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George debuts on the WACA

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From the President

By the time you pick up and read this edition of *Over* the season will be close to starting. Most of us have already completed our pre-season training including the camp weekend, which was once again very informative and educational.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank John Sherry, Rex Evans, Todd Rann and Jeff Brookes for their efforts on the Saturday evening of camp in running the quiz night and keeping the glasses full of drink for those who were there on Saturday night.

We launch our season with what will doubtless be a successful night at the Perth and Tatts Bowling Club, where former First Class umpire Andrew Craig will deliver an informative session on ground weather and light. The evening concludes with a sausage sizzle and some bare foot bowls.

Going forward, the general meetings will follow the same structure with training

at every meeting. In addition to this, umpires are encouraged to report on their games at every meeting.

The November meeting is going to be our past umpires night where we will invite past umpires to join us on the night. We do need your help with this: if you have the contact details of past umpires we would love you to contact us so we can send an invite out to these umpires. We are very much hoping to make this an annual gathering and see this as a key event in the diary for future years.

Finally, I want to wish all of you a fantastic season of umpiring. May all your LBWs be salmon and your nicks very healthy. Best wishes for the 2012/2013 Season.

Matthew Hall
WACUA President



Committee Report

The committee has been busy planning the year ahead. Emphasis will be put on training, with a programme that is being co-ordinated by Jeff Brookes and Nathan Johnstone. Plans for the Life members breakfast are also at an advanced stage. This will take place at the Mantra on Hay on Sunday the 2nd December, the Sunday of the Test match. The cost is \$25 and all members are encouraged to attend – it should be a fantastic event.

We are selling quality merchandise again this year. Unfortunately we have run out of hats but we have a new design of shirt along with the excellent bags. It always looks good when you see umpires turn up for matches wearing their WACUA shirt and carrying their bag. A special package price of \$100 will be available for those who wish to purchase membership, a shirt and a bag.

We intend to issue all members with name badges/membership cards for this year.

Members should wear the name badge to meetings - this is so that new members and maybe some older members will be able to put a name to a face.

Thanks to everyone who attended the camp. We made a healthy profit from bar sales, which will be put to good use this year. Congratulations to Jeff Brookes and his quiz team for winning the quiz – his form suggests that Jeff is surely the man you want on your quiz night table. I am not sure, though, if the Cold Pizza trophy will become an annual award.

Best wishes to all for the upcoming season.

John Sherry
WACUA Secretary



Communications Manager

The start of the season is just around the corner! Soon, the frigid winter mornings will be replaced by searing summer heat, and we will have forgotten all about who won the football.

With the beginnings of a new season, the call for contributors to this learned tome is as strong as ever. As leather begins to thwack against willow with greater regularity, the number of events that require photographers and article-writers increases. John Sherry, as usual, has been performing sterling work in his photographic endeavours, but he can't do it alone. Helping take a few snaps, writing pieces for the newsletter or website – these are easy ways to lend a hand and contribute to the livelihood of our fine organisation.

If you are thinking of authoring a written piece, there is space for articles of 250 and 500 words – even 750 or 1000 words is great if the subject is worthy – so there is a range of options for you to explore the scope of your literary ambitions.

I would like to thank everyone for the feedback on *OVER's* first issue – all feedback is welcome, as I strive to provide the membership with the best possible publication. Any suggestions on how the magazine can be improved are much appreciated. To that end, if there is anything in particular you would like to see within these pages, don't hesitate to let me know and I will strive to have it in the next issue.



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Umpires Appointment Board News

with Terry Prue



UAB Members finalised

Following the Annual General Meeting of the WADCCI, the UAB now consists of Graeme Bibby, Dean Chamberlain, Tom Polich, Terry Prue and Barry Rennie (WACA Umpiring Coordinator).

Commitment

Commitment is taken to mean 'the individual makes a pledge or an undertaking or a promise'. In our world that commitment might include attending every training session, being available for certain WACA competitions, etc. In return the WACA promises training, opportunity, etc. (refer to Umpire Handbook and Code of Conduct).

