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COVER: Harsimran Singh
At last month’s meeting, SACUSA did a mini-launch of the new logo. We will be doing a full launch, along with merchandise, etc, at the AGM in August. I am working with SACA to make sure we can use the new facilities at Park 25. so, watch this space!

The Park 25 launch is to be officially opened on March 8th. I am arranging for the EC to have a tour of the facilities in the coming months.

Unfortunately, the Blind Cricket Match was cancelled due to a rescheduling of the West End Cup QF’s. SACUSA will try to schedule this match again next season.

The good news is that there will be a cricket match (weather permitting) against Adelaide Cricket Club. Please come along and support the team as they start their campaign towards the Crockett Shield in 2019.

Congratulations go to Dhaval Bhatt who represented SA in the Imparja Cup, which took place in Alice Springs last week. Also Eloise Sheridan, Mary Waldron and Darran Swain who all represented SA in the Cricket Australia Under 15 Female National Championships held in Adelaide 17-23 January - Eloise umpired the Grand Final, Mary and Darran umpired third v fourth.

Congratulations to Ashley Hutchison and Adrian Linacre who umpired the Women’s 2nd Grade Twenty20 Grand Final 20 January.

Check out the Sticky Wicket for future up and coming events, in particular SACUSA’s presentation night on May 19th. I would like to thank all our members for their continuing support of SACUSA and keep up all the good work.

SACUSA President,

Tony Trist
beyondblue has shared a strong relationship with the South Australia Cricket Association since 2008 when the 'FeBLUary' initiative was launched with the aim of increasing awareness about depression, anxiety and related mental health disorders. Established by the Southern District Cricket Club before being introduced to the entire Premier Cricket competition the following season, FeBLUary has been going from strength to strength.

To showcase our commitment to the case, each grade within Premier Cricket conducted a FeBLUary round of matches.

Men's Grades:
All Grades - Saturday, 10 February and Saturday, 17 February (Round 11)

Women's Grades:
1st Grade - Saturday, 10 February (Round 9)
2nd Grade - Sunday, 11 February (Round 5)

Junior Grades:
All Grades - Saturday, 10 February and Saturday, 17 February (Round 9)
SACUSA's own, "Blind Umpire", kindly took the time to update Sticky Wicket readers with the latest from the world of National Cricket Inclusion.

To quote Cricket Australia CEO James Sutherland: "Australian Cricket is determined to continue making the game more accessible to people from all walks of life. One in five Australians live with a disability so it is important to provide opportunities for all cricketers and ensure we continue to be a sport for all Australians".

National Cricket Inclusion Championships (NCIC) is about cricket for players with disabilities participating in a now annual cricket championship. How good is that?

There are three categories: Blind and Vision Impaired; Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Cricketers with an Intellectual Disability, or colloquially as blind, Deaf, ID.

In the Australian States and Territories, players participate in these divisions, with some states having a few teams playing each other weekly. In States that can't field two teams they are still dedicated to practice and try to entice more abled players to form a team and play matches against them. For the championships, where a team could be assembled, the best of the players could be recruited by other states. (last year, SA/WA Blind was a composite team to allow a few WA players to compete. They won the Championship!)

The NCIC commenced in 2017 at Geelong and has now become an annual Australian Cricket Championship. Cricket Australia, with other sponsors, provides monetary and major organisational support.

This year, over 200 players plus support staff, descended on Geelong and were housed in student quarters at Deacon University, Waurn Ponds, some 20 minutes or so bus ride from Geelong CBD. T20 matches were played throughout the week in all divisions at a dozen ovals near the University. All matches required chartered bus travel for every match, with both teams, officials and umpires travelling on the same bus.

Early matches commenced at 8.30am, so breakfast in the food hall commenced at 6.30pm but buses for early matches left at 7.00am! Some teams had to move to other venues after matches for their next match, starting at either midday, 2.30pm or 3.30pm. Lunch was provided for all at the grounds, and dinner in the hall went until 8.30pm. Quite some logistical arrangements!

The Grand Finals were all played on the last day of the championship (Australia Day) at the same venue, all on the same pitch (that was re-prepared super-professionally after each match). ID played at 8.30am, Blind at midday and Deaf at 3.30pm. What a wonderful day of cricket with the best in all categories on show. The day was streamed live by ABC. Numerous people I have spoken to who were exposed to these matches were astounded at the ability and excitement of it all.

