

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CRICKET UMPIRES ASSOCIATION



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A new online home...

Trent Steenholdt

If you're IT savvy like me, you may have noticed that the WACUA Committee this season has really put a focus on promoting the association via the forums of social media (Facebook and YouTube), the branding redesign and the new website. The Committee as part of our constitution holds a responsibility to "foster, encourage and promote the game of cricket in all respects" and we thought that as a team, we should try to deliver this while providing the best benefit add to our members.

As part of this work, our interactions with social media have certainly changed. In the past weeks, you may have seen that we've actually taken the focus away from the "closed" WACUA Facebook group and put our efforts into a public, for all to see, Facebook Page (www.facebook.com/wacua). *This page was primarily created for two purposes* - one to promote the WACUA and attract new members and business sponsorships but also, and more importantly, to publically recognise milestones and achievements made by our members. Many milestones and achievements have happened in the past and we've simply been unable to promote them with pupils outside of the WACUA! Our members achievements in the opinion of the committee should be available for all to see, whether he or she is a fan of umpire's overseas or plays, officiates or participates in some way to the WADCCI/ WACA District Cricket Competition.

While the "closed" Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/wacua.members) has now taken a back step to be for members only to discuss the contentious issues that surround the WACA/WADCCI cricket umpiring ranks, the public page has already been a massive success! The amount of 'likes' that we have already received actually beats the efforts of other Cricket Umpires (and Scorers) Associations in Australia and throughout the world. We've even beaten some of the local District Cricket Clubs with their 'like' counts too!

To compliment the changes on Facebook, the committee have also created a new website that has already got loads more content, images and videos (complimented by our YouTube channel) than what the old one did. What makes the new website great is that a lot of the content is heavily integrated with our Facebook Page and YouTube channel which allows for a more streamlined approach to spreading the message of the WACUA. I invite everyone, not just WACUA members to visit the website at www.wacua.asn.au and take a read of all the content. You may even want to participate in the Online Laws quiz we've set up and see if you can beat some of the umpires in WACA cricket!

In all, I hope that the changes made here by the committee help the WACUA grow and prosper. It's been an amazing couple of seasons for the WACUA and I hope, as a new committee member this year, I can contribute to that success!



Front Cover: Lloyd Tifflin catching the ball at Tompkins 1: ME vs SP 2nd Grade

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El 'Presidente' Welcome

Dear members and potential members,

I do hope that you have all wintered well, I took the opportunity to go back to England and visit my Mum who I had not seen for a couple of years.



Matthew Hall - WACUA President

The time we spend in the winter with our friends and family is in my opinion very important as you know when it comes to the season most of our weekends are taken up with umpiring commitments.

I bid you a very warm welcome to the new season and I do hope that the winter laws course and the camp have assisted in your preparation for the start of the season and that we have all now got used to the new one day playing conditions and adapt to the new two day playing conditions pretty smoothly.

If you have not joined the WACUA as yet membership is still open and at a cost of \$40 provides excellent value for the benefits you get of fellowship and friendship and regular training during the season.

The new committee have already had a couple of meetings since the AGM and we are working hard to ensure that the new season for the WACUA is a successful one. We have two new members on the committee this Ashlee Kovalevs becomes the secretary this year and Trent Steenholdt joins as a committee member.

Please join me in thanking them for their commitment and contribution to the WACUA this year.

I do hope you all join the WACUA this year and do hop to see all of you at our general meetings.

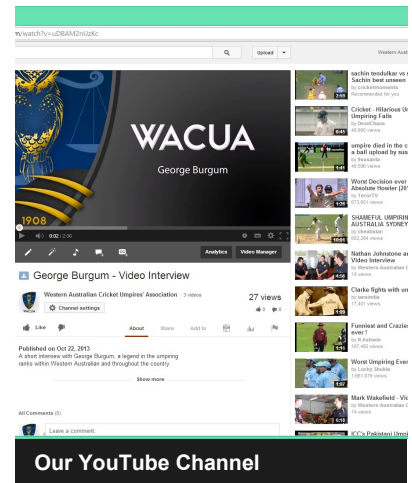
Finally I want to wish you all a fantastic season ahead and may it be a successful and enjoyable one for all of you.

