



Thirty-Fifth
Annual Report and
Financial Statement



2003-2004

**Queensland Cricket Umpires'
and Scorers' Association Inc.**

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Queensland Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association Inc. will be held at Queensland Cricket Headquarters on Wednesday, 4th August 2004 commencing at 7.00pm.

Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting and Welcome to Members and Visitors
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
4. Presentation of Annual Report and Financial Statements
5. Speakers to Annual Report
6. Nomination of Life Member
7. Election of Office Bearers for 2004/2005 year
8. Annual Subscription
9. General Business

Office Bearers

for 2003-2004 Season

Patron: B. Gaskell
President: M. Jay
Vice-President: N. Grout
Honorary Secretary: R. Johnsen
Minutes Secretary: B. O'Rourke
Honorary Treasurer: M. Molesworth, P. Farley
Executive Committee: R. Howard, L. Johnson, T. Musch,
..... D. White, I Wyeth, M. Dalgliesh
Director of Umpiring: M. Ralston
Representative Member: M. Dalgliesh
QCA Delegate: T. Musch
Grade Committee Representative: T. Musch
Allocation Panel - 1st Class: M. Ralston, L. Johnson
Allocation Panel - Grade: L. Johnson, N. Grout,
..... R. Howard, T. Musch,
..... B. Westphal, M. Ralston
Board of Examination and Coaching: J. Rowe, T. Musch,
..... D. Brandon, M. Ralston, A. Loynes
Recruitment and Development Officer: J. Rowe
Umpires' Observers: L. Johnson, T. Musch, S. Dean, M. Ralston
Scorers' Sub-Committee J. Harris (Chairperson),
..... B. FitzGerald (Secretary)
Social Committee: D. White, A. Eedy, A. Rostedt,
..... D. McIver, N. O'Brien, I. Wyeth
Statistician: R. Howard
Auditor: M. Bolton

Honour Board

Patron

1968-1972 T. Hiley
 1972-1997 R. Spence
 1997- B. Gaskell

President

1966-1972 L. Rowan
 1972-1977 L. Johnson
 1977-1982 R. Crouch
 1982-1985 M. Johnson
 1985-1988 C. Timmins
 1988-1991 A. McQuillan
 1991-1993 C. Timmins
 1993-1995 P. Polkinghorne
 1995-1996 R. Isherwood
 1996-1997 A. McQuillan
 1997- 2000 R. Isherwood
 2000 - M. Jay

Treasurer

1966-1971 L. Johnson
 1971-1978 T. Warwick
 1978-1980 J. Strauss
 1980-1981 M. Curnow
 1981-1983 B. Milner
 1983-1984 D. Jones
 1984-1991 M. Musch
 1991-1998 P. Latimer
 1998-2004 M. Molesworth
 2004- P. Farley

Life Member

1969 A. Wyeth
 1972 A. Scott
 1975 W. McInnes
 1976 J. Newcombe
 1977 L. Johnson
 1978 T. Warwick
 1980 F. Britton
 1982 R. Crouch
 1984 L. Heath
 1986 N. Grout
 1987 M. Musch
 1989 M. Johnson
 1990 J. Taylor
 1993 C. Timmins
 1994 C. Bertwistle
 1996 A. McQuillan
 1999 M. Ralston
 2000 P. Parker
 2002 A. Loynes
 2003 B. Westphal

Secretary

1966-1971 L. Johnson
 1971-1978 T. Warwick
 1978-1980 J. Strauss
 1980-2003 N. Grout
 2004- R. Johnsen

First Class Umpires

** L. Rowan
 W. Priem
 J. Newcombe
 L. Johnson
 ** P. Enright
 Bro. D. John
 G. Jones
 S. Doxey
 T. Warwick
 D. Lancashire
 ** C. Harvey
 J. Boyle
 ** M. Johnson
 R. Willmott
 R. Philippe
 J. Taylor
 ** C. Timmins
 A. Fulwood
 M. King
 ** P. Parker
 C. Bertwistle
 ** A. McQuillan
 M. Ralston
 T. Musch
 M. Jay
 M. Whitby
 J. Torpey
 G. Zimmer
 L. Musch
 B. Oxenford
 ** D. Orchard

** Test Umpire

Members List

	Abbate	N.	2002/03	*~	Jamieson	J.	2003/04		Stewart	J.	2001/02
	Argus	J.	1995/96	###	Jay	M.	1990/91		Stone	G.	2002/03
	Aspinall	G.	1998/99		Jensz	M.	2000/01	+	Szkutko	N.	1994/95
	Barsby	I.	1998/99		Johnsen	R.	1995/96		Tait	I.	2001/02
~	Bazzo	J.	1999/00		Johnson	P.	1999/00		Thompson	G.	1995/96
~	Berry	K.	2002/03		Kangur	J.	2000/01		Tobin	J.	1996/97
	Black	J.	2001/02	*~	Kelleher	R.	2003/04	#+	Torpey	J.	1990/91
	Boland	P.	1999/00	*	Kent	C.	2003/04	#	Veivers	J.	1996/97
	Brandon	D.	2002/03	~	Kersey	A.	2001/02		Vetsich	S.	2001/02
*	Bull	A.	2003/04		Laycock	T.	1991/92	+++	Westphal	B.	1982/83
~	Cartwright	G.	2001/02	~	Leisemann	G.	2000/01		White	D.	1996/97
	Castle	D.	2000/01	*~	Lostroh	E.	2003/04		Wills	D.	1999/00
	Clarke	M.	1997/98	#####	Loynes	A.	1987/88		Wilson	A.	2002/03
	Cleary	D.	2002/03	*	Marsh	N.	2003/04		Wright	W.	2002/03
#	Cubit	G.	1997/98	*	Marsh	R.	2003/04		Wyeth	I.	1998/99
	Curran	A.	2000/01		McIver	D.	1998/99				
*	Dalgliesh	M.	2003/04	#	McNamara	N.	2000/01				
# +	Dean	S.	1994/95	#####	McQuillan	A.	1976/77		Associate Members		
	Dore	A.	1996/97	+	McShane	M.	1989/90		Barrie	P.	2003/04
~	Dudley	P.	2002/03		Meadows	B.	2002/03		Bell	A.	2003/04
*~	England	A.	2003/04		Mitchell	D.	2002/03		Bell	P.	2001/02
	Eedy	A.	1997/98		Molesworth	M.	1994/95		Bull	A.	2001/02
*	Esat	A.	2003/04		Moloney	D.	2001/02		Goddard	B.	2003/04
	Ezzy	J.	1999/00		Monaghan	P.	2000/01		Grieve	A.	2002/03
	Farley	P.	1997/98		Nickerson	J.	2002/03		King	P.	2001/02
*~	Fitness	A.	2003/04		O'Brien	N.	1995/96		Kemp	A.	2001/02
~	FitzGerald	B.	1999/00		Orchard	D.	2002/03		Lowings	M.	2001/02
+	Ford	W.	1993/94		O'Rourke	B.	1998/99		Rogers	G.	2001/02
	Forsyth	I.	2002/03		O'Rourke	T.	2001/02		Spence	P.	2001/02
*	Foster	R.	2003/04	*~	O'Sullivan	J.	2003/04		Warwick	M.	2001/02
	Foster	J.	1996/97	#	Oxenford	B.	1998/99		Waters	G.	2001/02
~	Gray	D.	1999/00	*	Pain	G.	2003/04				
	Guy	S.	2002/03	*~	Palmer	R.	2003/04				
*	Harrington	P.	2003/04	#####	Parker	P.	1981/82				
	Harris	A.	2002/03	+	Payne	A.	1990/91				
~	Harris	J.	1999/00	*	Pflugrath	C.	2003/04				
*	Hayward	D.	2003/04		Popko	C.	2000/01				
*	Henry	G.	2003/04		Prior	B.	2000/01				
	Hermeston	B.	2000/01		Pritchard	C.	1998/99				
	Hobman	F.	2002/03	#####	Ralston	M.	1986/87				
*~	Hopes	B.	2003/04	~	Rostedt	A.	2001/02				
~	Howard	C.	2002/03	###	Rowe	J.	1989/90				
###	Howard	R.	1991/92		Ryan	R.	1994/95				
*~	Humphries	S.	2003/04	*	Sagar	V.	2003/04				
	Hunt	B.	2002/03	~	Sheehan	M.	2002/03				
~	James	K.	2002/03		Shine	P.	1999/00				

