



Welcome to the Tuggies Tele, a weekly view of what's been happening on and off the ground at the Mighty Tuggeranong Valley Cricket Club.

## LATEST CLUB NEWS

### **First Chance of Silverware for TVCC in 2015/16 goes begging**

TVCC Div 2 fell to the Blue baggers in the T20 final at Manuka on Saturday, full match review later in the newsletter.

### **Coaching courses:**

Cricket ACT are running a Community Coaching Course (formerly Level 1) on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> November at Manuka Oval from 5pm till 9pm. The cost of the course is \$160 and includes membership of Cricket Coaches Australia. The club may reimburse some of the \$160.00 depending on numbers. See Crush if you are keen!

Cricket NSW is facilitating a Level 2 (Representative Level) coaching course in December 2015. Once again contact Crush for further details.

## CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015/16

The new BEYOND BANK details for the Senior Account for online payments are as follows:

- Account Name - TVCC Seniors
- Account Number - 03598214
- BSB 805-022

Remember to put your name down as the reference so we know who is paying what.

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## UPCOMING MATCH DETAILS

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November – ACT Premier Cricket One Day Comp.

- 1st Grade vs Norths – 11am @ Harrison 2
- 2nd Grade vs Norths – 11am @ Chisholm 1
- 3rd Grade vs Norths – 12.30pm @ Harrison 1
- 4th Grade vs Norths – 12.30pm @ Chisholm 2
- 5th Grade vs Ginninderra RBT – 12.30pm @ Conder

## CLUB EVENTS

### Saturday 21 November – TVCC Cup!

Reputed by many to be the premier social event of season!

Those who have attended previously know how big this night is!

I will be looking for nominations for runners in the next week or two!

## TVCC CUP RULES

1. All horses are to be sold prior to each race. (Last year's prices ranged from about \$60 up to \$120 for the more fancied runners) – Syndicates welcomed.
2. First dice is rolled to see which horse moves and the second one is rolled to see how far forward they move.
3. A horse must roll the exact number required to land on the finish line in order to win the race.
4. Every owner must be announced to the Chief Steward prior to the heat race. These owners control the horse for the entire NIGHT!
5. All horses MUST stay on the track until the race is won.
6. There will be three heats of six runners with the first two horses from each heat eligible for the final.
7. All heat pools are to be distributed in the following way: 40% of heat pool to heat winner; 30% of heat pool to final pool; 30% of heat pool to Club for running costs/ fundraising.

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8. The final pool will be distributed as follows: 60% of final pool to final winner; 25% of final pool to final runner up; 15% of final pool to final third place getter.
9. The decision of the Chief Steward is final.

### **Saturday 19 December – Christmas Party into Fines Night!**

Will kick off early as a family event before progressing into the usual rabble that is fines night – More details to follow!

## **MATCH REPORTS**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

TVCC turned up to Stirling on Saturday at 0-3 for the season, facing potentially the strongest team in the competition. In a world first we were sent in to bat first on Stirling, Creek obviously hoping to knock us over early before the rain rolled in.

We made a steady start to our innings and batted well throughout to finish on 250, a season high score. Our favourite Malaysian Keithan made a very classy 80\*; great innings for him after a tough few weeks with the bat, the skipper cruised to 72 before being struck by a bouncer which required treatment off the field and Amit finished the innings with an awesome 50 (39), whacking balls to all corners of the ground.

We came out searching for early wickets and Grant Miller produced some unplayable deliveries while Vanders was his usual steady self from the other end but with the score at 0-45 off 9.3 overs it rained. After an hour of rain we started to think that it was game over but the Creek guys wanted to stick it out much to our displeasure. Hours later the weather cleared up and despite the outfield holding surface water in some areas play was resumed, Creek needing another 80 runs off 11 overs with 10 wickets in hand; Vanders and Grunter had already bowled their allotted overs. The ball turned into a bar of soap after an over, the Dean brothers survived a couple of close calls and the scoring was fluent. Creek passed the required 120 for the loss of 1 wicket with a couple of overs in the bank consigning us to another loss.

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Hugely improved effort with the bat and plenty to take away heading into next weekend, if we can put a complete performance in we will give Norths a run for their money.

### **Women's**

Some very sad news on the TVCC Women's Team - due to insignificant numbers Tuggettes have had to pull out of the 40over competition. This will be the first season in a number of years where TVCC hasn't been able to pull a team together for the competition. The Women's team is a part of the club and it would be extremely sad to see this continue for future seasons. If anyone knows someone who might be interested in playing, please send them our way for next season.

