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Behind the Stumps

IFCR President's Message

Hi, to all fellow Cricketing Rotarians. This is the first opportunity I've had to make contact with you since I became President of IFCR at the Australian Rotary Cricket Festival in Bundaberg last October, 2008. I am very honoured to be your President and trust I can measure up to the high standards set by my predecessors.

To Ian Petherick and Alison I extend a "special thanks" for a job well done during your two years at the helm and for all the work you did in organising the Bundaberg Festival. Bundaberg was an outstanding success and thoroughly enjoyed by not only our Aussie Rotarians but also by our great Rotary cricket friends from New Zealand and India. Ian and Alison have indeed set new standards for future festivals.

Another outstanding event was the Bradman weekend held in Bowral on 21/ 22nd February 2009. How wonderful it was to celebrate 100 years since the birth of the Don at the Bowral Oval and Bradman Museum with IFCR members from all over Australia. The efforts of Bob Aitken, Graeme Amoore and PP of Rotary Club of Berrima District John Macpherson, in planning and implementing the events of the weekend were very much appreciated. Special guests for the weekend were cricketing great Alan Davidson and Adelaide Rotarian and long time friend of Sir Donald, Ralph Arthur whose presence made this an event to be remembered. All who attended were presented with a specially struck medal to celebrate Sir Donald Bradman, cricketer and Rotarian of 43 years. Almost 80 people attended the Saturday night dinner at the Mittagong RSL Club to enjoy Rotary fellowship and be entertained by guest speakers Alan Davidson and Ralph Arthur. The event also featured in the April edition of Rotary Down Under (RDU) with a full page article and photographs.

To keep the IFCR ball rolling, in March Roy Powell led another very successful IFCR tour to New Zealand.

What a busy time we have ahead of us in the next eighteen months beginning very shortly with an IFCR Australian team who will leave for our now traditional "Ashes Tour" to the UK. Bruce Pooley and I will lead the tour with Patrick O'Shea as Captain and Warren Fricke his deputy. Our group will consist of 29 players and supporters and their participation once again highlights the popularity of this tour. We will depart from Capital cities around Australia on 13th June and rendezvous in Hong Kong for a few days before arriving in UK on the 16th June. Keith Hopkins the President of IFCR, UK and his team have arranged a fantastic tour covering the length and breadth of the UK.

On return from the UK tour we will be kept busy organising Australian teams to participate in the 6th World Rotary Cricket Festival to be held in Durban, South Africa from 7th to 13th March 2010. We are hoping to have at least three teams from Australia so hopefully you have sent back your expression of

IFCR President's Message continued...

interest form to Secretary Graeme Amoore. If not, do so now! This is an opportunity too good to miss!

To round off 2010, the Australian Rotary Festival of Cricket will be held in Western Australia in November 2010. I have met with the Board of the Midland-Guildford Cricket Club and can advise the festival will be held at the renowned WA cricket location of "Lilac Hill". Lilac Hill is located in the Swan Valley wine growing region on the outskirts of Perth. Among the many attractions of the Swan Valley including numerous wineries and restaurants, it also boasts the Vines Resort and golf course. Definite dates for our festival will not be available until this October 2009, when the Australian Cricket Board will announce the date of the tour opener match held each year at Lilac Hill. Shortly after the ACB announcement is made I will be able to advise IFCR members the exact date of our 2010 Australian Rotary Festival of Cricket.

I must make mention of the tragic and devastating Victorian bush fires. IFCR Past President Don McQueen and his wife Anne had a real battle to save their home and the Hume and Hovell Cricket ground. Fortunately they were successful. Our thoughts, best wishes and condolences go out to all those so badly affected by the fires.

In closing, let me ask you to seek out more Rotarians to join our great fellowship. You can be assured the opportunity to share Rotary and cricket experiences will provide a lifetime of great memories. Also don't forget to regularly visit our IFCR Australia website www.rotarycricket.org on which Richard Groom spends a lot of his time keeping it up to date and full of interesting information.

*Yours in Rotary Cricket Fellowship,
David Horsley, President IFCR Australia.*

STOP PRESS

Tour of UK - The Ashes are Back

The touring Aussie IFCR have returned home with the Rotary Ashes trophy after a number of years being held by GB&I.

The Ashes game was held at Harborne and was part of the Rotary International World Convention at Birmingham.

The touring party, managed by President David Horsley, assisted by Bruce Pooley and Captained by Patrick O'Shea with Warren Fricke as vice Captain have just completed a 26-day tour to the UK.