Associate Members

	Barrie	P.	2003/04
	Bell	A.	2003/04
	Bell	P.	2001/02
	Bull	A.	2001/02
	Goddard	B.	2003/04
	Grieve	A.	2002/03
	King	P.	2001/02
	Kemp	A.	2001/02
	Lowings	M.	2001/02
	Rogers	G.	2001/02
	Spence	P.	2001/02
	Warwick	M.	2001/02
	Waters	G.	2001/02

*	New Members
#	Holder of First Grade Badge
+	Holder of 100 Game Badge
++	Holder of 150 Game Badge
+++	Holder of 200 Game Badge
~	Scorer

President's Report



Season 2003/2004 was a season of change for our Association. In the prior off-season, we lost a total of 26 umpires, nine of whom had First Grade experience.

Collectively, these umpires had a total in excess of 1500 grade games. Replacing these umpires represented a considerable challenge for our Allocation Panel, and it was gratifying to see how well many of our members grasped the opportunities which came their way.

These losses also had an effect on the numbers of umpires we were able to provide, especially on Sundays, and I would like to thank all those members who made an extra effort to help out with availability. As it seems that even more cricket will be programmed on Sundays this season, no doubt similar issues will arise.

In view of the above, it was pleasing to receive feedback from the clubs to the effect that the overall standard of umpiring had improved this season.

This standard was exemplified by the performances of our chosen umpires in their various carnivals and representative matches. Particular congratulations go to Peter Parker, who enjoyed perhaps his most successful season. Peter officiated in both Semi-final and

Final of the Under 19 World Cup in Bangladesh, before returning to Australia to stand in the Pura Cup Final. Peter has been umpiring since the early 1980's, and his latest achievements are a fine reward for his perseverance.

This season saw a number of changes on the executive, most notably the decision by Nelma Grout to relinquish the Secretary' job after 24 years. Happily, Nelma moved into the role of Vice President, so her expertise and corporate memory are not lost to the executive. I cannot speak highly enough of Nelma's commitment to our association, and to cricket, and her positive support has been invaluable to me over the past four years.

Other changes saw Peter Farley, Ron Johnsen and Ian Wyeth join the executive for the first time. All have already made significant contributions to the running of your association. Thanks also to the stalwarts, Muschy, Ross Howard, Lew Johnson and Don "three for five dollars" White, and our Representative member, Mark Dalgliesh, for their input.

Queensland Cricket's appointment of Mike Ralston as State Director of Umpiring at the start of the season has proved to be a sound

one. With a mixture of hands on firmness and shrewd delegation, Mike has returned the role to a going concern, and with Peter Farley, Alan Loynes and David Brandon, resolved one of our biggest issues – Accreditation.

In closing, my thanks to Graham Dixon and his staff at Queensland Cricket for their support throughout the season, and to all members, for your friendship, support, and input.

Michael Jay
President



At our 34th Annual General Meeting, Barry Westphal, who joined the Association in 1982 was awarded Life Membership.

Life Membership

Barry obviously enjoys umpiring because he has umpired continually for twenty years with our association. During that time he has distinguished himself by officiating throughout the grades. In his early years with us, Barry rose to first grade and currently enjoys umpiring in third and fourth grades where he is able to assist the Allocation Committee and new umpires in these grades. Barry is always willing to stand in any form of competition and is a familiar figure at numerous carnivals held throughout the year.

For many years Barry has been a valuable member of the Allocation Committee, which has utilised his first hand knowledge of umpires and their abilities.

Barry is well respected for his on and off field services. He is a holder of the 200 game badge and was the winner of the Fourth Grade Award in 2003. His off field contributions were recognized when he was awarded the Inaugural Patron's Award.

Congratulations Barry, from all your friends and colleagues for receiving this award.



*Our Patron:
Brian Gaskell*

Patron's Award for Outstanding Service

For the first time the efforts of the Chairperson and Secretary of the Scorers Sub-Committee have been recognised. Judy Harris and Brian FitzGerald have been the driving force behind the recruiting and training of scorers throughout Queensland. Through their efforts the profile of scorers has increased with the cricket community finally starting to realise what a difficult job scoring is and appreciating their skill. Both Judy and Brain have scored First Class matches with distinction and have been involved with the scorer's Sub-Committee since its inception 5 years ago. Both are very worthy recipients of the Patron's Award for Outstanding Service.

Executive Committee Report

The 2003/04 season saw a new look Executive Committee with the change of Secretary after 24 years and the welcome addition of Iain Wyeth, and Peter Farley as Treasurer after Mark Molesworth relinquished his duties during the year. Nelma took to her new role as Vice-President with ease. Her knowledge and advice was invaluable, especially to me in my first year as Secretary. This year was a very trying one for the Executive with several new initiatives being introduced. As umpiring becomes more professional a lot of time was spent developing policies and procedures to ensure that the prime function of this Association, to put well-trained, skilled and competent umpires on the field ran smoothly. The main items of business discussed were:

Queensland Cricket

The season was a very busy year for members of the Executive in our relations with Queensland Cricket. Mr. Dixon and Mr. Sturgess were always available to us in dealing with issues such as: Umpiring and Scoring fees, the Appeals and Hearing Review, the Intoxicated Player Policy and alterations to the handbook.

We were pleased to have Mr. Mullins and Mr. Dixon address the September meeting in which they discussed the Spirit of Cricket, the Year of the Official and the

proposed Governance Model in their Strategic Plan.

The Executive would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of Peter, The Batman. Through his efforts our Association benefited to the tune of \$2944.25 this year. From all the members of the QCU&SA, Peter, thank you. Members, when you see "the Batman" at various functions, be sure to buy a ticket.

State Director of Umpiring

Although not a member of the Executive, Mike has graciously agreed to attend our meetings as a visitor. His presence makes the day to day running of the Association far more streamlined, as he acts as a conduit to Queensland Cricket.

Innovations

The Executive was very aware of the workload on umpires in this day and age so several initiatives were introduced such as: all forms completed after the match be sent to one address, the use of technology i.e. the E-Mailing of the Black and White and important information, and we now have access to our website where hopefully our forms will be available to be downloaded for this season and information posted and streamlining Merv Musch's dealings with Queensland Cricket (allocations and payment of fees). The cessa-

tion of the requirement to complete the Risk Management form if nothing is found that needs attention after round three.

We also agreed to require a resume from applicants for nominations for elective office, however the logistics of this still need to be looked at more closely.

It was agreed to trial holding our seminar on a home and away basis, so this year the seminar will be held on one day at the Alan Border field and next year on a weekend in a country location.

We are endeavoring to have sunscreen available to members at a reduced rate for this season.

It was decided to poll the members on several issues therefore a questionnaire was given to members. 32 replies were received and the results have been made available to members. Mr. Ralston and Mr. Musch will be compiling recommendations from the results.

Facilitator Reports

The 2003-04 season saw the introduction of Facilitator Reports for all grade umpires. After the success of this procedure in First Grade last season it was felt that it would be beneficial for all umpires and cricket in general if this practice filtered down through all the grades. We have received feedback from members and club officials, which indicated that the

process is well worth becoming a permanent feature, albeit with some modifications to the form.

Accreditation

Hard work by Mike Ralston, Alan Loynes and David Brandon has seen this process progress to a point where most of our umpires are now accredited. Some members still need to knuckle down and complete the accreditation as these gentlemen cannot give of their time and energy for much longer to complete the task they willingly adopted.

