



Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association

5th Annual Report

Season 2005 - 06



HONOUR ROLL 2005 – 2006 SEASON

**1st Grade Grand Final – Mona Park # 1
Burwood Briars bt South Sydney**

Umpires – Alan Green / Chris Taylor

**2nd Grade Grand Final – Rothwell Park
Lane Cove bt South Sydney**

Umpires – Stephen Blomfield / Brett Osseweyer

**3rd Grade Grand Final – Tantallon Oval
Burwood Briars bt Warringah**

Umpires – Peter Friend / Glenn Roche

**4th Grade Grand Final – Alan Davidson Oval
Macquarie Uni bt Burwood Briars**

Umpires – Tony Bird / Spencer Harrison

**Frank Gray Grand Final – Alan Davidson Oval
Epping bt Burwood Briars**

Umpires – Brett Osseweyer / Glenn Roche

OFFICE BEARERS OF THE SSCUA

As at June 2006

PRESIDENT

July 2001 – July 2003	Peter Turner
July 2003 – July 2004	Bruce Parfett
July 2004 - July 2005	John Moore
July 2005 -	George Richards

SECRETARY

July 2001 -	Stephen Blomfield
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TREASURER

July 2001 -	Gordon Smith
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2005 - 2006 Management Committee



From Left to Right –

Gordon Smith (Treasurer), Jim Shellens , George Richards (President)
Stephen Blomfield (Secretary) , Trevor Schokman , Chris Kearney
Missing (Owen Ridge – Resigned October 2005)

The Peter Turner Umpire of the Year Award

2001 – 2002	Bruce Parfett
2002 – 2003	Bruce Parfett
2003 – 2004	John Moore
2004 – 2005	Stephen Blomfield
2005 – 2006	Chris Taylor

Umpire of the Year / Criteria to win

The winner must have umpired a minimum of 11 matches during the season. Frank Gray games can make up part of the minimum 11 games however an umpire does not qualify unless at least 8 of the 11 games are Saturday Shires Matches. At least 7 of the 8 matches must be preliminary round matches. Any match where an umpire is only available on 1 day of a 2 day fixture does not count towards the 11 minimum matches. The winner of the award must have attended at least 1 (one) General meeting of the Association during the season (AGM not included).



**Stephen Blomfield receives the Umpire of the Year Award 2004/05
From Peter Turner at the 4th Annual General Meeting (July 2005)**

Most Improved Umpire Of The Year Award

2004 – 2005 Geoff Taylor
2005 – 2006 Chris Kearney

A total of 11 members qualified to contest the most improved umpire of the year award this season. The list below shows each members improvement from season 2004/05 to season 2005/06.

The improvement is expressed as a percentage.

Chris Kearney	19.58%
Gordon Smith	14.43%
Chris Taylor	13.34%
Spencer Harrison	12.31%
Peter Friend	10.76%
Tony Bird	10.22%
Brett Osseweyer	9.53%
Jim Shellens	7.38%
George Richards	6.66%
Stephen Blomfield	2.23%
Trevor Schokman	2.09%

Most Improved Umpire of the Year - Criteria to win

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**Geoff Taylor receives the Inaugural Most Improved Umpire of the Year Award 2004/05
From Jim Cameron at the 4th Annual General Meeting (July 2005)**

A Message from the Sydney Shires Competition Sub Committee

To All Shires Umpires

I have great pleasure in accepting your kind invitation to write this short note about our season 2005/06.

It was another glorious summer of cricket on the Shire's playgrounds around Sydney. It was made so much more enjoyable by the excellent performance of your members umpiring our matches. Without your efforts, our Competition would be seriously reduced in effectiveness and status and the relationships between the Clubs would be significantly affected. This in turn, would make the job of administrating the competition very difficult.