George Burgum is an outstanding example of what can be achieved through commitment. His selection to 'start' the cricket season was a wonderful achievement after many years of great commitment to cricket, particularly WACA umpiring, and great credit is due to all involved. It can be seen in the same light as the President pitching the first ball of the US baseball season and should earn a permanent place on the WA cricket calendar.

It is recognised that there are at least three areas which require a commitment from the WACA umpire and they are (in order): family, work and cricket. Cricket is very time consuming and will almost certainly impact on family and work. Umpires are needed at all level of competition and the commitment required is recognised. Those who have ambitions will require greater levels of commitment and each level of achievement will require even more commitment. This means things like attending all possible training sessions, being available for the maximum number of competitions, etc. Of course even total commitment (whatever that may be) does not guarantee your goals will be achieved. Absence however does not exclude you from consideration, but probably more importantly someone else may get that opportunity and grab it.

"If it is to be, it is up to me." – Ron Barassi, AFL legend

Terry Prue
UAB Chairman

UPCOMING APPOINTMENTS

30 Sept SS	WA v Vic
	Mick Martell and John Ward
1 Oct SS	Qld v SA
	Ashley Barrow and Ian Lock
7 Oct RYOBI	Qld v Vic
	Ian Lock and Paul Reiffel
12 Oct WT20	WA v Tas
	CA yet to announce
13 Oct WNCL	WA v Tas
	CA yet to announce
14 Oct WT20	WA v Tas
	CA yet to announce



Incoming UAB member
Tom Polich

WACA Umpiring Coordinator's Report

With all of the pre season training and development nearly behind us, it's time to start to get our heads around the serious commitment to making a great start to the season. I have received 'Registration' forms from approximately 45 people which leaves a large number of people who I know will be umpiring still to get the paper work completed. Remember – without the registration form we cannot pay you. That should be incentive enough. The registration form can be found on the WACA website.

Our numbers have been improved by some new additions and some old faces returning. I look forward to seeing Andrew Micenko, Jeff Brookes, Daniel Gibbons, Ashlee Kovalevs (our first female umpire for a few years), Trevor Krink (our first 'club' umpire), Daniel Skinn, Clayton Skinn, Paul Ledingham, Stuart Blacker, Dale Sherwood, Ernest Chua, Matthew Cotton, Lorenzo Fogliani, Sekar Nagarajan, Thaiyar Rasheed and Ben Ryan on the park in the coming season.

There will be a combined WACA and WACUA meeting on the 26 September at which I will be handing out shirts (to those who have indicated they need a new one), Umpire Handbooks and Diaries as well as answering any other questions around the upcoming season.

The WACA has invited all WACA umpires to attend the Season launch to be held in the Boundary Room on Wednesday 3 October. This is a social evening (no more training) for umpires to celebrate the start of a new season. CEO Christina Matthews and Cricket Manager Ben Oliver have been invited as special guests. Please RSVP so we can cater for all attending.

I am really looking forward to a great season ahead. Good umpiring to everyone for 2012/13.



Barry Rennie
WACA Umpiring Coordinator

George Burgum on the WACA

Below are some of the fantastic photos taken by John Sherry of George's debut on the WACA. These and more appear on our website – www.wacua.com.au.



George's debut

The 9th of September saw George Burgum's much-awaited umpiring debut on the WACA. George took the Prindiville Stand End during the first hour of the day's play, performing his duty with aplomb on this momentous occasion.

Ian Lock and Mick Martell were the other umpires in front of a healthy crowd of supportive spectators.

Crews from Channel 9 were also present during the day, filming a piece on George which was shown recently. This coverage provided great recognition to George's contribution to umpiring in WA, and also some exposure to umpiring in general.

Thanks must go to the Warriors players and staff who entered into the spirit of the day – the players certainly put George under pressure, but he performed admirably.

