

Grubbers Gazette



From the President

Well, what a week! How good was it to see the C Grade boys take home the chocolates against the St Leonards 2nd II. You should be incredibly proud of that achievement. The A grade boys went down after posting an incredibly competitive total. Zac Jones came agonising close to getting 100 but had a brain fart I hear. Still 99 is a great 50. Well done mate.

This week we return to 2 day cricket. Which many of us believe is where we will see some stronger performances and come into our own.

Remember Ferret Racing on the 9th of November, It will be great to see Whitey and his Ferrets do their thing. Please, help us out with catering and pre purchase a ticket.

We have the Past Players/ Sponsors Night coming up on the 30th of November. This will be a free event. As many of you would've seen, there is an event on Facebook. We really need to know the numbers to cater appropriately, so please click on the going button. (Also, if anyone is keen to help behind the bar and in the kitchen in the afternoon, please reach out to myself or Shaun, because many of us will be playing that afternoon so would be much appreciated).

Good Luck this weekend, hopefully we will see some more breakthrough wins for the A and D grades.

Woolworths Blast!

OGCC is once again hosting the Woolworths Blast on Friday nights.

The new season for blasters kicks off on 8 November from 5.00pm at Shell Road and is \$99.00.

Sponsor's Night @ OGH

As we all know, The "Dina" has been a long term sponsor of OGCC. To show our support for the Pub **Thursday 7th November** we will be heading down after training for a meal.

Andy has locked in \$23.00 Parma's and \$27.00 Steaks.

Please, get down and help us support a sponsor who has supported us for a long time!



Senior Cricket Match reports 19 October 2024

A Grade 9-170 Defeated by Anglesea 3-171

This week the A grade travelled out to Anglesea to face our fierce rivals. The boys were fired up to face some former team mates, so it was always bound to be a big game.

The batting started off a little shaky with skipper Fletcher Long and Cam Snookes both going out cheaply. Zac Jones and Jacob Taylor then steadied the ship to leave us 3-57 when JT was out last ball before drinks.

Zac Jones continued to blast the bowling around, with the middle order not contributing greatly to the scoreboard, but rotating the strike to allow Zac to score freely. Zac's brilliant innings was brought to an end running himself out on 99 ! We finished our innings 9/170.

Zac's form with the bat transferred over to the ball, dismissing the dangerous Ty Norman for a duck. However, we struggled to find a consistent line and length and as a result we didn't take our next wicket until they had scored 121. Another handy partnership resulted in Anglesea passing us with 9 balls to spare, only 3 wickets down. Taylor Harvey was pick of the bowlers with 1-17 from 7 overs.

Not the result we wanted but massive positives coming from taking it up to the best team from recent years.

B Grade 6-140 defeated Anglesea 7-139

B Grade were back at home on the pristine grounds of Shell Road Rec Reserve. Again, Bill Lost the Toss and found themselves bowling on a day that looked like a batsman's dream. Flynn Hardiman and Tahj Wirth took the new rock and started well. Flynn after his trip to Thailand, took the prized scalp of Ashley Poulton after he made 100 last week and then followed up with the other opener. Some smart fielding saw Shakey stump Anglesea Skipper Darcy Cooper for 4. Flynn finished the innings with 2/27 off of 8 and Tahj was luckless with his 0/30 off his 8. Only using 5 bowlers speaks to how well all of the bowlers bowled on the weekend.

Once again opened with Shakey and Arnie who got us going at quite a significant RR again. The brakes were applied for some time. The coach was starting to look good and like he was going to take the game away from Anglesea before deciding he was faster than Usain Bolt and was run out convincingly. A couple more quick wickets for blobs saw us tense up significantly. Benny Hanson was the star of the show making a mature 49* and guiding the B grade boys to victory.