Following a 3-day stopover in Hong Kong, where a game of bowls was held at the Hong Kong Cricket Club, (It was out of cricket season) the party of 29 arrived in London on the 16th June. A total of 8 games were scheduled, of which rain caused one washout. Most of the tour was in the Midlands and into Scotland and finished at Fordingbridge. All up the team won 6 out of the 7 games they played, a really good effort.

A more detailed report on the tour is available on the website.



IFCR match at Harborne CC -
Pat O'Shea dabs the ball
to third man

New Members.

Since our last Newsletter (note our new name "Behind the Stumps") we welcome the following new members:

Robin Grundon, Peter Tull, Len O'Hanlon, Jack McGorm, Ross Peddlesden, Colin Whiteman, Trevor Blackley, Peter Fitz, Mark Wallace, Murray Scholz, Michael McClaren, David Alexander, Len Glare, Craig Booth, Mike Brzozowski, Colin Lawson, Steve Macdonald, Doug King, Peter Perkins and Andrew Maunder. We hope that you enjoy the many activities that IFCR can offer.

We are always looking for new members and Membership is available at \$15/year, \$50/5 years or a one off Life Time Membership for \$100. Application forms are available under the Australian section of our website www.rotarycricket.org There are still some members unfinancial so if you have overlooked or forgotten your renewal payment it is not too late to do it now. Don't lose contact, please advise the Secretary of any change in address, phone number or email address.

Rotary International Convention- Birmingham June 2009

The following is a message received from KRP Sarathy, from Hyderabad, India concerning his visit to the Rotary International Convention at Birmingham.

Quote

This is to share with you all the fantastic experience I had at International Rotary Convention at Birmingham (from 21st to 24th June 09) being part of the "House Of Friendship" and helping to man the IFCR booth. The initiatives taken by IFCR Chairman Mike Jackson to set up such a booth at the convention is exemplary and the groundwork done by Keith Hopkins, Chairman IFCR GB & I, to utilize the occasion to have an enjoyable Fellowship game and barbeque (on 23rd Jun) on the sidelines of the convention is equally laudable.

The keen interest shown by the visiting delegates at IFCR booth (particularly quite a few from the African Countries and West Indies) has vindicated the need to promote and popularise this fellowship amongst our global Rotarians at such a platform. Kudos to Mike, Keith, Foster and David and other volunteers of GB & I to keep it going for all the four days of the convention with great enthusiasm. It was heartening to see Gerald with couple of his Rotarian friends from South Africa using the occasion to circulate the details of next Rotary Cricket Festival at Durban in March 2010.

We also had members of IFCR Australian team (on their bilateral tour of GB & I) in Birmingham during the convention and it was only fitting that the Australian and GB & I team played their traditional "ASHES TEST" on 23rd Jun09, the fellowship day. Our friend Ravi from Chennai flew all the way only to be part of this memorable atmosphere and we had active participation from Gerald from South Africa, Agam Rao and Prakash from India during the fellowship game on 23rd Jun 09.

Although the results of the two games played on 23rd Jun are insignificant in keeping with the IFCR spirit, the grudging remark of Mike Jackson at the end of the day, while presenting the trophy, that the Aussies have regained the "ASHES" emphasised that the friendly rivalry and competitiveness is not lost after all. I had the proud privilege of being asked to lead a REST OF THE WORLD team against GB & I (it was a wonderfully fought close game) and it was great feeling to mix and interact with fellow IFCRians from Australia, South Africa, England and India.

Profound thanks to Mike Jackson, Keith Hopkins and his team for organising the cricket games and fellowship to make this trip to the Birmingham convention all the more memorable. Frankly speaking IFCR connections and activity have been the key factor, which motivated me to be in Birmingham during the convention.

Attending the AGM of GB & I and a plenary session of International Fellowships Committee as an invitee were other cherishable moments of the Birmingham trip.

Will try and upload the above write up and few pictures taken during the occasion on our IFCR International website.

With best wishes and regards to the entire IFCR fraternity,

KRP Sarathy,
Secretary, IFCR INDIA,
Dist Chair (Vocational and Recreational Fellowships),
RI 3150,Hyderabad

End Quote

Australian Festival - Bundaberg October 2008.

It only seems like yesterday that we were all in Bundaberg for our bi-annual Festival.

The organising committee from Bundaberg Sunrise lead by Ian Petherick and ably assisted by his wife Alison presented a great program of fun, fellowship and cricket activities.

The Festival started informally on the Saturday night with a BBQ at the home of Ian and Alison Petherick for those early arrivals.