As usual we had our highlights. The finals were expertly handled and everyone walked away having respect for the game, their opponents, their hosts and the umpires. We had our game at the SCG against the Grade IX (which we nearly won) and our other Representative game. The Frank Gray Competition ran smoothly to a wonderful Final and the attendance of many of your members at the Shires Grand Final Breakfast and the Shires dinner was very much appreciated.

Similarly the regular competition was again fiercely contested but we had some highs and not so high moments. The slow over rates by some first grade teams was a concern as was the unfortunate reporting of some players who should have known better. That the contest is combative is absolutely no excuse for shabby player behaviour. It shows lack of respect for others especially the umpires and our great competition. Nevertheless, this is a challenge for all concerned - the players, the captains, their officials and the umpires. All of these groups have to improve their man management skills and the use of humour and "cooling off" or "instant reflective periods" are particularly worthy of more attention. Communication and perspective are the keys.

Having said that we all enjoy the camaraderie of the Shire's game as we get to know the personalities involved. Often the use of familiar players and officials, who we know and can rely upon, may diffuse a potentially explosive position.

I note that we had some umpires down into third grade from time to time. This is our constant aim -to cover all grades with the men in black and white. The Clubs have to take more responsibility here and help recruit them. Also the use of home umpires is to be encouraged until we are able to cover the situation permanently.

In conclusion on behalf of all of the Shire's clubs, I wish to convey our gratitude and appreciation for all your wonderful efforts in attending our games. Special mention goes to President George Richards, Secretary Stephen Blomfield and your committee.

We look forward to seeing you all at our clubs next season.

Stirling Hamman
Chairman
Sydney Shire's Competition Sub -Committee

A Message from the NSW Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association

I had the opportunity this past year to travel to a number of countries who are part of the "cricket family", as those marketing people now prefer to refer to them, London, Dubai, Bangkok as well as our own inter-State colonies. Throughout those places the message was clear – the respect that the NSW Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association is held, not just for its administration and training but in the standard of the umpires it has produced.

I of course include all Affiliated Associations when I relate to the NSW Cricket Umpires and Scorers as we are all part of the one identity and no one more so than the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires, who by the mere fact of operating within the Sydney Cricket Association competitions are closer to the 'pointy end' of the development operations than most.

I also understand that we can not all umpire to the same standard of a Darrell Hair or a Simon Taufel, the ICC umpire representatives of this Association but we can all claim to operate in the same competition and we can all aim to emulate their career path – should we wish to.

Darrell Hair on one of his rotational duties was once welcomed to a 2nd Grade Shire match by the Captain saying, "It's about time you came to where the real cricket is played". This throw away line is not far from the truth. No earpiece here to pick up the stump mike, no 3rd umpire to pass the buck to, you live by your own decisions in a game that is of equal importance to the players participating as a Ricky Ponting or a Brian Lara in theirs.

It is beholding of us all then to be the best we can be and to strive for the perfection that is often expected. How many of you have made use of the on-line Web examination? This \$50,000 programme was an initiative of your Association to not only allow for potential members to access the required entrance examination but for all our existing members to use as a continuing resource for Law knowledge. The Darrell's and the Simon's continue to hone their skills of knowledge to a high degree, the players involved in your game expect you to do the same. No cost is involved in this exercise; just use your membership number to gain entry to the examination. I suggest you start trialling now as it is the intentions of the Association Board to have all active members carry out re-examination, without penalty for failure I hasten to add other than to re-try.

The past season was not all that we hoped it would be in relation to umpire numbers. It never ceases to amaze me that whilst the Association numbers steadily increase (now over 1100) the numbers operating in the Sydney Cricket Association remains as static to-day as it was in 1988. Sadly no serious consideration to find the cause of this distraction to officiate at this level is part of any future planning by the SCA; in fact no future plan is considered.

