Cusma, and Jacqui Johnston. Paul looked good before a straight one shattered his stumps. Jaqui Johnston was joined by Dane Noble and they put together a good partnership, before Jacqui was caught and bowled for an excellent 26. 3 for 60 after 20 overs, OG looked to lift the run rate with Shannon stroking a quick 25 until he missed a straight one. Joel Baran (18) kept the pace up before Bruno joined Dane to make some handy late runs, lifting the D's to a respectable 9/176 of 40 overs - all built around a superb anchoring innings of 50 n.o. from Dane.

With a solid target to defend, Ollie Corby bowled with pace, but no luck with a dropped catch from his first over off their gun bat, courtesy of Bruno. Fortunately, the same batsman gave Bruno a chance to redeem himself the first ball of the next over and this time he somehow held on to the catch. As is the norm in D Grade, this didn't stop Queenscliff from scoring quickly, as they took full toll of the bad balls. A bowling change was made with Dane and Alan Bate bowling a tight line to restrict the scoring. With frustration rising, the Queenscliff skipper slashed at a wide one from Dane and was excellently caught at short cover by the skipper to get the D's up and about. Paul Cusma bowled a fierce pace off 3 steps to keep things tight, while Gil Noble held his own to bowl 4 tidy overs. Joel kept beautifully, but wickets were hard to come by.

Ultimately, Queenscliff's other gun bat, Brendan Thom (one of 4 Thoms in the team) and Patrick Thom (29) just batted very well and got them over the line with overs to spare. Brendan finished with a well deserved century. Although we didn't get the win, there were some positive signs, with the D's looking to bring it all together next week.

Junior Cricket Match Report

The U/13's had a tough start to the season matching up against a respectable Highton opposition. Highton won the toss and elected to bat. The grubbers used 11 bowlers, Taj Hounslow being the pick of them with 2/10 off of his 3 overs. Axl Pascoe and Hamish Klingberg both also got 1 wicket a piece. Highton Finished their innings with 5/165.

Ocean Grove then got a chance with the bat Gil Noble got the Grubbers off to a good start, making 8 N.O. Hamish Klingberg having a great start to the season also contributed with the bat making 18 N.O. Unfortunately, the grubbers didn't have many other highlights from here with 5 ducks in the side. Ocean Grove finished 5/76 off of their 29 overs.

This match is part of the grading so we came up against a very strong side and the boys put in a brave performance. Against a highly touted Highton outfit. This Saturday the U/13's will host Portarlington at Ray Menzies Oval.