

A Word from Our President ...



Bob Harris
*Adelaide Cricket
Club President*

Following on last year's successful centenary season, we entered this first year of our club's 2nd. Century with big challenges. The retirement of Ben Johnson left a big hole in the A's, creating an opportunity for an aspiring player to stand up, but the induction of four new young players Michael Maurici (513), Rick Francis (514), Adam Lidiard (515) & David Reynolds (516) into our 'A' side just demonstrates our thinking for the future...

Thanks to a top concerted effort by Andrew Ramage and our band of volunteers who helped to complete the internal painting, we were able to use the new dressing rooms for the start of the season, & we have since settled in reasonably well and now feel right at home. You'll have noticed that the renovations to our clubrooms are almost completed but we **will need some volunteers** to paint the interior, (any interested people please contact me!).

When your committee decided pre-season to replace our practice area nets a very competitive quote from 'Advanced Nets and Ropes' saw us place an order for the completion of new nets before the 2006/07 season started. Our part of the deal was to supply and erect poles to support the structure, but with incredible assistance from Peter Bahnert (from Bahnert Steel Supplies Pty. Ltd.) & Andrew Ramage (from JK Ramage Builders) - both long-term sponsors of our Club, we were able to put the structure in place ready for the nets to go up. It was quickly found that some alterations were needed and these are now being examined with the supplier...

The structure of senior coaching by a panel of coaches has worked well & a change of policy with regard to junior administration has already been enforced, allowing the junior captains to be responsible for their captaining on the field. This policy is now working very smoothly. On a rotational basis three junior players have also trained with the seniors each week...

A big **Thankyou** to all our sponsors for being an important part of our Club by providing the support to help keep our club competitive. In particular, the following sponsors deserve to be recognised here for their invaluable help this year:

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The end of the season could have seen us better placed, but the B's & the U/14 Whites both concluded the season successfully. Our XXXX Gold Cup team won all six minor round games, but went down to Sturt (in a semi) in a close match. Our 'D's also made the finals, but lost to Glenelg in a semi-final...

Finally, we say farewell to Brett Bevan, retiring after an eventful season injury-wise. Our Thanks to Brett for his contribution to our club, even though it has only been two years...

Bob Harris

(Adelaide Cricket Club President)

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Four New Buffalos Inducted into Club 'A' Grade

The Adelaide Cricket Club 'A' Grade Captain Luke WILLIAMS presents a Buffalo Cap to (above, from left to right) Rick FRANCIS: *player No. 514*, Adam LIDIARD: *player No. 515*, and Dave REYNOLDS - *player No. 516*.

Another player to also play his first match and gain his 'A' Grade cap in 2007 was Michael MAURICI - *player No. 513* - but he has now moved up to Queensland to study and will not be available for our next season.



COLIN PINCH

The Adelaide Cricket Club was saddened to learn of the recent passing of one of its favourite sons, COLIN JOHN PINCH, only a few months after his election as Captain of our 'Team of the Century'. As a batsman Colin scored 3,488 runs @ 53.66, with a highest score of 150 and was a well-respected Life Member of our Club. Our condolences are extended to Colin's family from all his friends and team-mates...

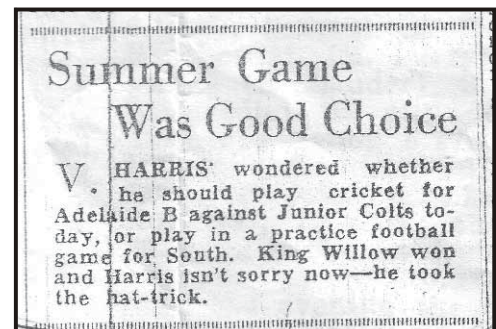


To all those who might have missed it, that's our additions to the existing club-rooms at Glandore Oval (*above picture*) And, *at right*, are some VERY well-known Adelaide faces - (discussing world events...?) *In the top pic. - Left to right, Andy McIntyre/Luke Williams & Andrew Ramage, & bottom pic. - Michael Wood, Steve Gentle & Bugsy's wife Maria.*