The GF day was completed with a presentation evening in central Geelong adjoining the Bay (with fireworks midway through the evening). After abundant food, multiple refreshments and numerous cameo speeches scattered about, most awards were presented by ex-Test Cricketer/President of Lord's Taverners Australia (a sponsor), Paul Sheahan AM. For me this was the most enjoyable evening of cricket celebration I have ever attended; the cheering, the comradery, the mixing, the happiness, the total experience (The Vibes!!) that is hard to explain.

And what a thrill and experience to umpire some of the matches that SA Captain, Steve Palmer, scored four centuries and a 99 in amongst his other more human low score!
Max O'Connell, SACUSA Life Member, Hall of Famer, and South Australian Test Cricket Umpire, Max O'Connel, recently attended the 40th Anniversary of the 1977 Centenary Test. This month Max generously shares his recollections of a wonderful celebration of cricket.

The reunion of the 1977 40th anniversary of the Centenary Test in Melbourne went above expectations and was an amazing reunion. To catch up with the elite of the past is something that will never be forgotten.

Cricket Australia supported the occasion and provided flights and accommodation at the Pullman Hotel.

The MCC hosted a day in the Chairman's room where we enjoyed a magnificent lunch with the English and Australian cricket elite. During the tea break the team members and one umpire (yes, it was me, as Tom Brooks departed this world some 10 years ago) were invited to take part in a parade around the ground.

Shane Warne came down in the dug-out when we were in the utilities waiting to go on the Oval and shook hands with all the golden oldies. He remembered his days playing for Glenelg in the SACA competition when in Adelaide with the Academy.

I shared a utility with Bob Willis and during the lap of honour, the Barmy Army went barmy over seeing Bob. They waved their flags, clapped and cheered to their hearts content. The Pullman was 90% predominately full of cricket supporters who mixed in well after stumps in the hotel refreshment areas.

The formal dinner at the Pullman arranged, sponsored and supported in person by the CEO of Cricket Australia (James Sutherland) was reminiscence of the dinner some 40 years ago. James Sutherland's speech was brilliant and he paid tribute to those no longer with us - Hookes, Walker, Gilmore, Brooks, Greig, etc. Cricket Australia were very professional with the planning and carrying out the reunion in general.

Lilley, Chappell, Marsh, Walters, McCosker (first time I have seen Ric for 30 plus years) were in attendance. Dennis Lilley's autograph incident with Queen Elizabeth II on the Oval rated a mention. Dennis was his charming self and did not knock back one request for an autograph. A great fellow with witty dialogue. Greg Chappell game a well prepared and thoughtful speech and referred to those players who have passed on.

The former English players and officials were well represented during the Test match and Bob Willis was outstanding and joined in like an Aussie. He has amazing talents to mix with all and spent time with Rick after bowling the ball that fractured Rick's jaw. Botham, Swann, Vaughan, and many other English champions were present at various times.
It has been a busy month in the SACA Umpire department with it coming to the crunch time of finals and having various representatives at the State and National stage.

We’ve had umpires representing SACA at various championships such as KFC BBL|07, Rebel WBBL, SSA 15 & Under Boys National Championships, National Indigenous Championships, Under 15 Girls National Championships and the National Inclusion Championships.

All our group’s achievements have been a great reflection of the hard work, dedication and performance in SACA Premier Cricket and National Competitions

Congratulations to:

Luke Uthenwoldt – 4th Umpire, KFC BBL|07 Final at Adelaide Oval

Dhaval Bhatt – National Indigenous Championship in Alice Springs where he stood in the 3v4 playoff for both the men’s and women’s competitions.

Harry Singh – National SSA 15 & Under Championships in Queensland

Mary Waldron and Darran Swain – 3v4 Final Under 15 Female Championships in Adelaide

Eloise Sheridan – 1v2 Final Under 15 Female Championships in Adelaide

John Biddiss – Tournament Referee, National U15 Female Championships in Adelaide

Tim Pellew – National Inclusion Championships in Geelong

We hope all these umpires enjoyed the officiating and it has provided an opportunity to gain valuable experience and grow within their umpiring.
The past weekend we had six umpires travel to the Riverland to umpire the country round of Women’s 1st Grade with Twenty20 double headers. The Umpires who represented SACA in the Country Round were Peter Raftery, James Cushway, John Nemcic, Colin Shearing, Stephen Lessing and Michial Farrow. Congratulations to all of them who did a great job standing in these matches.