On Sunday evening 12th October the official opening was held at the Bundaberg Civic Centre. The formalities included welcomes from the Mayor of Bundaberg and D 9750 Governor Terry Daley. Over 170 people attended the opening and closing events.

We were privileged to have join us 5 Rotarians and family from Chennai, eleven Rotarians from Hyderabad and a party of 25 from New Zealand. Prior to the Festival quite a few of these overseas visitors visited Far North Queensland and games were organised by Bill Souter in Cairns and Mission Beach. This created a lot of interest with the local Rotarians and has resulted in many new members joining IFCR. Well-done Bill.

The venue for the games was the Salter Oval, with the main oval and 3 adjacent grounds. By playing 2 x 33 over games on the main ground it allowed up to 5 games to be played each cricket day.

The central pavilion was ideally located for the after match reports and Man of the Match presentations.

On the Wednesday a combined New Zealand and Indian team played a Twenty20 game against an Australian selection, with the locals winning an entertaining game.

On the first 2 days, games involved 10 teams and the final games on the Thursday were reduced to 8 teams due to early departures and injuries. On the final day games were mixed teams from various parts of Australia plus India and New Zealand and was a wonderful day of cricket and fellowship even though rain did interfere.

Apart from the opening ceremony on the Sunday night there were half - day tours available for the

ladies and non-players. A river cruise and restaurant dinner, a curry night at Robert Ephraim's plus a casual BBQ during the Twent20 game gave plenty of time for fun and fellowship.

An early morning joint Rotary Breakfast Meeting heard from Stan Gilchrist, father of Adam, concerning his background, early cricket career and many anecdotes.

The final dinner and farewell was held at the Bundaberg RSL Club and a highlight was the drawing of the raffle, which had been running throughout the week, for an Adam Gilchrist signed and mounted cricket bat. As a result of this raffle and the auctioning of a limited edition Adam Gilchrist whisky decanter a cheque for \$20, 000 was donated to the Australian Rotary Health Fund. This was made possible by the generous support of the AMP Foundation who donated \$1 for every \$2 raised during the Festival.

Once again Rotary projects are benefiting from the generous support of IFCR members and friends.

Well done to everybody who participated in this great event.

Charity Game - Hume & Hovell

The annual Charity game at Hume and Hovell was again a success. Held in December last year, hosts Don and Anne once again provided excellent facilities and a great lunch.

Players came as far apart as Warrnambool through to Wagga Wagga and included three exchange students, Albin Swahn (Sweden), Hendrick Wortman (Germany), and Nick Jenkins (USA).

Moria Kelly's Children First Foundation was the beneficiary of the days fundraising and \$450 dollars was donated to them. CEO Margaret Smith with 10 children and carers joined for lunch and Margaret gave an update of happenings at the organisation.

The after match was highly entertaining with poetry recitals by Don McQueen and David Benn followed by several songs from Don and Anne's talented daughter Marney.

Unfortunately in the February Black Saturday bushfires Hume and Hovell was under siege and some damage was done to outer buildings, fencing

and plant however the house, ground, Pavilion and Bunk House were not damaged.

Put this in your diary now, this year's event will be had on Sunday 22 November 2009. More details will be on the website.

Bradman Centenary Celebration

IFCR were fortunate to be allocated a game at the Bradman Oval in Bowral in February. During 2008/09 many events were held to celebrate the Centenary of the birth of Sir Donald Bradman. Not only was Bradman the World's Greatest cricketer he was also a member of the Rotary Club of Adelaide.

The weekend opened with a Gala Dinner at the nearby Mittagong RSL where 77 members and guests enjoyed a night of Bradman nostalgia provided by Alan Davidson and Ralph Arthur.

Alan Davidson, former great NSW and Australian all-rounder enthralled the audience with his stories about Bradman the cricketer. Whilst Ralph Arthur a life long friend of Sir Donald, detailed many stories of Bradman the Rotarian. Interestingly enough Sir Donald joined the Rotary Club of Adelaide in 1947 and would have toured England in 1948 as a Rotarian.

Ralph, whose hobby is wood - carving, made a presentation to Chairman of the Bradman Foundation, Michael Ball, of a mounted miniature cricket bat. The bat was carved from an olive tree from the Bradman gardens. The presentation acknowledges the contribution by Sir Donald the Rotarian to cricket and was proudly on display in the Museum on the Sunday.

All attendees at the Dinner received a special Bradman medallion to mark the occasion.