Yours in Cricket,

Matthew Hall
WACUA President

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- Matthew Hall, President



We are now on YouTube

The Western Australian Cricket Umpires' Association have now launched a new YouTube channel!

youtube.com/user/WACUAinc

The plan of the YouTube channel is to upload as many videos as possible of our members umpiring and getting a few interviews with the likes of curators, scorers, coaches, players and members done along the way.

We already have a few videos uploaded now! They include:

- An interview with Mark Wakefield, head curator at Richardson Park. Home of South Perth CC.
- A quick chat with the great George Burgum. If you don't know George (you should!) make sure to check out this video to understand his dedication to his favorite team (the umpires!).
- An interview with WACUA members Todd Rann and Nathan Johnstone who had just completed the fourth and final day in the Toyota's Future's League match



WACA Umpiring Coordinator Report

Barry Rennie

With the season well under way it would be great to say it has been a smooth start but that has not quite been the case. Poor weather early and playing conditions issues have meant that a lot of extra pressure has been put on the umpires.

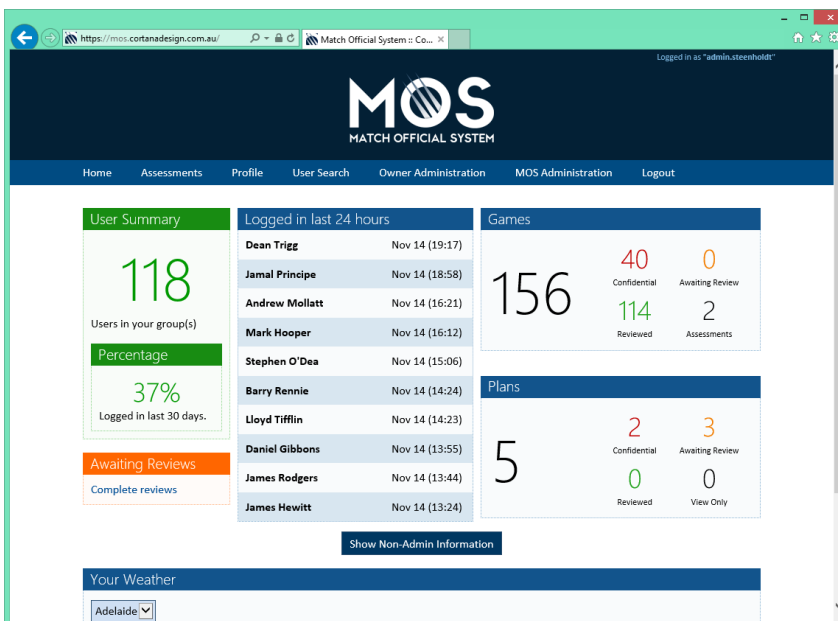
I am very pleased to report that in all grades the captains marks are well above the average from past years. First grade averaging 8.1, second grade 8.3, third and fourth grade 7.9 indicates an outstanding effort from all umpires. Even more pleasing has been the ability to appoint two umpires to most match's so far. I have had many comments from players that they really appreciate the standard and the number of umpires.

In particular I would like to commend the performances of those umpires who have joined us for the first time. Everyone has had a very solid start and shown promise putting pressure on everyone to continue to perform at the highest level.

The Match Official System (MOS) has been in operation now for umpires to access and the take up has been very encouraging. Remember you can use this facility simply as your registration point with contact details, a match diary, a match review and feedback and now a season planner. For those who have not had a look, I suggest that you jump on in and get involved. It is a great way to get round by round feedback from myself, comments from the UAB and a summary of captain's comments and scores. Nearly 50% of all umpires from across all competitions are using the system regularly.



Barry Rennie with AFL Umpiring State Coach (WAFC), Darryl Sinclair



MOS Address - <https://mos.cotanadesign.com.au/>



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Ric Evans at the 2008 Centenary Function

SportFM's new specialist commentator

Trent Steenholdt

If you've been listening while in the car, out in the garden, at work or at home, you might have heard a familiar voice on 91.3 SportFM while covering the home Western Warriors matches and local WADCCI/ WACA cricket this season. *And no, it's not Colin Minson!*

Ric Evans, one of the WACUA's most successful and decorated umpires has taken a different approach to enjoying the game this season! He's doing it from the air-conditioned commentary box in the WACA Ground and/or enjoying a earlier tea at our local grounds!