However the numbers we have available to us would allow us, if all were available at one time, to cover all grades of Grade and Shires, and maybe even Women's games. I am willing to propose that at least one day of the 2006/07 competition be compulsory for any one officiating in the SCA, I am sure that your Secretary and appointments guru, Stephen Blomfield will join me in that aim. Talking of Stephen it would be amiss of me not only to acknowledge his commitment, high standard of operation and co-operation but to thank him for his continued assistance during the past year, and indeed years. The SSCUA members should always be aware, and be grateful that they have someone of the high calibre as Stephen. The rest of the "cricket family" is. See you in 2006/07

Peter Hughes – Executive Officer , NSWCU&SA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2005 – 2006

I have much pleasure in presenting my President's Report for the season 2005-2006.

I would like to add my congratulations to those listed by our Secretary in his exemplary report. I congratulate the following -

* Chris Taylor on winning the Peter Turner Award for the Umpire of the Year. It was a pleasure to see the award accepted at the Shires Dinner on his behalf by Stirling Hamman, as Chris had fled home from our southern winter.

* Chris Kearney on winning The Most Improved Umpire Award.

* All the umpires who officiated in the final series, and those who represented the Association in the representative matches played by a Shires XI.

* All the umpires who officiated in Shires games during the year, through the grades and in the Frank Gray competition. Teams and skippers warmly welcomed the presence of umpires – as Alan Davidson has said so often, without umpires it isn't a game.

Some players, having watched the ICC panel umpires in action on TV, especially Australia's Simon Taufel, Darrell Hair and Daryl Harper, expect to get the same service from our members – despite the absence of third umpires, instant replays, full recordings of each match for later perusal, (often) official scorers, walkie-talkies, and good accommodation. I am glad to see how well our members perform without these advantages.

There were bumpy moments in the season, but it was good to see how members openly brought suggestions and complaints to the committee. I hope those members who did this are satisfied with the explanations given and results achieved. The Secretary has referred in his report to relations with the Shires Sub Committee and the SCA. I support him in his comments. It is shame how the administrative burden he handles so well is so often increased by his having to chase up matters long delayed in the pipeline, such as captains' reports and such as our complaints about misbehaving players.

And that brings me to the Secretary himself. He is a gem. Without Stephen Blomfield, I feel safe in saying, the Shires competition would be back in the old days of player-umpires who may or may not know the Laws of Cricket and who may or may not be as unbiased and balanced as our members. Stephen keeps copious statistics, which are not just a collection of trivia – for instance the valuable percentage figures he quotes for the supply of umpires to matches in all grades. As you are well aware, Stephen is on the phone or at his email many times during the week, keeping us well-informed about all aspects of the season. He constantly battles with late withdrawals, match cancellations or transfers, and other confusing and aggravating tribulations. His is a thankless task – so here are my thanks, at least.

I would also like to thank the members of our committee who have provided wise counsel during the year, when cool heads and calmness were needed. I am sure the incoming committee will serve us well.

I thank all members for their roles in the last season, and offer my best wishes that the coming season will be full of sunny days, no flies, perfect pitches (something in them for batsmen and bowlers), loud snicks, clean catches – and great afternoon teas.

George Richards - Association President

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2005 – 2006

It is with a great deal of pleasure I present this my fifth Secretary's Report for the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association for the 2005/06 season.

Our fifth year was an up and down season – Numbers were slightly down on last season and our overall match coverage in conjunction with spare umpires from Grade Cricket was also slightly down on last season. Our thanks are extended to all the participating members of the Grade panel who back filled into Shires when the numbers of available umpires in Grade Cricket were at a surplus.