Tuggettes will have three T20 games left for this seasons and it would be great to see all you all come down and support.

I wish you all the best for the rest of season.

Kiddy.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Div 2 T20 Final**

Despite grave concerns around the weather the T20 kicked off on time with TVCC losing the toss and deciding to have a bowl. Early on it was a red wash with Benji Floros (2/16 off 4) taking a wicket in his first and second over, and when Adam Onus (2/28 off 4) claimed his first the Bluebaggers were in massive strife at 3/20 from about 5 or 6 overs.

Unfortunately for the men in red that's where the positives ended as the next two Queanbeyan batsmen put on a clinic in an 104 run partnership. Headington in particular was dominant smashing 5 sixes over the short boundary. It actually could have been worse for the TVCC, after middling absolutely everything with orthodox cricket shots Headington played some silly mickey mouse reverse sweep to be dismissed for 69 off 43 balls. Queanbeyan getting to 160 from their 20 overs.

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The Vikings got their chase off to an almost identical poor start, 3 for 20 after 5 or 6 overs. Then as per the Queanbeyan innings a partnership between J Pappas and Benji Floros started to build – They both had the hitting power, could one of them repeat the heroics of Queanbeyan batsmen?

Unfortunately the answer was no, as both got into the 20's before being dismissed. From there the Valley threw the bat at everything as the required run rate skyrocketed and as a result the wickets tumbled. Credit to Bicko who refused to give Queanbo the satisfaction of a dismissal to win, seeing off the last couple of overs with TVCC ending up at 9/108 off our 20 overs.

Disappointing to have to hand the cup over but this is a very strong second grade side that should be in the mix for more finals cricket this year.

### **3rd Grade**

Tuggies arriving at Phillip with the weather always going to be a factor, we won the toss and elected to bowl.

Tight bowling and good fielding meant we were restricting the run rate throughout the innings. Wickets were shared around again this week along with a run-out from young gun Jack Adamson kept us on top during our bowling innings. Restricting Weston Creek to 90 runs off 41 overs was a great effort although we could see the rain was going to be an issue for us during our run chase.

Drew & Sam Burge sent in to open got us off to a good start and we were well on our way to victory. Rain started coming down in the 5th over and play was suspended at 2/44 after 6 overs. Very disappointing result to not get the victory after an outstanding bowling effort, although plenty of positives to take out of the match. Tuggies 3rd grade improving as a unit each week and the team is determined to keep up our good form.

### **4th Grade**

Lost the toss and got put in. We regularly lost wickets and struggled to a meagre 89. The score would have been improved if we had taken the singles on

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offer to deeper fieldsmen in the circle and those few extra runs may have been enough to force a rained out draw. We need to work harder when it's not easy.

With rain approaching they came out in a very aggressive manner trying to ensure a victory. Lummers was the only successful bowler taking one wicket and while the remainder tried hard the attacking nature of the batsmen made it hard to restrain them.

Many bowling and field changes could not slow them down before the rain and they passed our score in the 10<sup>th</sup> over and rain came minutes later. When bowling in situations like that we need to adjust the line and length until we find the most difficult option for the attacking batsmen to score and survive through.

Captain Cranky

### **5th Grade**

A third home game in a row against an opposition one spot above us on the ladder gave us a great opportunity to win our first game for the season. Despite the weatherman predicting torrential rain the morning looked promising. Another lost toss and we were sent into bat with a Tuggies superstar (Crusher) joining the team and partnering with the skipper to open. Three overs in and the captain had pulled a groin while earning runs for Crush without even facing a ball. Crush kept the run rate up until he was caught behind in spectacular fashion with the keeper diving high and to the right to take a one handed catch. NCG THE Eagles then changed keepers and a 4ft high junior squatted behind the stumps. Crush was filthy as there was no way the new keeper would have got anywhere near the snick!

Steady runs were tempered with steady wickets and we managed to post a respectable 159. At the change of innings it began to look like the weatherman was right after all and everyone started thinking of Messrs Duckworth, Lewis and Stern (thanks Darkie!). With Crusher taking over the captaincy in the field while the regular was icing his crotch the rain came steadily down. After a quick start the Bad Guys were always ahead of the curve and when the 3<sup>rd</sup> wicket fell NCG was 20 odd runs ahead of the target and all three captains decided that if we were to play at Conder again this year it was time to get off

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the pitch. I will add though that the captains DID go out and have a look at the pitch before deciding to pull stumps.