Suitability Card

Next season all umpires will have to possess a "Blue Card" to be able to officiate in any match under the control of Queensland Cricket. This was something we had no control over, as it is a requirement of the State Government. Mike Ralston has done a wonderful job in coordinating this process and all members who filled out the application last year have received their card.

Recruitment

Well aware of the need to be more imaginative in attracting new members we have decided to approach several radio stations with the view to increase the awareness of umpiring to the

general public by making available prominent umpires to be interviewed etc. Mr. Ralston has initiated a TAFE course in Cricket Umpiring, which will be run in Brisbane later in the year.

Umpiring Shirt

This year saw the introduction of the "polo" umpiring shirt on a trial basis. The Executive after receiving feedback from members decided to adopt this shirt as our official umpiring shirt for the start of the 2004/05 season.

Equipment and merchandise

Patrick Shine was our Property Officer for 2003-04. Patrick's enthusiasm for this job was obvious with the displays he organized at meetings selling our new umpiring shirt, casual shirts, caps, bags and other merchandise to our members. He also arranges the purchase of new equipment and on selling merchandise to other umpiring associations.

Club Forum

This was our second attempt at inviting representatives of the District Clubs to attend a forum to discuss matters of mutual concern involving umpires and players. This year was a great success with representatives from Valley, Redlands, Beenleigh/Logan,

University and Wynnum/Manly accepting the invitation. Unfortunately, a forced last minute change of date meant that some clubs who would have attended were unable to do so, on the amended date. The meeting was conducted in a very open and frank manner with several issues discussed including facilitator's reports, scorers, players impressions of umpires and the availability of umpires to attend preseason sessions at clubs to discuss interpretations of the Laws and Playing Regulations etc or any issue they wish to discuss. We were very encouraged by the success of the forum and intend to make it a regular feature of our year.

Membership

The 2003-04 season was a very successful one, membership wise. In addition to our 20 Life Members, our Association is made up of 108 Ordinary Members (16 scorers and 92 umpires) and 13 Associate members. We welcomed 13 new umpires and 7 new scorers to our ranks. Although the number of new members was down on last season the quality of the new umpires was very high which bears testament to their ability and the quality of the training they have received. It was very pleasing to see the hard work Judy and Brian have done is slowly paying off with the numbers of scorers increasing.

This season saw the retirements of seven very experienced umpires; Michael (Who's da boss?) Ralston, had a brain explosion and went over to the dark side, Gary "the pirate" Fazen got homesick and sought the solace of the bright lights of sunny Geelong, Lawrie (Little Brother) Musch had had enough after umpiring for ten years with us and for far too long to remember for the Beenleigh/Logan Umpires' Association, Steve "sneaky" Dean decided he would rather skulk around the bushes and car parks of cricket grounds observing umpires then stand out in the middle, Noal "redbeard" Southall thought he would rather spend time with his young family, Jim "it wasn't me" Torpey had run out of ideas for pranks and decided to retire for a while to regenerate his bag of tricks and "Gentleman Jim" Vievers for some

reason thinks being a barrister and the risk of being charged with contempt by judges is more enticing than being abused by cricketers.

The Association wishes to thank all of these members for their contribution over the years.

A combined total of more than 911 games worth of experience was lost with these retirements. This put quite a hole in the First Grade ranks and the pressure was put on the allocation committee to find able replacements for these venerable gentlemen. As a result we saw an unusual number of debuts in First Grade with David McIver, Patrick Shine and Jay Kangur standing in their initial First Grade games this season. From all reports they performed very admirably, congratulations David, Patrick and Jay.

Umpiring Achievements

Congratulations are extended to:

National Panel

Peter Parker, Dave Orchard, Bruce Oxenford

State Panel

Norm McNamara, Tim Laycock

U17 Championship

Andrew Curran

U19 Championship

Greg Cubit

Umpiring Milestones

The following achievements were recorded by members during the 2003/04 season:

First Grade Debut

D McIver, P. Shine, J Kangur

First Grade Badge

J Vievers, N.McNamara

100 Game Badge

S Dean, W Ford, N Szkutko

150 Game Badge

R Howard

Carnivals

We were pleased to supply umpires to numerous Games and Carnivals throughout the past season, which included:

- State U16 Championships
- The Allan Border Challenge Cup
- U12 Development Carnival
- Christian Brothers Carnival
- Queensland Cricket Emerging Players Matches
- Secondary Schools Girls Cricket Finals
- GPS and TAS games
- Coca Cola Cup Matches

Bob Spence Medal

Twenty years ago the Association initiated its first award, the Bob Spence Medal. Over the years it has developed into our most prestigious honour.

The winner is determined on the basis of points allocated for attendances at general meetings and seminars, doing the re-fresher exam, the availability to officiate on Saturday and Sunday and your average mark for umpiring.

The winner of the Bob Spence Medal for 2003/04 was "Mr. Social Committee Extraordinaire" Don White, who was presented with this award at the Annual Dinner by our Patron, Mr. Brian Gaskell. Don, who joined our Association in 1996, is a well-respected and popular umpire in third grade. Testimony to his ability is shown in his winning three Grade Awards in Third Grade. In addition to his on field commitments, Don, for a number of years, has very willingly donated his time and efforts to the running of the Social Committee and assisting in organizing our Annual Awards Night.

The other nine finalists for this award were: David Brandon (1st), Greg Cubit (1st), Andrew Curran (1st) Ron Johnsen (2nd), Brian O'Rourke (3rd), Chris Pritchard (5th), Bob Ryan (4th), Patrick Shine (1st/2nd) and Barry

Westphal (4th). It is pleasing to see that umpires from all grades are showing their commitment to umpiring which enables them to be recognized in this award.

Congratulations are extended to our worthy winner Don White, and all the finalists for their efforts throughout the season.

The Association extends its appreciation to Ross Howard for his efficient and competent compiling of the points for this Award.

The Bob Spence Medal Honour Board is as follows:

1984/85	.....	Merv Musch
1985/86	.....	Don Payne
1986/87	.....	Col Bertwistle
1987/88	.....	Tony McQuillan
1988/89	.....	Peter Parker
1989/90	.....	Merv Musch
1990/91	.....	Col Bertwistle
1991/92	.....	Tony McQuillan
1992/93	.....	Tony McQuillan
1993/94	.....	Ray Isherwood
1994/95	.....	Ray Isherwood
	.....	& Wayne Heinemann
1995/96	.....	Michael Jay
1996/97	.....	Glenn Zimmer
1997/98	.....	Michael Jay
1998/99	.....	Jim Torpey
1999/00	.....	Lawrie Musch
2000/01	.....	Jim Veivers
2001/02	.....	Andrew Curran
2002/03	.....	Bruce Oxenford
2003/04	.....	Don White



Don White accepting the Bob Spence Medal Trophy from Brian Gaskell.

Association Awards

The Grade Awards are given to the umpires who achieve the highest average score from the captains in the grade they have officiated the majority of games in. In addition, the Col Hoy Encouragement Award and Alan Pettigrew Progression Award are given to the most promising new umpire and to the umpire who has shown the most improvement respectively.

Mr. Brendan Creevey, M.C. for the evening, announced the top contenders and winner of each award. We were honoured to have Mr. Ron Archer, Queensland Cricket's Conducts Commissioner, present the respective winner of each grade with their awards and we were very grateful to Mrs. Bev Hoy who presented the winners of the Alan Pettigrew Award and the Col Hoy Award with their honours.

The Wep Harris Award for First Grade:

The contenders were Ian Barsby, Peter Boland, David Brandon and Tony McQuillan. David Brandon and Tony McQuillan were the joint winners this year. After retiring from his first class duties Tony, who is our longest serving active umpire, was able to stand in all 11 rounds this season. David who is in his second season with us after a distinguished first class umpiring career in NSW was also able to umpire in all 11 rounds.