Our ongoing goal of having enough umpires to cover every 2nd Grade match in every round as well as to give some 3rd Grade matches umpire coverage fell well short of the mark. It's been a disappointment to me this season that the Shire's Clubs, the Competition Sub Committee and particularly the SCA itself have all shown an apparent apathy towards the topic of umpire recruitment for our competition. Despite numerous requests for the above mentioned to become more active on this topic little to no interest has been generated. It is particularly noticeable that the SCA continues to adopt an apathy towards the topic of umpire recruitment as long as Grade Cricket continues to just barely have enough umpires for its competition each season. And as for the Shires Clubs and Sub Committee, they seem to kick the problem back to the SCA suggesting it's not their responsibility to recruit umpires for a competition that is run by the SCA even though it is they who are directly being affected with umpire shortages for their very own competition. In the last three seasons I have prepared two lengthy written submissions for the Shires Competition Sub Committee as well as another one for the SCA Committee of Management on the topic of umpire recruitment and not one of those submissions was given any sort of meaningful discussion at the committee's they were submitted to. And therein lies the problem.

Whilst we as an Association appreciate and acknowledge the \$200 per club that is granted to us for administration and recruitment the fact remains that money doesn't guarantee new umpires and that a decent supply of new umpires is never going to transpire unless the SCA, The Competition Sub Committee and the 14 Shires Clubs pitch in and come together as a united group to take a pro-active role on the subject of umpire recruitment.

Whilst the concept of having enough active umpires in this Association to cover all 1st and 2nd Grade Shires Matches as well as some regular 3rd Grade is fantastic goal to have, the reality of this goal given the above lack of support from the above Governing bodies might currently be unrealistic. Hopefully I can be proven wrong in the not too distant future.

In season 2005-06 the following umpire allocations were able to be achieved in the Sydney Shires Competition -

- * **100%** umpire coverage of all days play in First Grade Shires
- * **100%** umpire coverage of all days play in Frank Gray Matches (Sunday Play Only)
- * **64%** umpire coverage of all days play in Second Grade Shires (a drop of 18%)
- * **21%** umpire coverage of all days play in Third Grade Shires (No Change)
(57% of this coverage being in finals matches)
- * **8%** umpire coverage of all days play in Fourth Grade Shires (a drop of 3%)
(94% of this coverage being in finals matches)

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In summary we as an Association supplied at least one umpire to 363 days of cricket within a competition that conducted 682 days of play. This is a completion rate of **53.22%** of days played in the entire 5 competitions conducted in the Shires Association. This is compared to last seasons all time high of 56.89%

The coverage of **64%** in Shires Second Grade was disappointing to say the least, especially after we had an 82% completion rate last season in this grade. Possible reasons are numerous with the main one being a lower number of grade umpires being leftover and allocated to a Shires match from round to round. It actually at times was quite disheartening being given sometimes up to ten grade umpires for a round of Shires cricket only to regularly see just about every one of them taken back to grade as pullouts occurred leading up to each Saturdays play. Although numbers in second grade were down general comments from second grade captains continued to praise the quality of umpires who participated in that grade during the season. Congratulations to all involved.

This season we had eleven new members join our Association of which only 9 were active on the field. Of the nine active members all of these gentlemen did good jobs during the season. I hope all of our new members to Shires Cricket enjoyed their time with us and I hope to see them all back next season. Please join me in welcoming to our ranks the following members –

Vijay Bharadwaj - Vijay only had the opportunity to umpire two matches this season but was very keen, and from all accounts did very well in the games he officiated in. I am sure he'll be back on board next season to umpire the majority of the season in 2006/2007.

Graeme Cocks - Graeme passed a recent umpires exam and wanted to try his hand at officiating. Unfortunately illness after three matches saw Graeme have to pass up on the opportunity of umpiring anymore matches during the season. Hopefully he can get well and try again next season.

Patrick Dobbin - One of the disappointments of the season. Was keen as mustard leading up to the start of the season but quit after only one and a half games. Further attempts to contact Patrick later in the season to see if he wanted another go proved fruitless with no response to emails sent and phone messages left. Maybe next year.