UNTOLD HISTORY

From the distant past comes the story of a young Adelaide cricketer torn between two sports. As the story (at right) shows VIC HARRIS, aged 20, was exhibiting some talent as an opening batsman who could 'bowl a bit'. The match was played on March 30 1940 and not long after young Vic Harris joined the Army. In August 1944 he broke an arm while driving a truck and was sent to an 'R & R' camp at Berry Springs near Darwin. In one incredible stroke of misfortune he became the victim of 'friendly fire'. While lying on his bunk reading,



some blasting exercises were taking place nearby, and young Vic was killed instantly when a stray lump of rock hit him in the chest. This sad story was sent in by his daughter Wendy, who was only 2½ at the time, and we are happy to pass it on...



VIC. HARRIS

Its a Great (Sporting) Life...



Warren 'Bugsy' Smith
*Adelaide
Cricket Club
Legend*

In the early summer of 1980 Warren Smith, a skinny cricket-mad school boy up from the southern Adelaide Morphett Vale East Primary School, was chosen to represent Adelaide Cricket Club for the first time - in what is now known as the Sutton Shield.

Last week a slightly older (& also a touch more battle-scarred) Warren triumphantly led his youthful group of happy team-mates to a deserved 'B' Grade Premiership - his second, only 20 seasons after his first in the SAME grade!

Ruefully, a tired but satisfied 'Bugs' realised that at least FOUR of his teammates had not even been born when he played in the last one...

One of the genuine nice blokes at the Club, he has racked up a truly memorable career with Adelaide, and though easily our oldest player still competing, his exuberance for the game sets a great example for all the eager youngsters hoping to make their own marks.

Though reluctant to talk about personal achievements, we DID manage to prise out these previously little-known facts from a true club Legend...



Full Name: Warren Rowlinson Smith
Birth Date: 04/04/1969 (an 'Aries')
Favourite Food: Meat & Three Veg.
Present Job: Civil Engineer
Marital Status: Married to Maria, (with one son, Callum)
Best-known Nickname: 'BUGSY'
Favourite Band: Hoodoo Gurus
Favourite TV Show: The Simpsons
Favourite Movies: (Usually 'dodgy' ones) Caddyshack, Fletch, Stripes, and the classic Happy Gilmore...

After a PLAYING career at Adelaide lasting a mere **27** years, **Bugsy** has scored **4,165** Runs @ **24.79** - plus a **Club Record 379 dismissals** in '**A**' Grade as a Keeper, with a top score of **111**. Other career highlights are:

Premierships:

'A' Grade (two) 1997/98 & 2003/04
'B' Grade (two) 1986/87 & 2006/07
West End 1-Day Cup (one) 1995/96

Awards:

SACA 2nd. XI and State Squads
SACA CW Walker Trophy
(A Grade WicketKeeping)
ACC Eddie McCarron Trophy
(Highest Club Award)
ACC Roly Vaughton Batting Trophy
ACC Life Member

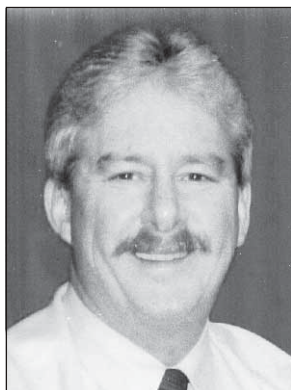
Overseas Experience:

Played for **two** seasons in the **U.K.** (Swansea, South Wales) **1989, 1992**.

Finally, we asked Warren to name his favourite Ground (*the SCG*), the Best Player played with or against - *Jason Gillespie / Gordon Greenidge*, as well as the Player or Team-mate he most admired. Not surprisingly, he felt he could name "many...", but eventually plumped for yet another Adelaide legend - the great recently retired *Ben Johnson*.

So, in spite of 'age', 'dicky knees' & a possibly waning enthusiasm, will we see one of our greatest ever club players go 'round again? If you can still win Premierships, **WHY NOT?**

2006/2007 Junior Round-up



Peter Sawade
*Adelaide Cricket Club
Junior Coach*

The 2006/07 season loomed as a challenge for the junior squads, due to a substantial loss of players from last season (over 30 overall, 24 from the under 16's alone). This considered, the overall performances far exceeded expectations and thanks must go to all players who represented the Adelaide Cricket Club in all junior grades.