Second Grade Award

Alan Eedy, Ron Johnsen, Alan Loynes, Peter Monaghan and David Wills challenged for the title this year. The winner was Ron Johnsen. Ron in his 8th season managed to umpire in all 11 rounds in second grade.

Third Grade Award

The top umpires in this grade were Gil Aspinall, Andrew Harris, Darren Moloney and Don White. The winner was Don White who is making a habit of winning this award. Obviously Don is a worthy winner, as he also won this year's Bob Spence Medal.

Fourth Grade Award

In the running this year was Michael Clarke, Nick Marsh, Gavin Pain and Graham Stone. Once again we had a tie with Michael Clarke and Graham Stone sharing the Award. Michael spent the majority of the year in 4th grade with a few U18 games under his belt. Graham had 9 games in 4th grade and 2 in fifth grade.

Fifth Grade Award

A closely fought tussle in 5th grade saw Alan Bull, Mick McShane, Clive Popko and Brother Chris Pritchard fight for the honours this season. All the captains in 5th

grade must be god-fearing men because they obviously appreciated Chris blessing them before each game and awarded him enough points to enable him to capture this award. He completed 8 games in 5th grade and 3 in U18.

Under 18 Grade Award

Top contenders were Jack Ezzy, Brian Adams, Chris Kent and Ray Marsh. In a season for ties Jack Ezzy and Ray Marsh were the dual winners. Ray in his first season of umpiring stood in 7 U18 games and 3 in 5th grade. This is Jack's second grade award after previously winning 5th grade in 2000; he officiated in 7 U18 matches and 4 in 4th grade.

Alan Pettigrew Award

Darren Moloney won this award this year. Darren, a very promising umpire stood in 10 games starting the season in 4th grade and finishing off a successful year in 2nd grade.

Col Hoy Award

Nick Marsh won this award, which is donated by the Cricket Society in memory of former Test umpire Col Hoy. Nick took to umpiring as if he had been born with a counter in his hand. He impressed all who stood with him.

Honour Board for Association Awards

	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade
1992	A. McQuillan	M. Wylie	J. Torpey	A. Payne	C. Brown
1993	R. Isherwood	J. Torpey	K. Horton	C. Brown	M. Robinson
1994	R. Isherwood	G. Zimmer	M. Barton	N. Southall	D. Woodlock
1995	C. Bertwistle	D. McGrath	K. Beasley	T. Whiter	M. Smith
1996	C. Bertwistle	E. Edwards	M. Molesworth	S. Dean	G. Heffernan
1997	J. Torpey	D. Vinall	N. Gilloway	B. Ryan	N. O'Brien
1998	J. Torpey	S. Dean	J. Maclean	P. Lavallee	G. Bailo
1999	J. Torpey	P. Lavallee	J. Veivers	G. Thompson	W. Rogers
2000	L. Musch	J. Veivers	D. White	P. Farley	J. Ezzy
2001	N. McNamara	R. Johnsen	D. White	P. Monaghan	M. McShane
2002	L. Musch	A. Bonner	G. Thompson	P. Johnson	G. Durston
2003	B. Oxenford	R. Johnsen	J. Kangur/ S. Vetsich	B. Westphal	J. Black
2004	D. Brandon/ A. McQuillan	R. Johnsen	D. White	M. Clarke/ G. Stone	C. Pritchard

	U18 Grade	Progression (Alan Pettigrew Award)	Col Hoy Award
1992	B. McNamee	G. Townsend	G. Zimmer
1993	N. Southall	R. Kelly	W. Heinemann
1994	P. Bell	W. Heinemann	D. Vinall
1995	J. Maclean	W. Cressy	B. Nielsen
1996	M. McGovern	B. Nielsen	C. Brown
1997	J. Maxwell-Jones	S. Dean	M. Whitman
1998	A. Payne	M. Whitman	L. Stokes
1999	N. Szkutko	B. Oxenford	V. Sestito
2000	D. Wills	P. Boland	P. Shine
2001	R. Kinstler	A. Curran	B. Prior
2002	R. Brown	D. Knott	S. Vetsich
2003	R. Brown	B. Hunt	D. Cleary
2004	J. Ezzy/R. Marsh	D. Moloney	N. Marsh

Director of Umpiring Report



Season 2003/2004 has certainly been rewarding and beneficial to me as State Director. Since my appointment to the position in October 2003 I have experienced many situations that have been challenging but have also been rewarding with their outcome. The position of State Director is made so much easier by the support I receive from the many areas within Queensland Cricket, Queensland Country Cricket Association and all other affiliates. My heart felt appreciation is extended to all for the support and assistance I have received.

The Cricket Australia Level 2 accreditation scheme has taken much of my time but I believe it has been of real benefit to umpires generally, and has been widely accepted by associations throughout the State. In excess of 500 accreditation kits have been distributed throughout Queensland, including 174 umpires who have completed their course and received their Cricket Australia cards and certificates. My appreciation is extended to the State coordinators who have given of their time and efforts to advance this program during the year. I look forward to their continued support in the coming years, when the Cricket Australia level 1 accreditation scheme will be launched.

My appreciation is extended to the many volunteers in umpiring associations throughout the State for their work in seminars and training workshops and with all examinations conducted on a very regular basis. The quality of umpiring statewide is at a very high level although all associations need the support of existing members to help bolster the recruitment and development programs for the future.

The Australian Youth Championships for 2003/2004 season were held in Brisbane for the U/19's and Adelaide for the U/17's. The performance of our Queensland umpires in Greg Cubit U/19's and Andrew Curran U/17's were of the highest quality and should be highly congratulated as professional ambassadors to the game in our State. As Cricket Australia wishes to have State associations conduct their own recruitment and training program I have instigated the development of two examination papers to replace the present outdated format. Alan Loynes and David Brandon have been instrumental in compiling these important changes to the examination process.

A further initiative taken in the latter part of the season has been to introduce the "Suitability Card" initially into the Q.C.U&S.A. The introduction of this card is to

demonstrate the professionalism of umpires and to show the responsibility of associations in the protection of children. Upon the successful introduction in 2003/2004 the requirement by Queensland Cricket and the Queensland Government to expand this program statewide will be undertaken.

The difficulty with recruitment of umpires has been with us for many years. Informal discussions have begun with T.A.F.E to investigate the viability of developing a cricket umpiring and scoring program for the future. This I believe will assist umpires and scorers associations not only in the city but hopefully can be expanded to the country areas.

Michael Ralston
State Director of Umpiring



Grade Allocation Report

The Grade Allocation Panel this year comprised: Mike Ralston, Nelma Grout, Ross Howard, Barry Westphal, Lew Johnson, and Merv Musch.

This panel is grateful to all members who made themselves available to umpire on Saturday and Sunday throughout the year.

During the 2003/2004 season we were able to supply umpires to the

Sub-District competition as well as QCA Grade, The First Grade One Day, Women's First and Second Grade, Lord Taverners u16's and the over 40's competitions.

Congratulations to all the umpires who were appointed to umpire in the semi finals and finals for the season.

Thanks to all members who returned their allocation and points forms back on time, as it saves a

lot of telephone calls, as these points have to be calculated before going to Queensland Cricket.

Once again thanks to the panel members for their time and effort through out the season and to all members: thanks for a great season.

Merv Musch
Allocations Officer

Board of Examination and Coaching

The Coaching and Examination board comprised: John Rowe, Alan Loynes, David Brandon, Merv Musch, and Mike Ralston.

This panel held another successful seminar at Boonah in August for our members and those from Sub Districts. Seminars were held throughout the year at the Sunshine Coast, Caboolture, Wamuran, Redcliffe and at the Gregory Terrace School. During August, seminars were also held in Townsville and at the Gold Coast.