William Luke - William passed our October training course and started up from Round 5 and did a great job in his debut season. William probably had a "leg up" being an ex Shires player for Roseville (it's so much easier to fit into the competition as an umpire if you've previously played in the competition). I predict a bigger and better summer for William next year as he moves into a full season in Shires cricket in season 2006/07

Rob Maloney - Rob came to us with a background of having umpired in the local Sutherland Competition and did a pretty good job in his first season in Shires. Was slightly hampered with unavailabilities causing him to umpire in only 8 complete matches and unfortunately was not available for the finals matches. Hopefully with a taste of Shires Cricket under his belt bigger and better things await for Rob in his second season with us

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Jonathan Marquet - Jonathan is the “baby” of the Association joining us mid way through the season at the age of 20. However his age was not a problem and he performed above expectation in the 3 complete matches and 3 half matches that he participated in during the season. With his competency and age being a big plus I'm sure Jonathan could make a real go at a career of umpiring if that's what he wants. Hopefully he can commit to a full season next season and then look at what he can do in Grade Cricket in future seasons.

Bill Pardy - Bill who was umpiring this season in the GPS Schools competition came to us looking for some games during the GPS mid season break. Bill also has experience from the Mid 1990's where he spent a few seasons in Grade cricket. In all Bill did 4 games with us before finishing the season off in GPS and I hope that his experience in Shires Cricket might sway him to come across to Shires full time next season.

Derek Ponsford - Derek contacted us prior to the start of the season looking to umpire in Shires Cricket after having made the move from Newcastle where he had been umpiring in the local Newcastle Association. Derek umpired just about every game this season in the Saturday competition and fitted into the Shires system really well. I hope to see him back next season for another year.

Gary Street - Gary (a mate of Gordon Smith's) was introduced to Shires Cricket after having completed a couple of seasons in Grade cricket in recent years. Gary was as keen as mustard and made himself available for all Saturday and Sunday Frank Gray Games. In the end he completed a total of 18 matches in the season. Congratulations Gary on your debut season in Shires and we all hope to see you next summer

Jon Hasty & Vishy Narayanan – New members this season who were non active

All up this season we had a total of **54** paying members an increase of 9 compared to last season with 11 new members (9 active , 2 non active) and 2 non renewals. Of our 54 members only 20 umpired in 10 matches or more, which is a disappointing result and a drop from last seasons tally of 23. Eleven of our members were inactive from umpiring in SCA controlled matches this season, an increase of four from last season

In on field issues the SCA after a number of years of suggesting finally embraced bonus points in Saturday Grade and Shires matches that were played as limited overs fixtures. This decision finally gave clubs the opportunity to make up lost ground when playing weaker opponents in one day games and gave them the opportunity to collect extra valuable points in matches they would have normally hoped to get 10 points if drawn against weaker opponents in a two day fixture. The bonus points idea was also introduced into the Frank Gray Competition and this certainly put a bit more spice back into matches that in the past have meandered along at one pace. The other big change in SCA matches was the deletion of the tough leg side wide call in limited overs matches. This decision caused a lot of angst particularly from the Frank Gray players who as a rule did not like the change. Interestingly though was no complaints from captains in limited overs matches played on Saturdays. Whether or not this new wide rule survives after its debut season is anybody's guess. A full update will be provided at the July 19 AGM on this issue as well as any other pending rule changes for the upcoming season.

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During the season three of our members received appointments to representative matches. Alan Green officiated in the Annual Shires XI Vs Grade XI match at the SCG which was closely won by the Grade XI. Gordon Smith umpired the Shires XI Vs Churches XI match at Tantallon Oval whilst Geoff Taylor received the appointment to the Shires Vs Districts match at Bexley Oval only to have the match called off a few days before start due to the Districts side remarkably not being able to field a full team on the date set aside. A Report on the Grade and the Churches matches appears elsewhere in this report.