Congratulations must go to the U/17 and U/14 White teams who qualified for the finals, finishing 4th. and 2nd. respectively. Although the under 17's had to 'forfeit' their semi-final, the 14 Whites capped off a fine season by winning the Grand Final.

Though the U/16 Red, U/16 White, U/14 Reds and U/15 teams finished lower down the ladder, their performances were very creditable, especially considering the lack of continuity in team selection because of regular player unavailability.

Our Junior philosophy is to develop young cricketers into at least 'A' Grade players for the Buffalos - hopefully even to State and National representation.

In an effort to expedite the development of experience and maturity as cricketers, full autonomy has been given to the players on match day, with the Captains, supported by the rest of the team, making all the decisions. In each of the junior teams there are some exciting prospects for the future, none more than each of the captains from the U/14, U/16, U/15 and U/17 teams.

Nick Pedersen, Russel McLean, Daniel Payne & Scott Norris have demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities and have been more than ably supported by **Simon Potts, Jamie Banfield, Ashley Lithgow, Luke Walker** and their respective teams. Also, in an effort to further development of our juniors, we have given the players the opportunity to play (when performances justified the opportunity) and train at a higher level. That is, the U/16's with the seniors (thanks to the co-operation of Sean Watt) and the U/14's with the U/16's.

Lindsay Clift, Hayden Head, Junaid Abro and Anthony Jennings all played senior cricket this season, acquitting themselves extremely well, indicated by Anthony taking 5/35 and making 65 with the bat in the 'D' grade semi-final. U/14's players **Daniel Payne, Rupert Peake** and **Nick Briotta** all finished the season playing in the under 16's and again each with more than credible performances.

A special mention must go to our country players (with wonderful support from their parents) who have the added pressures of

extensive distances to travel on top of the normal match day stresses.

The return of **Simon Potts** (Wilmington), and **Anthony Jennings** from Mt. Gambier, although not available for every game, was greatly welcome (complemented by the appearance of some wonderful new talent) from country areas. The **O'Neill brothers** from Mount Gambier, **Dillon** and **Matthew**, had promising introductions to the club, as did **Dylan Kokotis** from Port Pirie, **Ethan Vogelsang** from Naracoorte and **Tylor Bleasby** from Tintinara. These players have to be congratulated on their wonderful performances and efforts this year, & we look forward to their continued involvement at Adelaide next season.

We were also well represented in State under-age Teams, with **Cameron Valente** and **Jordan Davis** performing well in the under 13's and **Daniel Payne** in the U/14 development squad. All these lads justly deserved their opportunity, representing our Club and the State with distinction.

Some other exceptional performances this season included fine Batting from **Hayden Head Jamie Banfield & Cameron Lithgow** each making wonderful centuries, and (though not quite a century) a superb 91 n.o. under difficult conditions by U/14 Red Captain **Daniel Payne** in the U/16 Whites. Bowling also produced some wonderful performances - like **Elliot Satterthwaite's** 5/7 in the Sutton Shield. Others to take five or more wickets in an innings were **Daniel Hack, Craig Lancake** and **Kane Chapman**.

Finally, a sincere & heartfelt **Thank You** to each of the team managers, **Peter Coombe, Greg Peake, Andrew Pedersen**, and **Bob McLean, Graham Norris, Grant Banfield** and **Peter Bennett**, for what was at times a thankless but a truly appreciated effort. A special thanks to **Bob McLean** for his added role of net captain for the U/16's, **Steve** and **Barb Hack** for the sensational job done in the junior co-ordinator role, senior coach **Sean Watt** for his wonderful support, **Kevin Payne** for the many, many things he did, my son **Ryan** for his excellent one-on-one coaching at Junior training sessions and **Bob Harris, Bob Bernhardt, Judy Nobes** & the committee for their help and total support.

And last, but certainly not least, to all the **players** and to their **parents**, my sincere thanks for your wonderful help & support, and I look forward to working with you all again next season...