The next day's cricket at Bowral was held in glorious weather. Two teams of 16 players batted in pairs using a modified Twenty20 format, which proved to be a highlight. This meant that everybody got to bat for 4 overs and bowled 2 overs each.

The Rotary Club of Berrima Districts provided lunch and afternoon tea. Club member John Macpherson was very helpful in arranging this and

also liaising with the Bradman Museum and Mittagong RSL concerning the local arrangements. Players and guests came from all the mainland states and the ACT, from Bundaberg to Busselton and Nambour to Northam. All up there were representatives from 18 Australian Districts, plus 2 from overseas Districts.

The event also resulted in 5 new members joining IFCR.

Special thanks to Bob Aitken for his work in helping to arrange the weekend.



IFCR at Bowral
- The teams again



IFCR Bowral - More port for Amooore

Annual General Meeting

At the last Annual General Meeting there was a change in office bearers and Board Members. The composition of the new Board is as follows:

President: David Horsley (WA), Vice President: Bruce Pooley (Vic), Treasurer: John Sheldrick (ACT), Secretary: Graeme Amooore (Vic), Other Board Members: Ian Petherick (Qld), Robert Brigden (SA), Syd Lewis (Vic), Richard Groom (Vic), Michael Boyd (Vic), Terry New (NSW), with Bob Aitken (NSW) ex-officio.

Welcome to new Board members, Syd Lewis and Terry New and a special thanks to Don McQueen, David Tomlinson, Bryan Fulcher and Peter McRae who have retired as their terms of office have been completed.

Ian Petherick has replaced David Breusch, who did not seek re-election, as IFCR World delegate.

Black Saturday Bushfires

Everybody was shocked at the devastation caused by the Black Saturday Bushfires.

Rotary clubs have been very active in its support in many ways. The IFCR Board, after investigating ways it could help, agreed to assist the Kinglake Cricket Club with a donation of equipment.

Kinglake was one of the major areas destroyed by the fires. With the assistance of Don McQueen, who also experienced fire damage, cricket equipment to the value of \$2300 has been arranged to replace items lost in the fire by the club and club members. Through Don's club, the Rotary Club of Yea, a presentation is to be made to the Kinglake Cricket Club in August.

Short Tour of New Zealand.

Roy Powell led his now annual short tour to New Zealand in March to coincide with the NZIFCR North/South game. This year the weekend was held at Palmerston North where they experienced some great home hosting but prior to that some of the touring party did a 20 km trek through snow and volcanic terrain. Whilst not having a full team the party of 8 players and 4 partners, with the help of some locals at each venue they played 4 games. At the same time a visiting Indian IFCR team was touring and there was a game against them as well as New Zealand.

The Brian Morgan trophy was up for grabs and in very cold conditions, Australia managed to retain the trophy for the 9th time.

The party was also lucky to see a Super 14 Rugby game between the Hurricanes and the Bulls and experienced some deep-sea fishing in the Cook Strait. The well-organised tour was greatly appreciated and special thanks to John Dean and Martin Townsend for their exceptional hospitality.

The 2010 tour seems likely to be at Queenstown in the South Island, with great opportunities for more adventures.

Australian Festival 2010.

David Horsley in his President's Message advises that the next Festival is due in Perth in November 2010.

Further details will be known by October this year after Cricket Australia finalises their touring schedule for 2010/11. The venue will be at the famous Lilac Hill in the Swan Valley, which is close by to Perth but a in a truly great part of WA. Stand by for further information.

6th World Rotary Cricket Festival South Africa March 2010

Arrangements are well underway for the 6th World Rotary Cricket Festival to be held in Durban, South Africa from the 7th -13 March 2010.

Expressions of Interest forms and Festival details were sent to Members in April. As a result a number of people replied to this invitation.

A follow up Registration Form was sent to all these people in early July asking them to confirm their interest by registering and to pay their initial deposit by the 21st August.

Those who have not replied yet are encouraged to do so and any other interested members can still register.

I can now give you further details that require your attention and action.

Event: 6th World Rotary Cricket Festival.
Venue: Durban, South Africa

Dates: 7 -13th March 2010

Accommodation: Blue Waters Hotel, Durban

1) Registration:

A registration form is elsewhere in the newsletter with the various details included. This covers the Festival registration, accommodation costs and an Australian based cost.

The Festival registration covers breakfast, airport transfers, official functions, and cricket including transport to/from, with accommodation additional to this.

The costs of other Rotary visits, some local tours and non - Festival functions are not covered.

The Australian fee of \$200 per person is to cover exchange variations, bank charges, name badges,

communication costs, gifts etc. Any surplus can be offset against the final costs or by agreement.