Players reported this season were (thankfully) down on last season's count of 19. This season a total of 12 players (still though too many) were reported either by members of this Association or clubs reporting on opposing clubs in matches that did not have umpires appointed to it. I think the trend in the last two seasons that has seen reporting offences so high is the increased volume of "ex" grade (and overseas) players coming into the Shires system and bringing with them a style of behaviour that has not been part of Shires culture. It's up to all members of this Association to ensure that you do not settle for second best when it comes to recalcitrant behaviour and these persons are brought into line and firmly told that the behaviour they bring into the Shires Community is not acceptable. In regards to player behaviour, A disappointing issue this season was the SCA lapsing back into old bad habits and allowing in many cases a significant numbers of weeks to lapse between an umpires report being submitted and the case being heard. The best example was a Shires player reported in Round 10 whose case was not heard until 8 weeks later in the days leading up to the Grand Final. I sympathise with the Judiciary and their decision in this case – They really should never have had to be put in a position where they were being asked to potentially suspend a player from a Grand Final when he really should have been facing the charge many weeks beforehand. Hopefully Judiciary matters can get back on track next season and charges heard in a quicker timeframe. From what I've been told the whole reporting and judiciary process is possibly going to be overhauled in time for the 2006/07 season. The SSCUA welcomes any proposals from the SCA that will make these reporting and judiciary matters flow more smoothly than was the case last season because it certainly needs an overhaul.

In Competition news I am sure we all would like to extend our congratulations to the competition winners –

1st Grade Premiers – Burwood Briars

Burwood Briars 6 / 244 defeated South Sydney 152 at Mona Park # 1

2nd Grade Premiers – Lane Cove

Lane Cove 8 / 151 defeated South Sydney 147 at Rothwell Park

3rd Grade Premiers – Burwood Briars

Burwood Briars 252 defeated Warringah 169 at Tantallon Oval

4th Grade Premiers – Macquarie Uni

Macquarie Uni 5 / 169 defeated Burwood Briars 168 at Alan Davidson Oval

Frank Gray Shield Premiers – Epping

Epping 9 / 202 defeated Burwood Briars 74 at Alan Davidson Oval

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Grand Final weekend produced two fine days albeit very chilly on the Saturday. After the disappointments of a rain affected semi final weekend it was good to see all four grand final matches won on the field. Interestingly enough the lower placed side in all four games won the premiership and none of the four grades who took out the minor premiership took away the trophy which shows how even all four competitions were during the finals series.

The **First Grade** match was played at Mona Park with Minor Premiers South Sydney going down to a rampant Burwood Briars who realistically played their best cricket of the summer in the last three weekends of the season. Rolling Souths for 152 Burwood chased down the runs comfortably and the game was wound up just after lunch on day 2 with Burwood finishing at 6 for 244. Sean McKiernan from Burwood finished the season on a high with 71 not out in the semi final and then 103 not out in big one and was rightly awarded the 1st Grade Man of the match (Peter Toohey Medal)

The **Second Grade** was a tight low and slow scoring affair at Rothwell Park. With Minor Premiers Burwood being knocked out in the semi final, South Sydney (2nd) and Lane Cove (3rd) battled it out with the Covies coming away with their first piece of silver wear since the late 1980's. South Sydney batted first and dug themselves into a hole by playing too defensively (3/30 off 32 overs in the first session of day 1). They never got out of first gear and only managed 147 off 80 overs. Lane Cove made a botch of the chase and at 6/93 at lunch on day 2 it was a 50-50 game. A tough and tense post lunch session saw Lane Cove get to 147 before losing two wickets with only one run to win. The unthinkable didn't happen, a boundary was scored and Lane Cove celebrated at 8 for 151. Popular left arm opening bowler Alex Dodds from Lane Cove won the man of the match for his efforts on day 1 where he opened the bowling and remained unchanged through 29 overs taking 3 for 35.

