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“Not going anywhere whilst it's raining”

We have a ton of news to share in this edition of the update, so sit back, grab a cup of tea and spend the next 5 minutes with me reviewing the events of the past week. First, the news.

This Sunday - November 12th - marks the inaugural (first) Captain's Table lunch to be held at the Elanora Hotel. All members are invited to meet up at the major sponsor in East Gosford from 12pm for a social lunch to catch up and enjoy each other's company. Bluetongue burger anyone?

Write down this date in your diaries NOW - December 16th. We have the annual BWCC Christmas Party at Adcock Park, where our First-grade team play that day. You're invited to the ground to cheer on our boys against the opposition and later in the day enjoy a BBQ with food and drinks, probably some lollies in there too, before the fat guy in a red suit arrives by a very special transportation method.

A huge shout out goes to Manning Sports in Gosford for donating 20 sets of pads to the club. They will be put to good use in the team kits and at the Trivia Night in Feb 2018 - more details to come.

Our home of the Club is Adcock Park and it is a tradition to meet there after each round for a BBQ snack and a few beverages. It is an open invitation to ALL club members and family and this Saturday (Nov 11th) the boys from Fourth grade look forward to being your hosts. We ask that you arrive before 7pm so you're in time to listen to each team report. Juniors are always welcome!

We have a band of young players assisting at Adcock Park on a Saturday afternoon. So far, they have managed to remain anonymous, but my spies are working overtime to get me more information which will be shared in an upcoming edition. Great to see the young guns in action!

Saturday 4th November - Junior Teams

Our **u14C** team enjoyed a home game this week against an old foe, Terrigal. The pain of having to bowl first was soon relieved as early wickets put pressure on each new batsman. Kyan 3/1 from 3 (apparently only 1 maiden and I'm not sure that's right), Jimmy 2/2 from 3, Ben 2/8 from 3, Sam 1/2 from 2, and Brayden 1/8 from 2 all registered in the wickets column and it was great to see all players having a go with the red ball. Ishan maintained an error free performance in conceding only 2 runs, Elwin and Liam both 4, Noah 5, Holly just 6, and Matthew 7. It wasn't all good news as Terrigal stumbled to a team score of 55 - we helped by giving them 34 extras.

Our turn to bat produced a result inside of 10 overs without the loss of a wicket! Liam and Jimmy were clinical in their opening partnership of 65 to take the points and the game continued as the young Bluetongues cruised to 8/137 from their 25 overs.

Well done team! Best of luck next week @ Heazlett Park v. Kincumber Green

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The **u12A** side won the toss and decided to let Southern Spirit have a bat first at McEvoy Oval in their 2-day fixture. Individual details are not available at this stage so all will be revealed next week, including how we allowed 55 extras to creep into the scorecard. We're chasing 137 for the win.

Your **u12B** team travelled to Adcock #7 to face the fancied Southern Spirit team and produced the game of their season. Sent in to bat first, the boys stumbled early with 2/0 in the first over! Thomas (17) and Zac (8*) came together shouldered the responsibility and got down to the task of putting on some runs and their partnership of 24 was most welcome. Luke (7*) chimed in late in the innings to help take the team score to 50 from their allotted overs.

Our bowling was simply exceptional today. Looking down the columns, our economy was there, regular wickets were taken, extras were substantially less than earlier games - it all had the making of a classic match.

Unfortunately, the final wicket could not be taken and the opposition chased down the 51 required with only a few overs to spare. A great team effort was witnessed and we look forward to their next adventure against Narara at Adcock #3 next round.

Bowling	O	M	W	R
B Pullen	3.1	0	1	5
A Gibbs	3	0	1	4
h gibbs	3	0	0	11
W Drewitt	3	1	1	7
T Martin	3	3	1	0
Z Johnston	3	0	2	4
E Martin	3	0	0	8
E Turner	3	0	0	8
LG Harrison	1	0	0	1

The **u11 Central** team also played Southern Spirit and bowled first. This team must be acknowledged again this week for conceding such a low number of extras - just 22! The opposition managed to put on plenty of runs and the scoreboard showed 112 after their 20 overs.

Young Mr McBride doesn't like losing his wicket and enjoys an average of 45 this season. His 19* and Cooper's 13* set the run chase off on the right foot with other notable innings from Daniel (9) and Logan (7) all contributing to the knife-edge finish where the team fell agonisingly close with 6/110 - just 3 runs away from another victory! The stress must have all been too much for Coach Jim when he was entering the result into MyCricket as 3 run outs were recorded, but none taken, 8 wickets taken but only 4 batters out, 6 wickets lost but only 4 names. I'll pardon the data entry for now, and wish the team all the best for their next encounter at Adcock #7 v. Narara.

The T20 Blast have their final hit out at Sohler Park tomorrow at which point they'll move to Adcock #1 for 4 weeks until the Christmas break. The Milo program commences next week.

Before we get to the Senior results. You are all reminded that your FEES are due. The Club needs to forward funds to the Association, pay for balls etc. so I urge you to contact either Jane or myself so we can close out this responsibility and get on with playing the game!

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Senior Teams - one day games.

Seventh Grade v. Warnervale @ Kariong Oval

BWCC won the toss and had a bat first on the rainy afternoon and despite losing a few wickets early posted a very competitive total of 6/166. Hamish (63*) and Aaron (19*) wagged the tail for a healthy 53 run unbeaten partnership after Hamish and Zac (20) posted their own 58 run dig. RRQ 4.77.