Ric joins Colin and his commentary team this summer to give a great insight into the game, both on the players and umpires! If you haven't already, make sure to tune in on 91.3 FM or online (www.sportfm.com.au) to listen to Ric and Colin talk WA Cricket!



Ric Evans - Career Profile

Test Matches

3 Matches

3 Feb 1989: AUS vs. West Indies - Adelaide Oval
24 Nov 1989: AUS vs. New Zealand - WACA Ground
12 Jan 1990: AUS vs. Pakistan - MCG

Interesting facts in Ric's Test matches.

- All three test matches Ric umpired with Peter McConnell another WACUA Life Member.
- Ric umpired Tom Moody's (WA Legend) test debut at the WACA ground.
- David Boon, who's now an ICC match referee, made a double hundred in the WACA ground test match.

ODI Matches

17 Matches

10 Dec 1988: Pakistan v West Indies - Adelaide Oval
13 Dec 1988: Australia v West Indies - SCG
2 Jan 1989: Australia v Pakistan - WACA Ground
30 Dec 1989: Australia v Sri Lanka - WACA Ground
10 Feb 1990: Pakistan v Sri Lanka - GABBA
11 Feb 1990: Australia v Pakistan - GABBA
13 Feb 1990: Australia v Pakistan - SCG
2 Dec 1990: AUS v New Zealand - Adelaide Oval
7 Dec 1990: ENG v New Zealand - WACA Ground
9 Dec 1990: Australia v England - WACA Ground
10 Jan 1991: Australia v England - MCG
13 Jan 1991: Australia v New Zealand - MCG
6 Dec 1991: India v West Indies - WACA Ground
8 Dec 1991: Australia v India - WACA Ground
4 Dec 1992: Pakistan v West Indies - WACA Ground
6 Dec 1992: Australia v West Indies - WACA Ground
14 Jan 1994: NZ v South Africa - WACA Ground

Other information

- Umpired 39 Sheffield Shield and 5 First class matches. Also umpired 25 Domestic One Day and 2 other class matches.
- Honoured as a Life member of the WACUA in 1993.
- Was the WACA Umpiring Coordinator from 1999 to 2009 before becoming one of five Umpire High Performance Panel (UHPP) members with CA.



Nick Walters

Nickname: Don't have one as yet

How did you get involved in the game?

Played cricket for Warwick/Greenwood for 10 years...got involved in umpiring through a mate who is also a WACA umpire who knows that I love the game and suggested umpiring, haven't looked back since

What was the first match you umpired?

Round 1 U/15's Claremont-Nedlands vs. Perth at Melvista Reserve.

What was special about the first game you umpired?

Numerous things! Had to remove 3 hockey goals off the field of play, wasn't given a WACA umpire shirt so I had to wear a plain white polo shirt and 15 wickets fell on day 1!

In what car did you arrive to the game in?

2002 hail damaged Hyundai Getz (first and only car)

What is your favourite number?

6...Because that's beer time.

What is something you do that makes you different from any other umpire?

Not sure. Maybe chat with some players a bit more than others (which is probably not a good thing by some more senior umpires...).

Favourite cricket venue you've umpired at?

Richardson Park...facilities: amazing, clubroom: amazing, playing field: amazing...probably Kingsway a distant 2nd!!!

Post match ritual (beer, soft drink... shower)?

Have a quiet one, then go back to Warwick Greenwood CC to have another couple with some ex-teammates!

Favourite sport other than cricket?

AFL and NRL! Mad north Melbourne fan (go the 'Kangas'...) and big Melbourne Storm fan as well.



Jamal Principe

Nickname: Aviation, Mali, Tiger, Punter

How did you get involved in the game?

Played cricket in the 1997/1998 season in juniors for Morley. Went to John Forrest Senior High School and was apart of the Cricket Academy there.

What was the first match you umpired?

Oh gee this is going back ages ago but my first game was in the 2004/2005 season and it was between Doubleview Carine and Bassendean. That was my first game as an umpire. I did five years in the WA Suburban Turf Cricket Association and then made my way to the WACA competition for the 2009/2010 season.

