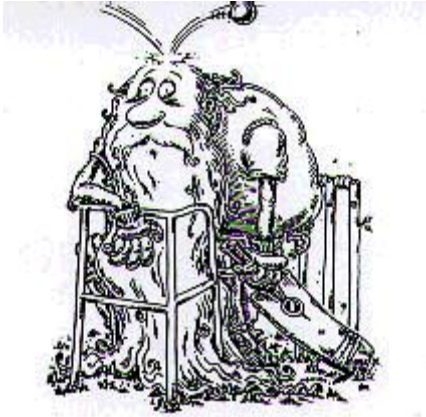


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SEASON'S WRAP

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There are just a few loose ends to tie up before we all go into winter hibernation.

Firstly, I must convey the sincere thanks of the Club to Glenn Burkhalter for his wholehearted enthusiasm towards the fielding of our over 40's (Masters) team this season.

It's fair to say that had not Glenn and his merry men chosen Warrandyte to play their cricket this season that we would not have been able to field the Masters team as the remainder of the Veterans' Club is not growing any younger.

This influx, together with the return of a couple of stalwarts to the fold, meant that we had 15 "recruits" to bolster the playing stocks and ensure the competitiveness of both the Masters and Legends teams.

After a tardy start, the Masters proved they were able to match it with the best, showing all but the eventual premier, Wonga Park, a clean pair of heels. Unfortunately the season ended on a sour note when circumstances conspired to scuttle their finals chances. Nevertheless, with many returning to the game after long absences and with the season under their belt, they can look forward to success next season.

The Legends were capably led by Sharpie and Sticks and were more than competitive in all but one match.

At times the team was short of numbers (we need at least 2 on standby for these matches) but, with the assistance and understanding of opposition, it managed to get through the fixture commitments.

The highlight of the season was the resounding win over South Warrandyte Hawks to regain the cherished John Smith Memorial Cup with a great team effort.

We can look to next season with a deal of optimism if everyone commits to the cause.

Giving Up Wine

A woman was walking down the street when she was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless woman who asked her for a couple of dollars for dinner.

She took out her wallet, got out ten dollars and asked, 'If I give you this money, will you buy wine with it instead of dinner?'

'No, I had to stop drinking years ago', the homeless woman told me.

'Will you use it to go shopping instead of buying food?' asked the woman.

'No, I don't waste time shopping,' the homeless woman said. 'I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive.'

'Will you spend this on a beauty salon instead of food?'

'Are you NUTS!' replied the homeless woman. 'I haven't had my hair done in 20 years!'

'Well, said the woman, 'I'm not going to give you the money. Instead, I'm going to take you out for dinner with my husband and me tonight.'

The homeless Woman was shocked. 'Won't your husband be furious with you for doing that? I know I'm dirty, and I probably smell pretty disgusting.'

The woman said, 'That's okay. It's important for him to see what a woman looks like after she has given up shopping, hair appointments, and wine.'

OUTSTANDING MEMBERSHIP AND PLAYING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Everyone who played Vets at Warrandyte during the past season indicated that they enjoyed their involvement and, generally, contributed to the match day requirements and our after-match BBQ's.

The cost of fielding 2 teams in the RDCA Veterans Competition is not inconsiderable with costs of affiliation fees, cricket balls, equipment and provision of Club facilities needing to be covered by those participating. We also endeavour to accumulate funds for special projects that may be identified around the Club for the benefit of all.

There are a number of members who have been tardy in meeting this financial commitment and I have addressed them individually with this newsletter.

If your fees are still outstanding, would you please arrange settlement asap to enable the Vets financial year to be ruled off.

POWERBALL RESULTS

This fundraiser was run over 20 weeks from 6 November 2008 to 19 March 2009 inclusive with prizes of \$25 per week allocated to financial members, and other invited entrants, based on the Powerball No. drawn by Tattslotto each Thursday evening.

The numbers were allocated by a draw conducted prior to the competition's commencement and advised in Newsletter Vol. 3 2008-09.

Unfortunately, not all participants were financial and their prizes were forfeited (names in red).

Week	No.	Name	Week	No.	Name
1	43	Glenn Burkhalter	11	23	Paul Clements
2	31	Matt Chapman	12	1	Greg Burgoyne
3	10	Warren Dummett	13	24	John Chapman
4	16	David Tynan	14	32	Campbell Holland
5	24	John Chapman	15	23	Paul Clements
6	33	David Stickels	16	8	Greg Creber
7	38	David Tucker	17	44	Peter Robertson
8	26	Matt Sazenis	18	19	Brett Kline
9	39	Steve Goddard	19	44	Peter Robertson
10	34	Andy Lednar	20	19	Dean Gidley

Prize payments have either been settled with the winners or are on the way with this newsletter.

Thanks to all those who participated.

WOMAN'S DIARY

Monday 23 March

Saw him in the evening and he was acting really strangely. I'd been shopping in the afternoon with the girls and was a bit late meeting him, thought it might be that.

The bar was really crowded and loud, so I suggested we go somewhere quieter to talk.

He was still very subdued and distracted so I suggested we went somewhere nice to eat.

All through dinner he just didn't seem himself - he hardly laughed and didn't seem to be paying any attention to me or to what I was saying, I just knew that something was wrong.

He dropped me back home and I wondered if he was going to come in, He hesitated but followed.

I asked him what was wrong, but he just half shook his head and turned the television on.

After about ten minutes of silence I said that I was going upstairs to bed, I put my arms around him and told him that I loved him deeply, He just gave a sigh and a sad sort of smile.

He didn't follow me up immediately but came up later and, to my surprise, we made love - but he still seemed distant and a bit cold.

I cried myself to sleep - I think he's planning to leave me - maybe he's found someone else.

MAN' S DIARY:

Monday 23 March

Australia lost the cricket. Gutted!!

Got a root though!

Statistics and Milestones

A summary of individual match performances for season 2008-09 is attached together with an historical collation including performances of all Veterans Cricketers whom have represented Warrandyte CC since inception of the RDC A Competition.

It was terrific to note that **David Stickels** became the 3rd Warrandyte CC Veteran to achieve 100 games during this season and, youngster, **Max Summers** achieving his 50th match. Both have been presented with commemorative certificates by the RDCA.

End of Season Trip

Despite murmurings from many prospective participants, commitment to this season's trip has been poor. Nevertheless, 4 couples will enjoy a weekend at Ravenswood Historical Homestead, near Bendigo, on the Anzac Day weekend.

It is evident that we will need to bring forward planning and readjust our thoughts on costs for future trips.

Have a great recess from competitive cricket and we will be in touch in September to kick off arrangements for 2009-10.

Keep safe.