Many thanks to Alan Loynes and David Brandon for their work in getting the accreditation going forward to the point where most of our members have completed it. Also thank you to John Rowe for his time and effort with the new members.

A big thank you to Mike Ralston, since you became the State Director, your help to keep this panel working towards improving all our umpires' has been invaluable.

Finally, I would like to thank all our members for your participation at the seminar and at the training sessions before our monthly meetings.

Merv Musch

Observers' Report



During the season our observers have endeavoured to approach their obligations to observe members and to constructively comment on areas of technique and concentration that may need attention. It is obvious that our association has a strong nucleus of committed and talented umpires. Observers also completed coverage of all games in the grades and viewed venues on the state of grounds and facilities. The standard of dress observed during the season was pleasing and the introduction of the new umpiring shirt enhanced the on field look of those umpires who chose to wear them for the first time. The observers were pleased to report the cooperation from umpires was helpful and appreciated.

Some of our newer umpires have shown distinct promise and will form a strong group to choose from in the coming years. The attributes to become a good umpire from an observer's point of view are appearance, stance, positioning, control and a strong knowledge of the laws of cricket. Three observers gave a greater coverage of games and the majority of members were videoed and given a written report by the panel. It is hoped that all umpires benefited from the observer's reports and

after viewing the video were able to make a self-assessment of their performance and make any adjustment necessary. The observers report as positively as possible on all aspects of on field performance to build confidence and ability.

Observers have made themselves available to all members before and after meetings and between matches for discussion on all aspects of umpiring reports. The real value of an observer's report is seen when the member takes the time to discuss all of the details mentioned on his report with the observer at meetings or on the phone. The observer's task has been made easier by the training of new members and from the examination and coaching sessions during monthly meetings. My appreciation is extended to John Rowe and members of the Examination and Coaching Panel for their attention to detail in the training programs.

My sincere appreciation must go to Merv, Lew and Steve for their assistance throughout the season and the attention given to member's reports.

Michael Ralston

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Recruitment and Development Officer's Report

Another successful recruitment drive for the 2003/04-cricket season gave our Association several new very promising umpires.

I guess we can never get enough new umpires but at least the numbers we do achieve usually stay on for the full season and hopefully coming seasons. Work commitments, family priorities and people moving intra and interstate cause people to drop out, this will always happen and its just a fact of life and cannot be helped. Last June we started with our normal 20 enthusiastic people, however that slowly fell away as they realised this was not what they expected.

Come the third Saturday in September we had a good team

of 8 to 10 to do battle on the hallowed turfs around Brisbane. The enthusiasm of this group kept up throughout the season. The reports from captains and observers were encouraging, and a nice blend of ages was a highlight of this group. I wish the guys all the best for the coming seasons. Already one or two are moving through the grades very nicely; maybe, just maybe, there is another Peter Parker or Simon Taufel not too far away.

John Rowe



Father and son clean up in their first year of umpiring. "Father" Ray Marsh accepted his U18 Award from Mr Ron Archer, while son Nick Marsh was presented with his Col Hoy Award from Mrs Hoy.

*Our Patron Mr Gaskell
awarded finalists with their
Bob Spence medals.*



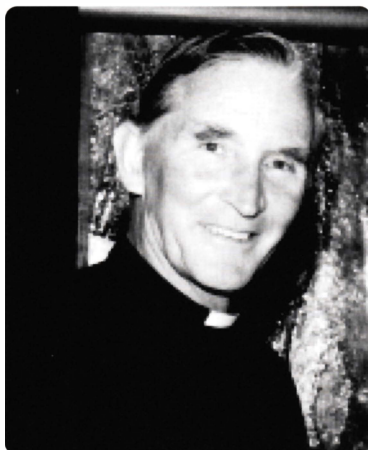
*Don White - 2004 Winner of the
Bob Spence Medal.*



Patrick Shine- Finalist



Ron Johnsen



Chris Pritchard



Andrew Curran



Bob Ryan

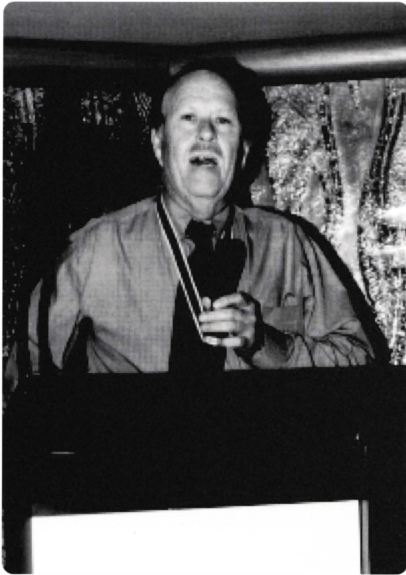


David Brandon



Brian O'Rourke

*Bob Spence Medal
Dinner Memories*



Top Left: Mr & Mrs Brandon Creevey

Above: Ian Barsby with his loot after winning the raffle.

Far Left: Don White saying a few words.

Left: Ian Healy - our guest speaker.

*Grade Award Winners
receiving their awards
from Mr Ron Archer.*

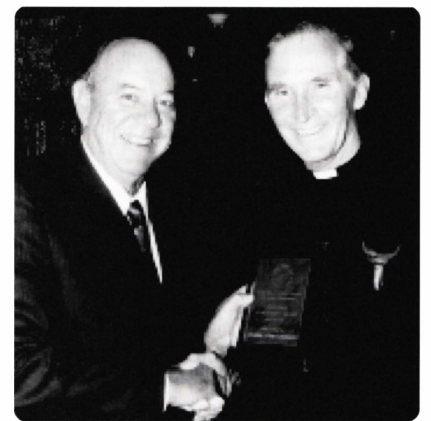
*Top Left: David Brandon &
Tony McQuillan*

Top Right: Chris Pritchard

Bottom Left: Don White

Bottom Centre: Michael Clarke

Bottom Right: Ron Johnsen



Cricket Australia Coach Report



The Cricket Australia Umpiring Panels have been in operation now for two seasons. At the April meeting of the Umpire Coaches and Umpire Selectors a decision was made to re-structure and re-name the panels.

They are as follows:

Cricket Australia National Panel-
Six Umpires

Cricket Australia Supplementary Panel- Six Umpires

Cricket Australia State Panel-
Twelve Umpires

Cricket Australia Project Panel-
Two Umpires

After discussing each umpires' performance with their State Coach, twenty-six umpires have been offered contracts for the next 12 months. All contracted umpires are eligible to stand in the Pura Cup, ING Cup, The National Second XI Competition and Cricket Australia Cup matches. National Panel members are also eligible to officiate in certain international fixtures such as Australia A Games and Tour matches.

Australia has three representatives on the I.C.C. Elite Panel. They are Darrell Hair, Daryl Harper and Simon Taufel who officiate in Test

matches and One-Day Internationals around the World. Peter Parker and Steve Davis remain on the I.C.C. International Panel along with Bob Parry as a nominated third umpire. I.C.C. International Umpires are eligible to officiate in One Day Internationals as appointed by their home board, and remain contracted to Cricket Australia. They can be appointed by the I.C.C. to Test and One-Day Internationals.

All contracted umpires have access to a coach who is responsible to provide on going skill development, training programs, fitness programs and match performance reviews.

The members of our Association who are Cricket Australia Contracted Umpires are as follows:

National Panel

Peter Parker
Dave Orchard
Bruce Oxenford

State Panel

Norm McNamara
Tim Laycock

Two other umpires from our Association, Greg Cubit and Andrew Curran, are on the Stand By Panel but do not receive Cricket Australia Contracts.

Jim Torpey, who was contracted on the Supplementary Panel for the past two years, has unfortunately, due to a back injury, retired from umpiring. I would personally like to say a big thank you to Jim for his commitment and friendship during those two years and to take this opportunity to wish him all the very best in the future.