C Grade 7-170 Defeated St Leonards 2nd XI 10-154

C Grade had some anxious moments against St Leonards, but finished up winning a tight game by 16 runs. Batting first, elderly statesman, Greg Scarpa (75), having been dropped on 2, and young gun, Elijah Baran (18), got us to an excellent start with a 59 run opening partnership. Another good partnership between skipper Adam Spiby (16) and Scarps saw us reach 104. We then lost Spibes, Darren Craig and John Murphy, leaving us in a bit of trouble at 4/126. Another young gun in Xavier Kiddle (24) joined Scarps and enabled us to reach a competitive total of 170.

Promising youngster, Jarvis White (1/47 off 8), opened the bowling and was tested by some big hitting opening batsmen, before getting the breakthrough with the score at 65. Another good partnership had St Leonards well placed with 114 on the board. What followed was a game changing bowling spell from Darren Craig (4/20 off 8) and Zack "Ford Englesman" Poynder (0/28 off 8), resulting in St Leonards slumping to 5/117. Billy Finn (3/15 off 8) then crashed through the lower order. Kai Spiby and Murph bowled very well under pressure in the death overs.

An excellent win, largely due to our bowling and fielding improving dramatically from the week before. The C's are back on track.

D Grade 10 – 172 defeated by Jan Juc 8 - 199

D Grade had a good game against Jan Juc, going down narrowly.

With a couple of very handy bowlers in Joe McDonald and Josh Wooding, skipper Shannon LeBel was happy to bowl first. The experienced Jan Juc openers weathered some fiery bowling from Joe & Josh and put on 67 before Shannon got the breakthrough. Some good batting partnerships and some inconsistent bowling saw Jan Juc steadily build a handy score of 199. Pick of the bowlers were Joe (1/27 off 8) and Shannon (2/33 off 8). The fielding of Louie Belsar LeBel and the keeping of Steve Duan was also noteworthy.

We had an excellent start to the run chase, with Zac Carmody (32) and Paul Cusma (23) putting on 54 for the first wicket. Losing them both, along with Ray Berry (1) and Josh (15), found us in a bit of bother at 4/86. An excellent partnership between Shannon (31) and Joe (37) followed and had us in a good position at 5/148. Unfortunately, we couldn't establish another telling partnership, and a steady fall of wickets resulted in us falling 27 runs short.

An improved performance by the D's. A win is not far away.

Duck Award

- 2- Stevo Bate, Darren Craig, Bailey LeMaistre
- 1- Zac Jones, Luke Morrison, Ned Thorley, Nath Down, Jacob Taylor, Jarv White, Xav Kiddle, Tahj Wirth, Elijah Barran, Shannon LeBel, Kai Spiby, Gil Noble, Stevie Duan, Louis Belsar LeBel- 1

Junior Cricket

Ocean Grove U/13 7-86 Defeated by Two Blues 2-136

The boys won the toss and elected to bowl. Two Blues started well with a 45 run partnership until a brilliant caught and bowled by James Coote. Ocean Grove tired multiple bowlers without luck until Art Arnold came on and broke through again with Two Blues at 1-121. Unfortunately, no further wickets were taken. Two Blues finished with 2-136 on the board.

James Coote and Xavier Rappel opened the batting with a strong start until Xavier went for 6 after seeing the shine off the ball. James Coote continued at the other end. He was joined by multiple partners and remained strong. A couple of quick wickets saw the Grubbs slump to 5-6. This didn't deter the boys as they continued to take the game to the two blues. But, then James Coote, the rock of the innings was run out. Leaving the Grubbs at 6-79. At the end of the overs the Grubbs boys were 7-86 and didn't roll over at all throughout a tricky chase.

This Saturday the boys will be back home at Shell Road to take on Drysdale.

Joke of the Week

A string walks into a bar and the bartender goes, "Sorry, we don't serve strings here."

The string walks out all sad and defeated, then has a great idea. He ties himself in a bow, cuts off his ends to look all pretty, and struts back into the bar.

The bartender looks at him and goes, "Hey, aren't you that string I turned away before?" and the string goes, "Nope! I'm a frayed knot!"

NEXT FUNCTION: 9TH NOVEMBER 2024

Whitey's Ferret racing!

TICKETS

\$20 pre purchased via Trybooking or
\$25 at the door

