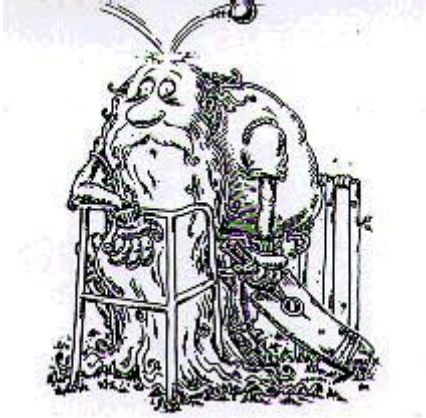


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LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

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How inspiring has it been focusing on the deeds of magnificent athletes in Beijing? A multitude of sports showcasing the best in the business was enough to turn this sports junkie's thoughts to personal exploits on the competitive stage.

It's difficult to believe that the cricket season is just around the corner while you're rugged up in front of the telly watching the Olympics as Melbourne shivers.

BUT – you'd better believe it!

We need to get moving in preparation for our first matches scheduled for 26 October as, from this season, both the Masters (Over 40's) and the Legends (Over 50's) will play on the same day.

With this development we must ensure that we have sufficient participants in both age categories to meet our fixture obligations.

A welcome call from a neighbouring veteran cricketer seeking a home for he and his mates means that we will welcome Glenn Burkhalter, Peter Murphy, Andrew Ledner, Lou Krajnar and Greg Burgoyne to our Masters Team.

But, as our veterans continue to age, we still need more "youngsters" to feed into the Masters lineup. So keep those recruiting networks open and pass on names of any possible recruits as soon as they are identified.

At this stage fixture details have not been confirmed. However, it is likely that the playing dates will not alter from those included in the attached "Registration and Availability" form that you are requested to complete and return as per instructions therein.

This information will form the basis of team selection for the season and, while acknowledging that personal circumstances may change, indication of your availability having regard to known holiday, work or other commitments will greatly assist.

Let's Get Together

To kick off the season, you and your family are invited to join fellow veterans and their families at an informal dinner (a la carte) at Pasta Mania on Sunday 12 October 2008 commencing at 6.30 pm.

To assist with booking numbers please indicate on the attached "Registration and Availability" form and to confirm your commitment, please forward a deposit of \$10 (to be deducted from individual bills on the night).

Only an Aussie man can make you feel like a woman.

A plane passed through a severe storm. The turbulence was awful, and things went from bad to worse when one wing was struck by lightning. One woman lost it completely.

She stood up in the front of the plane and screamed, "I'm too young to die," she cried. Then she yelled, "If I'm going to die, I want my last minutes on earth to be memorable! Is there anyone on this plane who can make me feel like a WOMAN?"

For a moment, there was silence. Everyone stared at the desperate woman in the front of the plane. Then the man from Australia stood up in the rear of the plane.

He was handsome, tall, well built, with dark brown hair and hazel eyes. Slowly, he started to walk up the aisle, unbuttoning his shirt as he went, one button at a time. No one moved. He removed his shirt. Muscles rippled across his chest. She gasped...

Then, he spoke...

"Iron this -- and then get me a beer."

VETERANS' PLAYING/MEMBERSHIP FEES

Once again it is intended that the Veterans section of the Club will both pay its own way and contribute equitably to Club Administrative costs.

With the introduction of 2 teams playing on the same day it will be necessary to invest in an additional playing kit to ensure that the appropriate gear is available for both the Masters and the Legends teams. Your fees will contribute towards covering this additional cost.

The following subscription fees will apply for 2007-08

- Full Membership - \$100 (Covers match fees for whole season)
- Match Fees only - \$40.00 for first match then \$20 per match thereafter (collected on day of play)
- Social Membership - \$40.00

Each of the above membership categories includes:

- Receipt of regular Newsletters
- Social Function invitations
- Entry into a 20 x 20 "Powerball" competition commencing 30th October 2008. i.e. each member will be allocated a number in the range 1 to 45 by ballot conducted after our first game; \$25 prize for 20 weeks paid on number corresponding with Thursday's Powerball draw.) Extra entries available at \$20.00 each (if any left).

A number of enquiries have been received seeking details of Practice arrangements for the season.

You may avail of either or both of the following:

- Join the senior club members with their scheduled practices at the Club on Tuesday evenings (5pm onwards) commencing on 7th October 2008.
JUST ROLL UP!!!!!!!
- Friday evenings commencing 10 October 2008 at 6.00pm (Please contact me if you are interested in this alternative as separate arrangements will need to be made.