Dave Orchard, who has resided in Australia for the past seven years, has recently become a nationalized Australian citizen. He formally represented South Africa on the I.C.C. Elite Panel and, having retired from that position, has been appointed by Cricket Australia to the National panel. We say welcome mate.

Over the past season, the Queensland based Cricket Australia Panel Members officiated in the following matches:

Dave Orchard

- Six Test matches
- Six One-Day Internationals
- Three Pura Cup matches
- One I.N.G. match

Peter Parker

- Third Umpire in three Test matches
- Third Umpire in three One Day Internationals
- Two One-Day Internationals

- One three day match
Australia A v India
- Three Pura Cup matches
- Two I.N.G. Cup matches
- Pura Cup final
- Appointed to U19 championships
in Bangladesh
- Officiated in semi final and was
appointed to the final
- State Institute Challenge
matches in Cairns, Townsville
and Mackay.

Bruce Oxenford

- Fourth umpire in one test
- Fourth umpire in two One Day
Internationals
- One three day match
Australia A v Zimbabwe
- Seven Pura Cup matches
- Five I.N.G. Cup matches
- Third umpire in one I.N.G. Cup
- Third umpire in I.N.G. Cup final
- State Institute Challenge
matches in Cairns, Townsville
and Mackay

Norm McNamara

- One three-day tour match
- One I.N.G. Cup match
- Two Cricket Australia Cup
matches
- Two Women's National League
matches
- State Institute Challenge
matches in Cairns, Townsville
and Mackay.

Tim Laycock

- Two I.N.G. matches
- Three Cricket Australia Cup
matches
- Two Women's National League
matches

Jim Torpey

- One three-day tour match
- State Institute Challenge
matches in Cairns, Townsville
and Mackay.

The two stand by panel members
officiated in the following matches:

Greg Cubit

- One Cricket Australia Cup
match
- Women's National League
match
- Appointed to the Under 19
Championships in Brisbane

Andrew Curran

- Two Women's National League
matches
- Appointed to the Under 17
Championship in Adelaide

I am sure that all members of the
Association will join with me in
extending congratulations to Peter

Parker who has been appointed to
officiate at the Asian Cup to be
held in July.

My congratulations to all panel
members on their professionalism
and conduct both on and off the
field throughout the season.

Lew Johnson

Scorer's Report



Five years ago, we came under the "umbrella" of the Q.C.U.&S.A.

Since our first meeting we have grown to a total of 23 (not all are financial - some are country members who are not charged a fee). In spite of the fact that these volunteers are unpaid, the advertisement placed in the Courier Mail each year attracts interest, as does the web site. Unfortunately, the majority of those who answer, shy away when they are advised that it is a volunteer position but some, to their credit, stay and are now established within various Clubs but it is because of their own love of the game and the camaraderie offered by the team/Club with which they are associated.

This season, with the refurbishing of the Ian Healy Room, the Scorers held their last few meetings in the Board Room at Queensland Cricket. This has been enormously successful, as it has meant that our meetings have continued for over 2 hours without any interrup-

tions. Our thanks go to David Brandon for taking the time each meeting to go through the Rules of Cricket. The Scorers have really appreciated this and hope it can continue next season.

For the first time, the Scoring Seminar was held in the Ian Healy Room in August whilst the Umpires travelled to Boonah. This Seminar was loudly acclaimed as the best yet and it covered a vast range of subjects. This season, the Seminar will again be held in the Ian Healy Room on 21st August.

The Under 19 Championship was almost an embarrassment as it was very difficult to find sufficient Scorers for each State/Territory. At first Cricket Australia offered \$45 per day before finally deciding on \$65 per day. With payment this low, it is no wonder that Scorers decided that they didn't want to give up 2 weeks of their annual leave for this lowly amount which equates to about \$6/hour. Some

Scorers deliberately did not make themselves available. The fact that the scoring ranks are very thin was highlighted during this time. Our sincere thanks go to those who did make themselves available. Congratulations on a job well done.

Mr. Mike Ralston has offered the opportunity for scoring to be part of an Umpire's & Scorer's Course at TAFE. Hopefully this will also boost the scoring ranks. The Scorers would like to thank Mike for his ongoing enthusiasm.

Brian FitzGerald and I would like to congratulate all scorers for their time and efforts both in Club and higher honours and hope they are able to participate again next season.

Judy Harris

Queensland Cricket Association

The Board of Queensland Cricket saw Damien Mullins and his team from the previous year returned.

Merv Musch was our delegate and attended two of the three meetings with Ron Johnsen as his proxy for the third. Our Association still has a good working relationship with the Board and Queensland Cricket Headquarters. Thank you Graham Dixon and your staff for your ongoing support.

The main topic still being discussed this year was the strategic plan.

The Grade Committee comprised Peter Easton, (Chairman), Ian Sturgess, (Manager Grade Cricket), Ian Droney, Jim Holding, Jon Stoddart, Katherine Raymont, Tony Taylor and Merv Musch.

The committee had many issues to discuss throughout the year and congratulated the Umpires Association members for the way they handled the situation on that very hot Saturday and Sunday of round nine.

This year saw the Spirit of Cricket Award introduced and was won by

University Club so a big thank you to all umpires for awarding points for this award and to the other ongoing awards.

The Association would like to thank the Conducts Commissioner Mr. Ron Archer for his support throughout the year and thanks also to Ian Sturgess, Manager Grade Cricket for his support.

Merv Musch
Delegate

Peter Burge Medal

The winner of the Peter Burge Medal this year was Nathan Rimmington, the right arm pace bowler from Sandgate/Redcliffe. He is the second youngest winner, with all rounder Mick Miller the youngest at just 19 when he won in 1998/99. A Bulls rookie-contracted player, Nathan was the leading wicket taker in the XXXX First grade Competition last season, finishing with 49 wickets at 17.63. His finest achievement was the last day of the XXXX First Grade Final when he and fellow paceman Shane Jurgensen combined to rout Western Suburbs for just 31 in their 2nd innings to deliver Sandgate/Redcliffe their fifth premiership in seven seasons.

Winners of the Peter Burge Medal are as follows:

1990/91	Harley Hammelman (Souths)
.....	Bob McGhee (Toombul)
1991/92	Peter Clifford (Toombul)
1992/93	Andrew Courtice (University)
1993/94	Adam Dale (Wynnum/Manly)
1994/95	Scott Prestwidge (Wynnum/Manly)
.....	Peter Skuse (Toombul)
.....	Dominic Ovenden (Norths)
1995/96	Adam Dale (Wynnum/Manly)
1996/97	Jeff Pfaff (Gold Coast)
1997/98	Paul Argent (Souths)
1998/99	Mick Miller (Norths)
1999/00	Brendan Creevey (Sandgate/Redcliffe)
2000/01	Dale Turner (Souths)
2001/02	Greg Rowell (Westes)
2002/03	Aaron Nye (Westes)
2003/04	Nathan Rimmington (Sandgate/Redcliffe)

Social Committee Report



Another season has concluded and the social committee would like to congratulate all the award winners.

This year we were down on our annual sales and profit margins due to a forced change of venue for the February and March meetings, which meant that raffles could not be conducted. Another problem was the downward slide in member's attendance at monthly meetings.

On the positive side, a special thanks to Mrs. Joyce Grout who provides the after meeting nibbles at our monthly meetings. This, in conjunction with the efforts of the committee, assists the members to linger longer to enjoy the camaraderie, food and cold refreshments that make our monthly meetings more enjoyable.

In addition to our monthly raffles, several other major raffles were conducted through out the year. Namely, the Christmas Hampers and autographed bats donated by Queensland Cricket. Thank you Queensland Cricket.

These raffles were well supported by our members with the proceeds going towards the end of season dinner.

A final thanks to you, the members, for your support of the social committee throughout the year with donations, purchase of beverages and raffle tickets.

Social Committee:

Don White, Nev O'Brien, Allan Eddy, David McIver, Iain Wyeth, Ann Rostedt.