On behalf of all WACUA members and umpires, congratulations to George Burgum for his terrific effort – we are all proud of you.



Pre-season camp

The annual pre-season camp has come and gone – once again a fantastic event. The activities of the Saturday were similar to those of last season – a rotation of different sessions covering a wide range of umpiring skills. One of the more interactive activities was the LBW session (pictured left). A number of umpires padded up to assist – some seemed to be hit on the pads more than others. James Hewitt in particular was fond of playing across the line – get in behind it! The evening festivities were also a great success. Well done to all involved – more photos are up on the website.

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or contact the
Committee!

What you get for being a member of the WACUA:

- A body to negotiate your match payments with the WACA
- A friendly environment to network with umpires of all levels and different experiences
- Quality training to improve your umpiring skills
- A support network of umpires to help you
- A buddy system for new members
- An Advocate to represent you at players tribunal meetings
- Social events for the membership
- Discounted Membership merchandise



WACUA Events Calendar 2012/13

2012

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1st – Monthly Meeting (August carryover) at Ern Halliday

Wednesday 26th – Monthly Meeting

OCTOBER

Tuesday 16th – Monthly Meeting

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 20th – Monthly Meeting

DECEMBER

Sunday 2nd – Life Members' Breakfast

Tuesday 18th – Monthly Meeting/Christmas Function

2013

JANUARY

Saturday 1st – Monthly Meeting (August carryover)

Tuesday 18th – Monthly Meeting

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 16th – Monthly Meeting

MARCH

Tuesday 20th – Monthly Meeting

Umpire Profile: James Hewitt

First match umpired:
Willetton v. Gosnells, 3rd
Grade, 2009/10

First Grade debut:
Bayswater-Morley v.
Midland-Guildford,
2010/11

Favourite cricketing venue: There's a few - Burrendah (it's so close to home); Sutherlands (for the food); Richo (For the changing rooms); Fletcher & Kingsway (For the welcome umpires receive there, and because of Dave Minear's intended - *far* too good for him!!); Abbett (For the close proximity of the view of the tennis club); Cresswell (Just beautiful)

Favourite beer: Guinness or James Boag Premium

Favourite film: "PC Does Paraguay", *Gladiator*, any *James Bond*, *Se7en*, *Star Wars*

Match-day lunch: Peanut Butter and jam sandwich, some fruit, a few crisps, two Nurofen

Highest individual score witnessed: 157 by Tim Monteleone (in a club record stand of 283 with Royce Blight). Perth were 3-67 when they came together with Ronchi in the pavilion. University must have thought they had a foot in the door....



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Dead Balls

With Reg
"Dickie"
Kneebone



A graduate of the Goldfields Cricket Association's world-renowned umpiring program, Reg "Dickie" Kneebone umpired 34 Test matches between 1975 and 1989. Since retiring from international cricket, Reg has established himself as the foremost world expert on umpiring, writing several books, including his famous 1996 autobiography, "A Kick in the Bails". Here he contributes to OVER as our resident "Agony Aunt".

Dickie,

Who was the most consistent batsman you ever saw in your long career?

**Simon,
North Perth**

Dear Simon,

Great question. Over my many years in Test cricket, I saw some of the finest players ever to pull on the pads for their respective countries. Richards, Border, Greenidge – the list goes on and on. However, I think there can only be one batsman that truly stands out to me for sheer consistency.

Life Members' Breakfast



Sunday
2nd
December
Venue:
Mantra on
Hay
Tickets
\$25

There was a player I umpired several times in the Goldfields by the name of Neville McFlynn. "Stampy", as he was known (although that's another story), was one of the most consistent batsmen I ever saw. In 1964-65, he went the entire season without failing to pass fifty, and won the competition averages with a record figure of 1045. He was only dismissed once during the season: run out for 99 in the final game by "Butcher" Lamb, who was acting as his runner.

And so, the message to take out of Neville's story is that you should never use a runner.

Dickie

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