The **Third Grade** match was played at what most regarded to be the best improved ground in the competition – Tantallon Oval. Another contest where the Minor Premiers (Auburn) were not present, Burwood Briars won a high quality game of cricket against Warringah. Burwood batting first scored an imposing 252 on the first day and had one hand on the trophy with Warringah being 9 for 94 only 5 minutes after lunch on day 2. The last pair for Warringah had other ideas and managed to hold out Burwood for 34 overs adding a record 75 for the last wicket. However Burwood could not be denied and took out the 3rd Grade Premiership for the third season in a row – Warringah all out 169. Man of the match honours went to Burwood captain Jason Harris for a fine first day batting effort scoring 98

In **Fourth Grade** Macquarie Uni beat the Minor Premiers Burwood Briars at Alan Davidson Oval. Both sides were the stand outs in 4th Grade during the year and a tight contest was all but blunted out with Macquarie Uni having Burwood 6/68 at lunch on day one. A lower order recovery saw the Briars to 168 however it was never going to be enough particularly with the two Macquarie Uni openers going into stumps on day one at 0 for 74. The game was all over shortly after lunch on day 2 with Macquarie Uni finishing 5 for 169. Man of the match was Macquarie Uni opening batsman Mark Hughes who finished with a dogged 81 scored in 80 overs and was dismissed only 2 runs short of the victory target.

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Frank Gray Grand Final – After all the hype during the season about a possibility of a replay of last years Frank Gray Final between Warringah and Lane Cove both fell on their swords in their respective Semi Finals and left the Grand Final to be fought out between Burwood Briars and Epping. Epping who nobody rated a chance all the way thru the season let alone the Qualifying and Semi Finals took the more favoured Burwood lads to cleaners defeating them by a whopping 127 runs to win Epping's first premiership trophy in nearly 20 years. Whilst Epping's score of 9 for 202 in their 50 overs was considered a bit short of the mark nobody could have envisaged the collapse from Burwood in reply who managed a dismissal 74 in 27 overs. Man of the match (Dave Gilbert Medal) – Mick Perry from Epping with 26 and 4/10 off 7 overs



Frank Gray Final Sunday 5.3.06

From L to R

Umpire
Glen Roche

Mark Bruce
(Epping Captain)

Ben Chapman
(Burwood Captain)

Umpire
Brett Osseweyer

The Shires Ground of the Year was awarded to Rothwell Park (Burwood CC) for the second season in a row. Once again the three best grounds in the competition were deemed to be Rothwell, Alan Davidson (South Sydney) and Mona Park (Auburn). All three grounds were a credit to their respective ground staff and all umpires commented what a pleasure it was to officiate there. Other special mentions go to the ground staff at Bexley Oval (Georges River) and the season's big improver Tantallon Oval (Lane Cove). Tantallon in particular was a big surprise improver moving from 11th to 5th on the best ground table and was rewarded with the third grade grand final

Further ground placings were as follows (Club Names listed, not venue name)–

(4th) Georges River, (5th) Lane Cove, (6th) Macquarie Uni (7th) Warringah, (8th) Strathfield, (9th) Lindfield, (10th) Pennant Hills, (11th) Epping, (12th) Holroyd Hills, (13th) Roseville, (14th) Southern Districts

The Third year of the Spirit Of Cricket Award saw the Epping Club take out its second piece of silver wear for the season narrowly pipping Lane Cove CC for the award. Winners of each individual grade were Pennant Hills in 1st Grade, Georges River in 2nd Grade, Burwood in 3rd Grade, Lane Cove in 4th grade and Burwood in the Frank Gray Competition.

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The results of the above awards (Ground of the Year and Spirit of Cricket) brought some criticism of our members most of which was the inconsistent manner in which our members marked these awards on our match report forms. Your committee will be discussing these issues in the off season and are hopeful to present to all members a series of guidelines for next season so that when we mark these awards in our match reports that we will all be on the same wave length.

Congratulations are extended to the Burwood Briars Club who yet again won the David Tribolet Club Championship Trophy by a narrow margin. It was tense stuff going into the final round with the two clubs (Burwood and Warringah) running first and second on the Club Championship table playing each other with a gap of only 50 points. With each club winning 2 matches each in the final round the status quo remained and Burwood won the trophy by an eventual margin of 51 points.