Peter Sawade
2006/2007 Junior Coach

DID YOU KNOW?

In 1931, in a match between Blackheath and Lithgow at Blackheath in the Blue Mountains, a young Don Bradman must have been late for an appointment - he scored 100 runs in only THREE eight-ball overs! NSW State batsman Wendell Bill was 'batting' at the other end - but it is not recorded whether Wendell even bothered to take his own bat out to the middle... 'The Don' went on to hit 28,067 first-class runs, with 37 Double Centuries and 6 of those over 300!

FACING UP



with **Sean Watt**
2006/2007 Club Coach

Why was Adelaide Cricket Club successful in season 2006/7?

In this report I'm going to write about the positives to reflect upon over the off-season and to remind you why YOU make this club so special.

Individuals

Individuals like those who give up their time to score each week, manage, be practice captain or sit on a committee. Those who help paint the clubrooms, look after the bar or organise any events. These are the people who help make the club successful. The ones who whinge about it that's all they are good at. The reason why this club is successful is because people are doing their best to make it so...

Players

The players at this club have a big desire to be successful. They are the ones who train & play for 9 months of the year, turn up day in, day out trying to better their games.

Special mentions are:

Brett Bevan - over 200 A-grade wickets, & one grand final, retires this year after a long-term battle with injury. He played his last game for the Club against Glenelg, with figures of 6-39.

Josh McLean has shown even more improvement this year. Winner of this year's Charlie Walker Trophy (for best wicket-keeper in SACA A-Grade competition) demonstrates just how good a year he had. Josh also performed quite admirably with the bat - recording his best year thus far with his highest average.

Luke Williams was last season's Bradman Medal winner and this year was runner-up in XXXX Gold One-Day Player of the Year and runner-up in the Talbot-Smith Medal for best fielder. His highest score of 182 n.o this year vs. Prospect was a highlight. Luke is also our club Captain.

Dale Agars brought up his highest A-grade score of 109 this year and had a great tournament in the field in the one-day comp.

Blake Lenthall has had his best year ever in the A-grade. He won the batting in the A-grade, and not only did he secure his place in the team, he became an integral part of its success.

Jason Gillespie continues to be a fine ambassador for our club. His test double century last year (& player of the series) proves his worth. When playing for the Redbacks or the Buffs he has performed on just about every occasion. Jason is also the Vice-Captain of our club.

Dan Cullen's ability to fight back under all sorts of criticism and to rise above it to once again become a feared opponent says a lot about his character. He is a true talent & a hard working, committed player who will continue to destroy opposition teams.

Nathan Job continued to battle injury late this season however regularly put his hand up when the chips were down. His performances in the one-day comp. highlighted this by taking out the SACA one-day bowling award.

Dale Bradley had a big year coming back from last season. Last year's Gillespie Medallist has proved his worth by taking out our own A-grade bowling trophy.

Sam Raphael's highlights for the year was his Rising Star Nomination against University for his 98 not out in Round 6 and his performance in the One Day semi-final where he very nearly steered our team to victory.

Sam Williams continued his good form in both forms of the game. The club Deputy Vice-Capt. led our 20/20 side to its first ever victory in that competition. His first ever One-day hundred & his hundred against Sturt were the highlights.

Ben Wyman spent a majority of this year in the A-grade making 45 in his debut innings & then playing a major role in the defeat of Northern Districts in the One-day comp. He also gained experience playing in his first A-grade semifinal in that same competition & recently he became a B-Grade premierships player.

Rick Francis started in C-grade for his return

match back into cricket, & a fantastic rise saw him overtake many players in the fight for an A-grade spot in his debut. Two B-grade hundreds, his A-grade 5/for in the one-day comp, and his 72 n.o. in the 20/20 match were his highlights.

Marcel Frossinakis not only consolidated his spot in the B-grade but he forced his way into the A-grade with many great efforts throughout the year. It had been a long time for Marcel but through his performance he had a great season winning the SACA and sharing the club batting award. Congratulations on your Premiership.

Adam Lidiard took 7 wickets in the B-grade's premierships & also had the privilege of debuting in the A-Grade against Prospect. A great effort, considering he played C-grade last year & he played his first B-grade game this year...