What was special about the first game you umpired?

First game - very nervous. Umpired with a guy called Tony Malins, good bloke and good umpire. But yes this game was special because it was my game

What is your favourite number?

12. Because Bart Cummings has won 12 Melbourne Cups. Now that bloke IS a legend

What is something you do that makes you different from any other umpire?

Hard question to answer. I just like to let the players run the show, I'm there to really facilitate the match.

Favourite cricket venue you've umpired at?

Lilac Hill - because I LOVE aviation so watching the planes come in is fair dinkum heaven. But Fletcher Park is good too, so is Tompkins as well. Good facilities they have.

Post match ritual (beer, soft drink... shower)?

Think about the game, self reflect, work on weaknesses and keep working on strengths.

Favourite sport other than cricket?

AFL (Richmond)... oh and of course I love horse racing!

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CA Appointments

The WACUA committee congratulate all members appointed to Cricket Australia fixtures in the past month of October.

WACUA members are highlighted in yellow.

11/10/2013	WA vs. ACT	WACA
Women's T20		
Wayne Barron	FIELD	
James Hewitt	FIELD	
Terry Prue	REFEREE	

12/10/2013	WA vs. ACT	WACA
Women's WNCL		
Matthew Hall	FIELD	
Dean Trigg	FIELD	
Terry Prue	REFEREE	

12/10/2013	TAS vs. SA	Bankstown
Ryobi Cup: Game 7		
Paul Wilson	FIELD	
Mick Martell	FIELD	
Ian Lock	THIRD	
Bob Stratford	REFEREE	

13/10/2013	WA vs. ACT	WACA
Women's WT20		
Chris McCann	FIELD	
Trent Steenholdt	FIELD	
Terry Prue	REFEREE	

14/10/2013	WA vs. NSW	Richardson 1
Futures League		
Nathan Johnstone	FIELD	
Todd Rann	FIELD	
Terry Prue	REFEREE	

15/10/2013	VIC vs. WA	North Sydney
Ryobi Cup: Game 10		
Paul Wilson	FIELD	
Damien Mealey	FIELD	
Mick Martell	THIRD	
Bob Stratford	REFEREE	

15/10/2013	QLD vs. TAS	Hurstville
Ryobi Cup: Game 11		
Ashley Barrow	FIELD	
Ian Lock	FIELD	
Daryl Harper	REFEREE	

17/10/2013	SA vs. WA	Drummoyne
Ryobi Cup: Game 13		
Mick Martell	FIELD	
Ian Lock	FIELD	
Daryl Harper	REFEREE	

19/10/2013	TAS vs. WA	Blacktown
Ryobi Cup: Game 15		
Greg Davidson	FIELD	
Mick Martell	FIELD	
Daryl Harper	REFEREE	

20/10/2013	VIC vs. WA	North Sydney
Ryobi Cup: Game 16		
Paul Wilson	FIELD	
Ian Lock	FIELD	
Ashley Barrow	THIRD	
Bob Stratford	REFEREE	

27/10/2013	QLD vs. NSW	North Sydney
Ryobi Cup: Final		
Simon Fry	FIELD	
John Ward	FIELD	
Mick Martell	THIRD	
Peter Marshall	REFEREE	

31/10/2013	WA XI vs. Eng	WACA
England Tour Match		
Paul Wilson	FIELD	
Mick Martell	FIELD	
Sean Easey	REFEREE	

When Spiders Attack

Aron Downing



Heading to Sutherlands for the round 4 one day clash between Gosnells and Mount Lawley I thought our biggest problem would be the flies and if would be lucky enough to have lunch provided.

Unfortunately we didn't get lunch but somehow flies were the least of

Trent Steenholdt's problems. After receiving the bowlers hat I looked over to see Trent kicking at thin air with his arms flailing (imagine Elaine from Seinfeld trying to dance). This went on for sometime until I realised what ever had been causing the commotion was now on the floor. I discovered shortly after that Trent had tried to shew a fly from his face only to discover this one was putting up a struggle and that he actually had a small spider on his face.

Thanks Spider-Man aka Trent for helping provide some humour to a long day!

[Editor's note - In my defence, the spider was massive!]

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