The initial payment is due by 21st August as outlined on the form.

Final payment is due in Mid December.

2) Airfares:

Shortly I will be advising you of our preferred Travel agent with whom you can make a group airfare booking. You have the option of making your own arrangements if you wish.

To qualify for group bookings a minimum of 10 people will have to depart on the same day. However return dates are flexible.

3) Pre/ Post Festival Tours.

Many people have expressed an interest in pre or post Festival tours. The majority prefers post Festival.

Members will be free to make their own arrangements and if the Sri Lankan Festival is an example many people will get together to form their own group

The Festival organisers on their website have a link to a local tour company, Shaka Tours and Safaris, who are offering a range of tours.

On a previous Australian IFCR tour to South Africa, Verity Bester a Director of Uyaphi.com and daughter of our member Robert Queale was able to arrange post tours. Their web site is www.uyaphi.com

Like wise the appointed Travel agent will be able to assist.

The Festival promises to be a great event and the organiser are confident the program they have put in place will be attractive to everybody.

Please encourage any of you Rotary friends, IFCR members or not, to consider this tour.

Further information can be found on the website www.rotarycricket.org and under the various links.

4) Festival Program.

The draft Festival program is below.

VENUE: DURBAN - SOUTH AFRICA

DRAFT PROGRAM

Saturday 6th March 2010

Arrival of Australian Teams

Sunday 7th March 2010

Arrival of Other Teams

Orientation at Blue Waters Hotel - Flag Ceremony

Sunday Welcoming Dinner at Sun Coast Convention Centre.

Team Photos at Sun Coast

Monday 8th March 2010

Mass photo - Monday AM at Blue Waters Hotel Pool Area.

Inter Country Matches 35 Over each games

Match Reports - After cricket at Blue Waters Hotel & cocktails

Tuesday 9th March 2010

Mixed teams at Kingsmead Oval [say 15 over matches] for the really keen & fit cricketers - for others - day at leisure.

Ladies travel to Selborne - Hostess Ann Pettigrew

Wine tasting event in evening - as well as Auction of Memorabilia **

Wednesday 10th March 2010

Inter Country Matches 35 Over each games

Match Reports after games at cricket grounds

Home hospitality – Dinner at Rotarians Homes

Thursday 11th March 2010

Mixed teams at Kloof Country Club [say 15 over matches] for the really keen & fit cricketers - for others - day at leisure.

AGM 17h00 to 19h00

Friday 12th March 2010

Inter Country Matches 35 Over each games

Match Reports after games at cricket grounds

Final event Friday night - Dinner @ Kingsmead -

Presidents Suite

Saturday 13th March 2010

Departure for Home or on Tours -

01.03.2009

REGISTRATION FORM - 6TH WORLD ROTARY CRICKET FESTIVAL
DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA, 7-13th MARCH 2010

Name: **Partners Name:**
(For Badge) (If accompanying)

Mailing Address:

Preferred Phone No: **Email address:**

Rotary Club: **Dist:** **Rotary Membership no.**
(Check with Club Sec.)

Costs

Registration Fee: Player = A\$490 Spouse/Partner/Non Playing Umpire/Non Players = A\$330

Accommodation: Blue Waters Hotel. **Arrival:** 6th March 2010 **Departure:** 13th March = 7 nights
Additional days may be requested. Room rate includes Breakfast and Transfers to/from Airport.

Type of Room:

Double room with double bed = A\$95 **per person per day** Yes/no x 2 x 7 days =

Double room, twin share = A\$95 **per person per day** Yes/no x 2 x 7 days =

Single room = A\$150 per day Yes/no x 7 days =

3 sharing a room = A\$85 **per person per day** Yes/no x 7 days =

A) Total South African costs = Registration + Accommodation =

B) 50% payable by 21st August =

Plus

C) Australian based costs @ \$200 per person =

D) Total deposit payable by 21st August: B + C =

Balance and adjustment of final costs to be advised then payable by mid December.

Please complete form and return with payment to:

Graeme Amoore, Secretary IFCR Australia, P.O. Box 7234 Beaumaris, Vic. 3193
(M) 0418357812 (P) 03-95891903 (F) 03-95895063.

Return and payment date 21st August.

Payment can be made by Cheque payable to IFCR Australia or direct bank payment.

Bank details are: National Australia Bank. A/C name: IFCR Australia Inc BSB:082 610 A/C No: 536442376.

Please reference your payment with your surname and SA or send a copy of the payment details.