Dave Reynolds also played much of his cricket in the C-grade last year and through hard work consolidated himself in the twos and played in his first A-grade game against Woodville. Dave was a member of the B-Grade premierships.

Michael Maurici also experienced a fast rise to the top with an A-grade debut against Southern taking two wickets. He had to leave to go up to Queensland to further his Uni studies mid-way through the year, but not before taking a 5/for against Woodville (in the B's) for his travels.

Warren Smith can now also be classified as a Premiership Captain. We know him well as a Life Member, Charlie Walker winner, & A-Grade Premiership player, but now he is a Premiership Captain as well! Enough said.

Michael Talbot has had a great year in the B's. On many occasions he has helped to guide the side to victory. One of his best assets was his leadership on and off the field. A well deserved Premiership player.

Tom Clark has also played a number of A-grade games this year. He found himself struggling through different injuries before getting back in time to become a B-grade Premiership player.

Chris Geddie fought his way up and down on occasions but eventually played enough great cricket to keep him in the twos. He had a major part in the team's success later in the year, and is now also a Premiership player.

Scott Carman like so many had to continually prove he was good enough to play at the higher levels. He debuted for the A-grade 20/20 comp. where he played a major role in the club's first 20/20 victory, then battled on to eventually win back his B-grade spot and also earn himself a Premiership in the process, averaging over 120 runs in the last two games.

Ali Fraser came back from overseas in the nick of time. Coming back through the C's he played in Round 10 against Woodville. Ali took a 6/for, 6/for again & hit 80, went up, took 2/for & made 60 in the twos, then 2/for and 40, 6/for in the semi & played a supportive role in the GF... He's now a Premiership player- isn't Cricket easy?

Corey Barrett took over the reigns from Tim Cameron well into the pre-season. Since then Corey has performed well to help steer the B-Grade into the Grand Final. He was one of the leading keepers in dismissals this year, capping off his best year with the gloves thus far. Congratulations on your Premiership.

Ryan Sawade showed glimpses throughout the year of what he could produce. (Cont. next page)

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His good performance in the A-grade 20/20 game was a highlight, and another was the team-ship he showed when having to play an off-field support role during the finals campaign. He did everything that was asked of him & despite his own personal position, worked tirelessly to help the B-Grade win their flag - so he's a fully deserving Premiership player!

Matt Nobes had his first year playing B-grade cricket, enjoying the great success of winning the Under/17 Nationals & being named in the best team for that carnival. He was an important part of the championship win, and I'd like to congratulate him on his fine efforts.

Sam Cabot worked very hard along with Sam Raphael to organise some social events for our club which help build our own culture & some enjoyment off the field as well. He has helped develop our great club training culture by leading from the front.

Scott Buchanan had his first sniff as captain for a game in the C-grade. This was a just reward for a seasoned campaigner who continues to put in good efforts from year to year.

Nick Grbin is a great club-man and is also an awesome trainer. His efforts both on and off the field have been refreshing. Nick is a real role model for the younger hard workers.

Andrew McGuire is another young player who played his first lot of B-grade games this year and is fast developing into a good performer. He has a great dancing style!

Ben Zanol, Wil Spargo, Dillon Haydon, Bryce Heath and Andrew McLean have once again been a great asset as they continually work on their own games & also are willing to help the younger players of the club to develop a club playing culture. They are senior players who are great role models in the club.

Matthew Plant has been fantastic again as a second year captain. Last year he had to put up with a lot of 'ring-ins'. This year he went on with the job of helping the development of our next generation of A-grade cricketers.

George Heliotis, Josh Carver, Hayden Head, Jayme Kempster, Lindsay Clift, Alex Garlick, & Shane Williams all played the majority of the season in the C-grade or D-grade, in their first year in senior cricket. All have begun to develop even more as cricketers and are all gradually rising to the levels required to play in a higher grade of cricket. They have made a solid transition but have also found the going quite tough at times...



Morris McArthur-Adams, Cameron Lithgow, Phil Neate, Matt Meiers, Jackson Ramsay, Matt Quist, Aaron Miatke and Brad Dingle have all played for the club at different times and most of them have worked hard to get games at senior level. Perseverance is going to be crucial for these lads to underline their further development.