We have continued our training throughout the new year with having two community officiating courses and therefore increasing the number of green shirts within SACA. Let’s hope we can continue the support of our new umpires and develop our overall umpiring by supporting each other. These courses saw another 20 Umpires join our team and we look forward to seeing on matches shortly.

As we approach the business end of the season I encourage all of you to maintain the strong performances which you have been demonstrating throughout the competitions.

Finally, I would like to Thank You for all your efforts and look forward to the next challenge of finals cricket.

Regards,

Nathan

Nathan Magill
State Umpire Coach
National Stage

The past months and coming months we have umpires representing SACA at the National stage. We congratulate them on their selections.

Congratulations to Harsimran Singh who has been selected to represent SACA at the SSA 15 & Under Boys National Championship in Queensland. The tournament is being held between the 11th and 18th of February. We wish Harry all the best for the tournament.

Congratulations to Dhaval Bhatt who has been selected to represent SACA at the National Indigenous Championships in Alice Springs. Dhaval was appointed to 3v4 playoff matches for both the Men and Women’s competitions. Well Done!

Mid-January South Australia hosted the Under 15 Girls National Championships. Around Metropolitan Adelaide we had three SACA Umpires who were involved in the Championship. With the early starts and warm weather, more drinks breaks were required and keeping an eye on the young talented athlete’s wellbeing and their own. Eloise Sheridan, Mary Waldron and Darran Swain were successful at the Championship with being appointed final matches. Eloise Sheridan umpired 1 v 2 Grand Final between ACT/NSW Country v South Australia, with ACT/NSW Country being too strong and taking out the Championship. Mary Waldron and Darran Swain umpired 3 v 4 playoffs between QLD and NSW Metro. Congratulations Eloise, Mary and Darran on a successful Championship.
## EVENTS CALENDAR

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<td>SACUSA General Meeting @ Woodville Cricket Club (free BBQ tea included)</td>
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<td>Saturday 24th</td>
<td>6.30pm onwards (after 1st day of 2 day game)</td>
<td>Umpire &amp; Scorers get together @ Maid of Auckland. Come and socialise with other umpires &amp; scorers, any queries please call either Darran on 0409 285 566 or Shane on 0434 079 116</td>
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<td>SACUSA v Adelaide Cricket Club - BBQ afterwards/Bar will be open.</td>
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<td>If you are interested in playing on the day please ring Dhaval on 0470 263 820.</td>
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<td>If you would like to attend please e-mail Darran on <a href="mailto:Darran.J.Swain@team.telstra.com">Darran.J.Swain@team.telstra.com</a> or ring him on 0434 079 116.</td>
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<td>RSVP BY FRIDAY MARCH 2nd with number of tickets required so we can advise SACA of numbers.</td>
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<td>11.00am @ Mylor Cricket Ground</td>
<td>President's v Vice-President's Cricket Match</td>
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<td>The biggest cricket match this season!!</td>
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<td>Bring your family for a day of fun. Jumping castle for the kids and also for the 'older' kids.</td>
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<td>Cost: $10.00 per adult/kids are free - for a gourmet BBQ and drinks (beer/wine/soft drinks)</td>
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<td>6.30pm for a 7.00pm start @ Adelaide Pavilion</td>
<td>SACUSA Presentation Night</td>
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<td>Join in the fun and celebrate a great season of cricket by attending the 2017/18 SACUSA presentation dinner.</td>
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<td>Adelaide Pavilion - Veale Gardens cnr South Tce &amp; Peacock Rd Adelaide.</td>
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<td>Cost: $70 Members/$100 Non-Members - 3 course meal including wine/beer/soft drinks</td>
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Please put the above dates into your diaries or phones, and come along and have fun with other umpires and scorers.

If you have any suggestions for social activities, please talk with Darran Swain or Shane Roberts.
I’m wearing green, so please don’t see red!

If you see Officials and Umpires wearing this shirt then it’s important for you to know that they are beginners. As with any ‘learner’ they may make mistakes. Give them a chance to develop their skills without harassment and abuse. They are doing their best.

Be helpful and give constructive feedback to your sport via the correct channels.

Help us to help you by supporting our officials and umpires.