Our Motto = May your finger be raised for all the right reasons.

Bob Spence Medal Dinner and Awards Night

The 2003/04 dinner was held at the Cricketer's Club in the Bradman room and proved to be a very successful night with ninety people in attendance. The quality of the food and service was excellent.

The guest speaker Mr. Ian Healy had all the guests intrigued with some of his memories of his playing

days in the test arena and what the future will hold for some test players in the seasons to come.

To the Master of Ceremonies; Mr. Brendan Creevey, thank you for a job well done, your wit and mastery of the microphone ensuring the evening flowed in harmony.

Gentlemen, from the members, *thank you* for your time and effort.

I would like to thank the members that assisted behind the scenes on the night, and to Judy Harris, for your assistance in organising Ian as our guest speaker.

Don White
Coordinator

Social Events

Winter Season Social BBQs

This winter 2004 has seen the revival of umpires and scorers their families and friends getting together out of cricket season for a number of well-attended BBQs.

These have been held on the first Saturday of each month at varying locations so that "Penguins and Pencils" who live in different parts of Brisbane could join in.

The BBQs were held on the south side at Wellington Point Reserve, the north side at Suttons Beach, Redcliffe and out west at JC Slaughter Falls near Mount Coot-tha.

A number of umpires demonstrated previously unknown talents for converting red meat into charcoal and consuming salad that was hardly limp.

Some aptitude with the bat and ball was displayed in non-ICC sanctioned "Test Matches" using wheelie bins for wickets and this stood us in good stead for the forthcoming Queensland Corporate Games.

It is anticipated that the tradition of off-season BBQs will continue in the future.

Qld Corporate Games

For the third year in a row, a select group of "elite" players from our Association were put to the test once again in the Super 8's cricket competition of the Qld Corporate Games at Kianawah Park, Tingalpa on Sunday, 16th May.

This year's team included Peter Monaghan, Todd O'Rourke, Andrew Curran, Norm McNamara, Patrick Shine, Iain Wyeth, John Black, Vineet Sagar, and Phil Spence. As our regular captain, Bruce Oxenford, had to pull out in the heady lead up to the tournament, John "Monica" Black was elevated from the sidelines of Team Mascot last year to Captain.

The team batted and bowled consistently and won 1 out of the 3 pool games, unfortunately not proceeding to the next stage again this year. There were a number of standout performances with the bat and one spectacular catch on the boundary by Phil Spence, a la John Dyson. Most importantly, we provided more laughs than any other team and all had a very funny morning, especially watching Andrew "The Tourist" Curran's unique interpretation of how to walk off the field and accept the

run out decision of the square leg umpire, who was from the opposing team.

This year we were definitely the most fashionably dressed team, decked out in our assortment of Hawaiian shirts and stylish shorts. There was much talk of retirement among some senior members of the side; so more players may be called upon for next year's tournament.

A big thanks to Ross Howard, who scored for most of our games, advised on entertainment strategy, and cheered the team on.

John Black

QCCA Umpires' Report

As you are aware, this is my first year as the QCCA Umpires' Representative, and I must say that it's been an interesting experience!

I've spent most of the first year in the job trying to update records and making sure that the information that I did receive was correct. Most people have been very obliging in their support, and I particularly appreciate the warm welcome I received from Greg Hamblin and Domenic Belvedere.

The main focus of my efforts for the season has been trying to use the QCCA Umpires' Panel as a practical tool. I'll preface my comments here by saying that my efforts have been primarily concerned with the members from South Queensland, but as 7 of the 10 members came from South Queensland, I think that I can comment with some authority on the problems that we had.

The members of the Country Panel for 2003-04 were:

Wayne Blinco (Dalby),
Robert Dunbar (Sunshine Coast),
Hilton Chilcott (Toowoomba),
Neil Smith (Toowoomba),
Phil Roggenkamp (Beenleigh),
Bruce Deem (Bundaberg),
Andrew Hamilton (Mackay),
Alan Gibson (Gladstone),
Zulf Abdulala (Cairns),
and Mark Dalgleish (Ipswich).

As a member of the country panel for the past 3 years, I have looked on the panel as an 'elite' group of umpires, the best in Qld Country. With that privilege, comes the expectation that you should be available to umpire at any game that QCCA requires you to. This season, my first in the position of allocating, this has clearly not been the case. Of the South Queensland carnivals, which required QCCA-appointed umpires, there were as few as 2 panel umpires available to stand. I must make special mention here of Alan Gibson of Gladstone, a North Queensland umpire who would have helped us out for the McPherson Shield in Bundaberg, had not rain intervened. His offer to help was greatly appreciated. However, the point is, if umpires wish to be on the country panel, then they should be prepared to make themselves available on all occasions that they may be called upon.

Umpire numbers are always a problem. I'm sure that each and every zone would benefit from having more umpires, and I believe that local Associations need to become more pro-active in gathering new umpires. It has been the norm for Associations to sit back and hope that new umpires will come a-knockin'. Sometimes they do, but instances like that are becoming rarer and rarer. We all

watch the cricket on TV, and we can all see the umpires being scrutinised by 'Hawkeye' and the 'Snickometer', as well as the dreaded infallible facilities, the 'Chappelli' and the 'Greigy', and it is understandable why people would balk at becoming an umpire, if that's the sort of criticism that the so-called 'best in the field' are subjected to. I have a few ideas that I'd like to bandy around in General Business for attracting new members, but I just want to bring it to people's attention that we can't just wait for people to put their hand up for the job. We need to be aggressive in this, because if other Associations are in the same position as Ipswich & West Moreton at the moment, then matters must be taken in hand post-haste.

I'd like to mention a few people who have left umpiring top-grade cricket this season. Firstly, Graham Stewart from Toowoomba, who umpired the Australian Country Championships last season, has retired from, I believe, all cricket. Stewy is a long-standing panel member, and has a lot of friends around the cricket fraternity. An umpire of his calibre will be sorely missed.

Secondly, Craig Skau, who filled in admirably at the Championships, has also called it a day. Craig played several years for Qld

Country, and I'm led to believe did a good job umpiring Qld Country as well. He's a damned good bloke.

Lastly, Hilton Chilcott has pulled out of all cricket for personal reasons. Hilton is a big loss to us, and I wish him and his family all the best. They are good people.

In closing, I'd like to thank all for supporting me in this position. As I get further into the job, I want to liaise more with the zone reps and hopefully come up with some strategic plans to help out all umpires, old and new, throughout the state.

Sunshine Coast Umpires Association

The 2003/2004 season was one of change for umpires not only on the Sunshine Coast but throughout Australia. This season saw the introduction of Cricket Australia's National Accreditation of umpires.

Our umpires began the process during the off-season with a number of seminars being conducted. During the season, on-field performances had to be monitored. My thanks go to Owen Goll for assisting me in that onerous task.

The umpiring ranks started the season off at an all-time low. However during the season we were able to attract some new blood to our ranks. Unfortunately,

these new members are not young people. We need to attract younger umpires. For the game to grow and flourish, clubs need to look at a pathway for their more senior players to join the umpiring ranks.

Luckily, our arrangement with Martin Jonkers Toyota was renewed. This is the third year they have been involved with the Sunshine Coast Umpires. This contribution is greatly appreciated by every umpire.

Winter cricket has allowed some of us to keep our eyes in and our fingers up during the off-season, while others prefer to rest the feet and recharge the hearing aids for another hot summer. It is pleasing to see the number of teams playing in the winter competition increase dramatically from last year.

Robert Dunbar
President

Sub Districts

The Sub Districts Cricket Association held their Annual Dinner and Presentation Night on the 24th April at St Brendans Football Club. One of the many awards on the night was the inaugural umpires award.

This award is known as The Mel Johnson Medal and was keenly sort after by all the umpires. This medal recognises an umpires efforts on and off the field.