Andrew Bahnert took on the Captaincy of the D-Grade this year with a group of very young players and led them to a semi-final clash. He worked tirelessly behind the scenes, & while still only young himself he has matured to a new level as a leader - able help the younger players begin to adapt to senior cricket.

Kane Holman and Jaime Craig had positive influences on the club and both played some good cricket to help guide the D-grade into a semi-final.

Tom Collins joined us from England and was a major reason why the D-grade made the semi-finals. His work ethic was fantastic and he was a great bloke as well. Well done, Tom, for putting up with us giving you heaps about the Ashes!

Anthony Jennings is a new young player from Mount Gambier who has certainly got some real talent. His semi-final performance in the D-grade was sensational. To make a half-century and take 5 wickets for a lad under 17 was brilliant! I look forward to watching him develop in the near future...

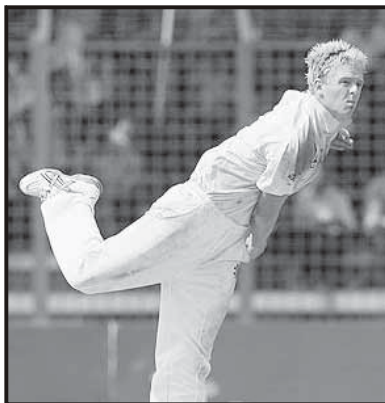
Coaching Staff

The hard work put in by **Peter Williams**, as a batting coach in the beginning of the year, **Michael Wood** throughout the season, and **Greg Wyman** during the pre-season were all reasons as to why our club players received some great feedback on their development.

Jeremy Appleton took the transition from player to coach extremely well. He had to deal with a range of issues & still be focused enough to aid in the development of young and old players alike. Jeremy's big heart is certainly larger than his joke book and he is certainly very passionate about the ACC. As a president of Unley Soccer Club and a cricket officer at SACA he has to be organised - and that he is! Congratulations, Jem, on all your efforts helping to guide our club to a culture of success...

Sean Watt

Adelaide Cricket Club 2006/07 Senior Coach



ADELAIDE'S TWO FIRST-CLASS MEN: JASON GILLESPIE and DAN CULLEN

CLUB NEWS

If you've been down to Glandore oval in the last few weeks you WILL have seen the ever-diminishing figure of one of the Club's best-known faces, & he'll most likely have had a HUGE flashing paint-brush in his hand! Unfortunately, after a furious flurry of painting in the new clubrooms, **Bob Bernhardt** took ill, suddenly, just before Easter & was rushed to Intensive Care. The good news is he's much better and we all hope he makes a complete recovery very soon... Up & at 'em again, Bobbie!

While on hospitals, after the One-dayer when the Aussies played the Poms, ex-Adelaide Junior Coach (and the famed cricket mentor) **Ian Wallace** lost his footing on some Adelaide Oval stairs and had to have serious leg surgery - which could take a while to mend... Best Wishes for a speedy recovery from all your friends at the Adelaide Cricket Club, Wal...

Congratulations to our 'A' Grade keeper **Josh McLean** - finally judged the Best Wicket-keeper and awarded the 'C.W. Walker Memorial Trophy' at the recent Bradman Medal Count. Josh had his second consistent season in a row and obviously impressed the Umpires even more this year... Well Done, Josh!

And it was a wonderful effort from the Adelaide 'GIRLS' who banded together and organised a 'Ladies Day' for the One-day Semi-Final (against Sturt) at Glandore, raising a large sum of money towards building some decking in front of the Glandore Clubrooms for cricket-lovers to relax and watch in comfort... The place to be was actually under a shelter next to the north-eastern footy goals, where some of our Club's social females were highly entertained with Mike Talbot's rather well-oiled view of the action out in the middle...

HATCHES & MATCHES DEPT.

To Club Past-President **Damien & Beth Kitto** - a daughter, **PHOEBE**.

To retiring 'A' Grade Fast Bowler **Brett Bevan & Brigette** - a son, **BRADY**.

