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The season gets underway

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From the President

We now have the first round of the season completed and I hope everybody had a good start to the season, and you have all blown out the cobwebs and rustiness.

In my T20 game I managed to put the ball in my pocket after a wicket fell and needed two reminders from the bowler to ask for the ball and give it to him. My partner Todd ran found all this highly amusing and at the fall of the next wicket gave the ball directly to the bowler!

We announced at the meeting in September that our November meeting would be our past umpires meeting, and we need your help. If you know the contact details of any past or retired umpires, please contact any of the WACUA committee with that person's details.

Jeff Brookes is running the training session for our October meeting on building sound and solid umpiring processes. This will provide all of us with the insight that solid processes are the key to us being the best umpires we can be.

The committee is working extremely hard at delivering on our promises, and so we are keen to hear from the membership on any ideas

you may have to improve the organisation and the meetings for you.

Please do email me directly at horlicksontour@hotmail.com if you have any ideas or concerns.

The life members' breakfast is coming up in early December with a maximum capacity of 25 attendees. The cost is \$25 and tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

Yours in Cricket,

Matthew Hall
WACUA President



Committee Report

The season is now under way and I think everyone who was there, will have appreciated Andrew Craig's advice on dealing with Ground, Weather and Light issues. The committee was very encouraged by the attendance at our last General Meeting. In particular it was encouraging to see a number of new umpires there. To see Andrew Craig surrounded by fellow umpires listening to his stories was a very pleasing sight.

From my own point of view I have learned more from just talking to experienced umpires than I have from the training sessions. The General meetings should now be a must for anyone who takes their umpiring seriously, not only from a training point of view, but also the social aspect.

Now that the season has started, it is now my time to start nagging people about submitting their votes for the end of season medals. For those who do not know, there are four players' medals presented at the end of the year, which are voted on by the umpires:

Allan Mackley Medal for best 4th Grade Player;
Albert Richings Medal for best 3rd Grade Player;
J.P.Robbins Medal for best 2nd Grade Player; and
Olly Cooley Medal for the best 1st Grade player.

After every grade match, the umpires award 3 votes to one player, 2 votes to another and 1 vote to another.

It would be very helpful if all umpires could forward their votes to me, not to Barry Rennie, as soon as possible so I can start collating the votes and preparing the powerpoint presentation for the Olly Cooley Medal Dinner. This can be by email, SMS, social media or at General meetings.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

John Sherry
WACUA Secretary



Communications Manager

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Happy reading and happy umpiring.

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