The weather ultimately decided the fate of the team and the intermittent rain delays reduced the match to a run rate game, provided the 20 minimum overs could be achieved. When stumps was called by both captains the opposition run rate was 5.13 with 23 overs bowled so they took the points this week. Subway Sam threw down 3 overs of darts for a wicket and only 3 runs and Marley produced figures of 1/12 from 4 against the openers to join Jordan (1/17 from 3) as the only wicket takers today. A great effort by this younger team against the competition leaders. Might be an idea to get the keeper down to training on Wednesday for some tips.

Sixth Grade v. Lisarow @ Lisarow Sporting Field

This game against the competition frontrunners went full term of 35 overs each and even though the scorebooks will show a one-sided affair, I'm proud to report our boys never gave in!

Bowling first after losing the toss is normally no issue for the team but for the second time this year an opposition batsman piled on a ton (113* with 15 x 4's and 3 x 6's) to stake their claim of 4/246. Dave Carr snagged 3 of those wickets in his 7 overs.

At 4/13, the run chase was in tatters and to make matters worse, losing wickets again at 72, 73, 74, and 76 it was all but game over. The innings ended with your BWCC boys with 8/104 and the positive to be taken is we were not bowled out and that can help in the run to the finals. Lee (32) joined skipper Blocker (26) to post a 59-run partnership as Tony (24*) held up the innings' end.

Fifth Grade v. Lisarow @ Adcock #7



Fresh from his media appearances for a major cosmetics company, skipper Bill (3/35) led the boys onto the fertile grounds of Adcock 7 and gave himself the new ball with SK (2/27). At 4/18 and then 5/38 it appeared the right decision was made - and then reality hit..... The 6th wicket stance featured 9 sixes and 11 fours just from one end resulted in a 173-run partnership (SR 160%) that tore our usually tight bowling apart. Dominic eventually picked up the prized wicket to break the pair - beautifully stumped by keeper Aaron, but the damage was already done and 9/231 posted on the board. Wickets also to Michael and Jackson, both with 1/57.

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Jacko (18) probably thought he could handle the run chase himself and as he has done so many times before, launched into the bowling attack like he was storming Normandy. Young Kiran was elevated up the batting order in a strategic move and he didn't disappoint! He showed all the poise and composure of a veteran to reach 16* before the rains came in the 17th over. The team would not take to the field again that day as the skipper recited "we're not going anywhere whilst it's raining". This only incited the opposition into a tirade of abuse and threats, misquoted rules and phone calls but at the end of the day Bill made the right decision. Once you are off the field due to rain, play cannot commence unless both Captains agree the conditions are **safe**. Match drawn and 4th spot on the ladder maintained.

Two day games.

Fourth Grade v. Wyong @ Adcock #3

In a common theme, rain delays affected this game and only 45 overs were sent down. The opposition sit at 7/130 so doing the math, with 80 overs left to play, this becomes a 125 over game and round that to 63 overs each. No doubt the opposition will come out swinging tomorrow and it's up to our boys to contain the runs to setup the run chase.

Lachlan proved to be a handful for the opposition batsmen on his way to 4/29 from 7 and Pete should be out of the Radox bath by noon tomorrow as he works to repair himself after sending down 20 overs (11 maidens) last week and achieving 2/23. Not to be outdone, Tim chimed in with his own wicket in 9 economical overs. It could smell like an over-35 soccer game tomorrow with the sweet bouquet of deep heat and liniment in the air!

Third Grade v. Wyong @ Kanwal

Yet again, the rain impacted the game we love to play in Summer. Frosty won the toss and sent out a combination of youth (Joel 55) and experience (Graham 24) that worked well together and posted a healthy 45 run opening stand. Brad (27*) is hoping he can find a partner to stick around to finish off the innings but at 8/134 the options are fast running out. We have 15 overs left to snag a few more runs and set a competitive total.

Second Grade v. Wyong @ Adcock #1

Stumps were pulled at the 45 over mark and if it weren't for the experienced minds of Byrne (38) and Plint (21) it could have been a disaster! Wickets fell regularly as the boys were not allowed to settle into their innings. Full credit to Lewis (17) for starting a revival in the tail which Dane (33*) stepped up a few notches and is hoping Mitch and Brock stick around to add to the 8/134 currently on the board.

The team would like to pass on their appreciation to Jane for running the canteen.

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First Grade v. Wyong @ Baker Park

Batting first after being sent in in an away game is not usually a welcome sign. Add to that the element of rain delays and it becomes that much more difficult. The opening pair of the revised batting strategy was rocked early with Carl's departure which brought Captain Ben to the middle to join Dave. Their "run a ball" 85 run partnership was great viewing for the spectators in the best viewing area on the Coast with the red being sent to all corners of the ground with no respect for the bowling attack. Ben eventually holed out at long on for a well-earned 47 from 52 deliveries. That seemed to trigger a mini collapse and in no time, we've gone from 2/91 to 5/103 and then 6/116. Dave took control again and if it weren't for an unfortunate LBW decision there's no doubt he would have posted many more than the 71 next to his name in the book. His efforts rated a mention in the local paper and the game is now poised for a cracker finish with the team 9/173 and the Searle boys at the crease - both looking determined to ride out the 16 overs left in the innings.

Day 1 ended after 58 overs were bowled at Baker Park, with Brisbane Water's David Mitchell top scoring with an impressive knock of 71 runs against Wyong.

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We look forward to bringing you the next rounds of one day games and to close out the commentary on our senior grades which all look to have exciting finishes.

Don't forget about the after-match function at Adcock Park #1 where our Fourth Grade will be preparing the BBQ and you won't have to wait for this weekly update for results as you'll hear it straight from each team tomorrow.



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