To past 'A' Grade Batsman **Damien & Cate** - a son, **LACHLAN**.

To (retired) 'A' Grade All-Rounder, **Erin & Fiona Bernhardt** - a son, **JESSE**.

To past Club Captain '**Jack**' & **Emma Smith** - a son, **XAVIER**.

[P. S. Club Coach **Sean Watt** and wife **Cheryl** are also expecting again...]

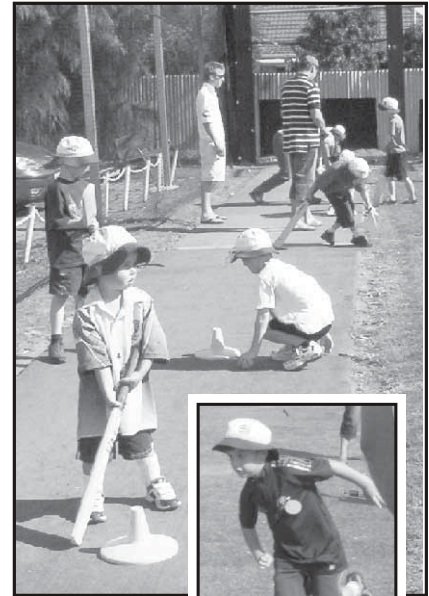
And, by the time you read this, popular 'A' Grade opening bat **Dale Agars** has married his **Adele**... Congratulations to you both from Adelaide Cricket Club!

HAVE-A-GO CLINICS

The Adelaide Cricket Club's 'Have-a-Go' began in term 4 of 2006 with over 70 children registered to participate, and a further 30 registrations in Term 1, 2007. The Clinics this year were run by well-known club stalwart **Bob Bernhardt** - using a fresh new format (compared to previous seasons) but positive feedback - from both parents and children - was quite overwhelming!

Judy Nobes and **Barbara Bernhardt** put in a HUGE effort each week - by setting up stations, batting nets, and organising children into groups, as well as many other tasks including making sure that our Club was always open for bar and coffee-making facilities.

Thank you also to all those players and club members who volunteered their Sunday mornings to help & guide these young emerging cricketers. Without them our Have-a-Go Clinics would not be as successful as they have been! **A HUGE THANK YOU** to all those who gave up their personal time for our Club.



SCORPION SHIELD

With the Scorpion Shield Competition now in its second season Adelaide Cricket Club has once again filled a girls team in Division 2.

Adelaide's team was coached this season by **Bob Bernhardt**, with team members *Danielle Salib-Brown* (Captain), *Sara Bernhardt*, *Tara Evans*, *Elizabeth Megaw*, *Stacey Oates*, and *Caitlin Thompson* in their second season at our club and *Sarah Hyland*, *Cassie Powditch* and *Kaitlin Powditch* each playing their first

season. We completed our season in fine style with the girls representing Adelaide in a 'curtain-raiser' match (against Port Adelaide) which was played before the Women's 'B' & 'C' Grade Grand Finals - quite an exciting experience for our young players!

Adelaide bowled extremely well, taking 11 wickets and restricting Port Adelaide to just 36 runs. In the run chase our batting was very disciplined and we only lost one wicket while scoring 101. For 2007/08 we are now looking to fill girls teams in all three divisions.

If you're **10 years old or over** and interested in playing - contact **Bob Bernhardt** for more information on the following numbers:

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VOLUNTEERS

As we are all aware, Volunteers play a very important and vital role in our community and country, and many times they go un-noticed. As a Club we would like to thank the volunteers who have given up their time without hesitation or expecting anything in return. Without these volunteers many jobs would not have been accomplished at our Club. They deserve a huge Thank You...

It is vitally important for us to start a Volunteer Register stating people's expertise and the amount of time they can GIVE to our Club. This would help to ease the workload of the willing few! If interested, please leave your contact details so we can get in touch with you. We must remember a Club can not run effectively without the huge input of Volunteers - no matter how big or small the task may be... WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please consider how much time you can spare to help YOUR Club by becoming a VOLUNTEER!