Another loss by DLS, the 4<sup>th</sup> close one in two seasons was not in the script but again there were positives to be taken out of the game. The fielding was some of the best for a while, it may have had something to do with a fear of upsetting Crusher, and we again batted (almost) to the end of the 45 overs. Something that we can work on at training is selecting the right ball to hit boundaries from, we all know that we can all hit a ball a long way, but which one?

## CHISHOLM SNIPER

**Seen through the scope this week:**

**60 Seconds with the Sniper: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Skipper and TVCC Life Member John Kidd**

### **How long have you been involved with TVCC?**

Since the 1987/88 season when I came across from Weston Creek, prompted by buying a house in Gowrie, with Michael Bevan and Rob Chapman. I think that was TVCC's second season in Grade cricket. It seems like you can't get rid of me now!

### **Share a highlight from your time at TVCC?**

From a Club perspective, the 1991/92 second grade grand final where we chased down 432 and my daughter was born mid match (maybe that's why she's a cricket tragic). I remember that one of them got 175, none of us got to three figures and I still feel sorry for him (no I don't he played for Queanbeyan). Fantastic game with a great bunch of TVCC legends. From a personal perspective, taking 9 wickets in an innings in 1987/88 although I still have nightmares over bowling several overs at the 10<sup>th</sup> wicket and not getting it (21-6-43-9 all in one spell).

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### **What do you hope to achieve this year with TVCC?**

This season will be a challenge for all the players who turn out in fourth grade. I hope that at the end of the season they can all look back positively on their cricket and that they will have all significantly grown, both from a cricket perspective and personally.

### **Best player you have played with?**

A toss up between either Peter Bowler or Michael Bevan, both of whom scored nearly 20,000 first class runs, and I think I would have to choose Bowler. DJ's not far out of the mix either but he loses out as he's still dirty on me for leaving him out of the 1988/89 4<sup>th</sup> grade Grand Final team.

### **Best player you have played against?**

Former England batsman Neil Fairbrother who scored in excess of 20,000 first class runs.

### **Player to watch for the future?**

From what I have seen so far of the current bunch at the Club I would pick Thomas Keanneally (TK) who has quickly demonstrated that he is a talented batsman and off-break bowler who will go a long way in the game if he does all the hard work necessary to refine and develop his natural abilities. Having said that I can see plenty of others with lots of natural ability and potential!

### **Sent in on a green top – Who do you want batting for your life?**

Tasmania, Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Somerset opening batsman Peter Bowler who was enormously unlucky never to have played test cricket for England.

### **Bowling on a flattie – Who do you want bowling for your life?**

Kev Flaherty who with his huge hands could spin his offies on glass!!

### **Skied ball in a GF – Who do you want catching for your life?**

Gregg Lemin or Steven "Radar" Kaye

### **Favourite way to spend a day off?**

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Nothing beats a day at a test match but if I'm at home it would be a lunch time BBQ and a beer with family and good friends (perhaps with the test match on the TV in the background).

### **Funniest person at the club?**

There are a lot who think that are very funny but fall well short of the mark. I do recall Steven Lang's excellent performances at a number of presentations nights including where he asked the then coach of the Comets if he "thought he could go to the next level and coach Tuggeranong?"

### **Best flavoured cordial at drinks?**

GI Lime

### **Favourite post match drink?**

After several litres of water I like a cold Melbourne Bitter preferably out of an esky full of ice.

### **Best Dummy spit/funniest moment you have seen?**

A couple of bowlers I played with use to vie to bat in front of each other; both desiring the No. 7 spot over the No. 8, each thinking that they were a much better bat than the other. On this particular day, as the 5th wicket fell the No. 7 jumped up, pulls his gloves on and reached for his bat – oops where is it. He runs around looking for his bat and races into the change room thinking he must have left it in there. As he disappears the No. 8 casually pulls on his gloves, grabs his bat and says "Looks like he's not ready! I'll have to go in.". The missing bat was on the roof of the change rooms.

### **How would you spend your last \$20?**

Ring my kids and say hello.

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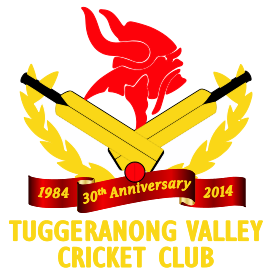


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