The winner was Mr. Greg Rodgers who joined the Association in 1998 and has umpired in many finals and rep games for this Association.

Greg has been their umpires' coordinator for the last 3 years and is very proud of the fact that all their members are now fully accredited.

Merv Musch

National U17 Championships

Once again I was delighted to be the Queensland representative at the National U17 Cricket Championships. Adelaide played host to the series this year and my fellow umpiring colleagues from NSW, VIC, SA TAS, NT and the ACT joined me.

These cricket championships are a vital step in the development of our future stars of the game; they also serve as a great experience for umpires as well. Most of the current Australian players have come through the championship program and most of the countries top umpires have also come through the championships as well.

The championships are played over 5 rounds of 2-day games. The states and territories are divided into 2 pools of 4. The grounds and facilities used were of a very high standard. I was fortunate enough to stand in a few games at the Adelaide Oval No.2 ground. This was a magnificent venue and the memories I have will last a lifetime.

The most important part of the championships is being able to share and learn umpiring techniques from my fellow umpires. The bits of information you pick up along the way all help in the development of umpiring, and I know being able to listen and learn

from experienced umpires will no doubt help my own umpiring career.

I wish to thank the Association for the opportunity of representing them and I wish whoever gets the nod next year the very best of luck and may your time at the championships be as enjoyable as mine.

Andrew Curran

National Under 19 Championships

I was surprised and delighted to be selected for my fourth National Championship carnival, which must be some sort of Queensland record. I was once again proud to represent all Queensland umpires at this championship.

The teams were based at various locations throughout Brisbane, and the umpires enjoyed the first class accommodation at the Albion Manor. We had 4 cars supplied, and this made getting to the grounds very easy. Congratulations to Ken Dixon, Ron Cochrane, Grant Smethurst and others in the championship administration team, who did a fantastic job despite very troublesome weather.

The format of the championships again involved teams in Pool A playing one-day matches against teams in Pool B and then playing the other teams in their own pool in two day matches. This meant every team played each other, and every umpire was allocated with each of the other umpires.

The contest was very even with four teams a chance of winning the championship going into the last round. The eventual winner was NSW. I wish to thank Mike Ralston, Mel Johnson and Dick French for their dedication and assistance, and our local umpires who assisted with facilitating.

I must mention the hilarious sight of all the umpires in go-carts tearing around the Willowbank circuit for an hour in the pouring rain. It was a sight to behold.

I would encourage all umpires, whether in Brisbane or in the country, to strive towards being the best umpire that they can be. With the desire to keep learning, dedication and commitment, finding themselves at national championships and first class matches, is within reach no matter where they are throughout the state.

Greg Cubit

Semi-Finals and Finals Appointments

XXXX Grade Competition

Semi Finals

First Grade T Laycock, N McNamara, A Curran, A McQuillan
Second Grade R Johnsen, D Brandon, J Kangur, P Shine
Third Grade I Barsby, P Monaghan, T O'Rourke, P Boland
Fourth Grade J Rowe, M Jay, A Harris, D Cleary
Fifth Grade D McIver, W Wright, C Pritchard, V Sagar
U18 Grade A Loynes, J Ezzy, C Kent, N Marsh

XXXX Grade Competition

Finals

First Grade B Oxenford, N McNamara
Second Grade T Laycock, J. Kangur
Third Grade A McQuillan, T O'Rourke
Fourth Grade A Curran, A Harris
Fifth Grade D Brandon, C Pritchard
U18 Grade I Barsby, C Kent

First Grade One-Day Competition

Qualifying Final B Oxenford, D Orchard
Final B Oxenford, J Torpey

Women's Cricket Finals

First Grade P Shine, I Wyeth

Sub-Districts Semi-Finals

..... A Dore, S Guy, N O'Brien, B Hermeston,
..... D White, B O'Rourke, G Thompson, P Farley,
..... R Marsh, G Aspinall, J Tobin, D Wills,
..... A Wilson, R Howard, N Szkutko, B Westphal, R Ryan.

Sub-Districts Final

..... A Dore, D White

Sub-Districts One-Day Finals

..... B Hermiston, B Westphal,
..... N Szkutko, N O'Brien, B O'Rourke,
..... R Howard, G Thompson, J Ezzy

Analysis of Match Appointments

Name	1	2	3	4	5 Sub Dist	U18	One Day	U16	Over 40's	Women	Total
N. Abbate				11				5			20½
B. Adams					1	10					11
J. Argus	9			1			2				86½
G. Aspinall		2	9					1	5		57
J. Barsby	8	2½	1			1	2	4			69½
J. Black				8	1			1	1	4	23
P. Boland	5	4	1½			1	1				57
D. Brandon	11	1			1		4		3		13
R. Bubke				1							7
A. Bull					10						10
D. Castle				2	9			1		13	45
M. Clarke			1	6		4		6	3		74
D. Cleary			5½	6							22½
G. Cubit	7½	½		½			5				79½
A. Curran	9	1½		1			4				47
S. Dean	1	½	1	1							106½
A. Dore		11						7			91
A. Eedy		11						1	2	1	70½
A. Esat			3					1			3
J. Ezzy			1½	4		6½		8			56½
P. Farley		4	5	1½				1			52½
B. Ford					9	2				11	108
I. Forsyth				10	1			9			22
J. Foster			4	4		½					78
R. Foster					1	4½					5½
S. Guy			1	6½							18½
P. Harrington					2	8					10
A. Harris			4½	6	1	½		2			22½
D. Hayward				½	1	5					6½
G. Henry					6½	1					7½
B. Hermeston			8	½							31½
F. Hobman					9					10	11
R. Howard			11						5	9	156
B. Hunt				8	1						20
M. Jay	10		1	1			4		3		172
R. Johnsen		12					2	4	2	3	93½
P. Johnson			7½	2	1			3		8	50
J. Kangur	5	7						8	1		42
C. Kent					2	10					12
T. Laycock	9½	1	½			1	4				91½
A. Loynes		10				1		4	2		221
D. McIver	7	4			1		1				62½
N. McNamara	10	½		½			4				44

Name	1	2	3	4	5 Sub Dist	U18	One Day	U16	Over 40's	Women	Total
A. McQuillan	12		1				1				280½
M. McShane					7½			3			139½
N. Marsh				7		4		4		2	11
R. Marsh					4	7		4		2	11
B. Meadows				1	1						10
D. Mitchell				4	4						19
M. Molesworth		1									86
D. Moloney		1	8	1				½		6	31½
P. Monaghan		7	4						4		43
J. Nickerson					4	4					17
N. O'Brien				2		9		3		12	86
D. Orchard	3						5				4
B. O'Rourke			10	1				1	3	10	69
T. O'Rourke		5	7					5		5	33
B. Oxenford	5	1½					6				60
G. Pain				4		2					6
P. Parker	3						3				209½
A. Payne					6	½		1		2	145½
C. Pflugrath					3	8					11
C. Popko					9	2					40
B. Prior		7½	½		1						39
C. Pritchard					10	3					50
J. Rowe	9			1		1	2	3	3		182
B. Ryan				4	3	4		5			40½
V. Sagar					5	4		1			9
P. Shine	6½	5½					1	4		7	55
N. Southall		9	1				1	9			140
J. Stewart					3	7					10
G. Stone				9	2						22
N. Szkutko				1	7	3				14	109
I. Tait				4	3						22½
G. Thompson			8½								86
J. Tobin		1	8		½			1		1	69½
J. Torpey	5½						5				137
J. Veivers	2½	2½									87½
S. Vetsich		2	5½					3	1	4	28
B. Westphal				10½				2	4	7	229
D. White			11						3		84½
D. Wills		9	2								48
A. Wilson				5	3½						17½
W. Wright		6½	3½								20½
I. Wyeth		4½	5					2	1	7	63½

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Michael Jay
President

Ron Johnsen
Secretary