Bob Bernhardt

Billy Buffalo's



WICKET WHISPERS



Great news from SACA - announced in December - the Grade Cricket "Rising Star of the Year" will receive the JASON GILLESPIE MEDAL at the Bradman Medal count each year... This new award recognises the best young player under 21 who has not played over 20 A Grade games at the start of the season. Adelaide's own SAM RAPHAEL was the Round 6 nominee for his classic 98 not out in Adelaide's fine win against Uni...

No names, no pack drill - but one of cricket's last remaining traditions was severely dented earlier in the season, when the visiting team (batting) had their wives and/or girlfriends take up their positions in amongst the waiting batsmen - much to the amazement (and amusement!) of our own female friends/relatives. The cosy supporting group remained closely aligned amid their own batsmen for the day. (It is generally conceded that 'up close & personal' is usually no place for a lady immediately after a dismissal!)

With the modern game's obsession with 'quick' runs (think 20/20) spare a sympathetic moment for the poor bowlers in a recent game in India. In an U/13 inter-school limited overs match the openers whacked a lazy 721 runs from the required 40 overs. Batting for St. Peter's School, Manoj Kumar scored 320 off 127 balls & his partner M. Tumbi a frantic 324 off only 116 balls! The other team, rather shattered, obviously capitulated as St. Peter's went on to win comfortably by a mere 700 runs! The bowlers' names, and their bowling figures, (thankfully) remain unpublished...

And, speaking of Bowlers, former England spinner DOUG WRIGHT must have bowled with a reasonable degree of control - he finished his career with the magnificent total of SEVEN first-class 'hat-tricks'!

Congratulations to two of our most promising young batsmen: GEORGE HELIOTIS was chosen in the BankSA Team of the Year for 2007 recently - after his brilliant performances in the SACA BankSA Shield for U/17's ... and MATTY NOBES - who played for the State U/17 Team which won the Commonwealth Bank U/17 National Championship. In an interesting bit of 'turn-back-the clock' our Nobesy, (son of Redbacks selector and past Adelaide player Paul) took on demon Queensland quick Alister McDermott (son of ex-Aussie speedster Craig) & belted a fine 57 runs from 35 balls... Well Done to both our youngsters!



A Blast from the Past! How many of you (apart from Bugsy) can recall the legendary Bailey Christmas shows? A very youthful ANDREW RAMAGE is shown above placing his extensive Xmas wish-list with a whiskered friend who was apparently a close friend of present Club President BOB HARRIS.

Welcome Home to well-known club quick ERIN 'BISON' BERNHARDT ... Looking extremely fit after a year in sunny Melbourne with wife Fiona and kids Liam, now aged 7, Casey (4), & little Jesse (1), the 'Bison' is happy to be back! By an odd co-incidence (or was she just missing her brother?) his sister Sharon, who has always had a soft spot for animals, recently chose to sponsor a Zoo animal - a BISON!

What do you do to top the thrill of a double hundred or Bradman Medal win? Late in the season, our A Grade skipper put himself on to bowl and in spectacular fashion managed to jag his SECOND WICKET (his first was in the 1999/2000 season) which set off a team celebration rivalling a Monty Panesar 'pole'! Seems the cause of excitement was related to doubling the career total of past legend Chris Davies (he only took one!). While on Luke - he managed a great effort to finish runner-up in the Talbot Smith Medal (SACA's Fielding Trophy) this season... Well Done, Horse!

And just which younger Ace batsman woke up with a start one morning, leapt out of bed, hurriedly donned his school kit (that Judy had laid out for him) and raced off to School? It was a mystified boarder who asked our Ace what the hell was he doing there on a weekend? It must be hard to get back into a 'normal routine' (after winning an Australian Title) or do you just LOVE school, Matty?

Just in is the tale about a dish-licker named Chief Braveheart, part-owned by a syndicate including some of our own players... Seems the word went out that the competitive canine was 'set' for Race 4 - so big Rick Francis was despatched to the track ready to lay something on. Unfortunately, just after arriving he got an urgent phone call from the trainer to let him know the dog had been taken out of the race due to losing more than a kilo. in weight! A sadder (but wiser) Rick was last seen purchasing a Manual on how to fatten up a racing dog...



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