The following players were acknowledged by the SCA at the end of season Shires Presentation dinner with the following awards –

Shires First Grade Captain of the Year – Adrian McCaffrey (Pennant Hills)

**Shires First Grade Player of the Year - Tom Holt (Lane Cove) &
Phil Keene (Roseville) Joint Winners**

Frank Gray Shield Player of the Year – Michael Watson (Lindfield)

Disappointingly the SCA in conjunction with the Shires Sub Committee chose to allocate two of the above recipients their awards despite the two players in question being reported during the season to the Code of Conduct Commissioner. This decision conflicted with a decision four seasons ago by the Shires Sub Committee that a player reported and not found “Not Guilty” should not be eligible for any award. In the case of the two players in question, one was suspended and the other accepted a caution (which we have always been lead to believe is an admission that the contents of the umpires report were factual). An explanation was provided by the SCA stating that the suspended player was reported in one competition but won the award in the other (eg 1st Grade and Frank Gray Shield being deemed as separate “competitions”) whilst the player who accepted the caution the SCA deems as not having a guilty verdict against him. The Executive Committee of this Association strongly objected to the above “interpretations” and voiced its protest in writing to the SCA and the Sub Committee. Given that we (the umpires) are the judges of these awards the above situation was deemed totally unacceptable and your committee felt the above awards that were judged by you have been tainted by what we believe to be an embarrassing and extremely loose interpretation by the Competition Sub Committee. Your Committee also felt that having players reported to the Code of Conduct Commissioner win such awards reflected poorly on us as the judges of these awards as well as on us as an Association. To counteract our disappointment your committee has therefore indicated to the SCA that if they wish us to adjudicate these awards in the future that we require (in writing) a criteria that is agreeable to the members of this Association. Obviously I'll keep you all updated on this extremely important issue before the start of the season.

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One of the highlights of the off season was the Shires Premiers Dinner on May 12 which moved from last seasons venue at the Epping Club to the Lidcombe Catholic Club. I can't speak highly enough of this evening and the Shires Sub Committee should be thanked as well as being very proud of the efforts they put into making this evening such a huge success. Guest speaker on the night was ex Australian Cricketer Greg Ritchie. A large captive audience heard Greg speak about numerous topics for nearly an hour and he amused us all with his infamous "Mahatma Coat" persona. A total of 10 members attended the evening which for the first season ever saw none of the members wives accompany their hard working husbands. Does cricket really bore women to that extent? I highly recommend this event to all current and future members in future seasons.

One of the disappointing get togethers of the season was the Members BBQ day on Sunday May 28 which was held at President George Richards place at Wahroonga. Despite the event being fully catered with no outlay required by members or their partners a total of only 10 people (5 members, 3 partners and 2 guests) showed up. Also disappointing was a number of members who previously committed to attending this function but simply failed to show up on the day with no phone call or email advising they wouldn't be bothering to attend. If this is a sign of members reluctance to attend get togethers put on by your committee then the viability of events like this have to be questioned. Despite the low attendance, the 10 people who attended all had a great day and a great feed. Hopefully "if" this event is on again next year more members will support the BBQ. It's an excellent opportunity for members and partners to have a day out together.

In Late April all umpires who did 10 or more matches were supplied their end of season match assessment marks as supplied by team captains. Umpires who completed less than 10 games were sent captains marks only on request. The assessment report card this season was upgraded from a hand written document in previous seasons to an online spreadsheet. This made for easier distribution as all members online could request a copy via email at anytime rather than the cumbersome method of waiting for report cards to be posted. I hope you found the information you received to be useful. If you pick up just one tip from these marks and comments to improve your game in the following season then the whole system is shown to be working. PLEASE don't take these marks too literally. They should only be used as a guide for you to understand how a group of team captains has collectively assessed your performance. These marks are not the be all and end all of your umpiring career. It's only a game – please don't take what you receive too seriously.

Whilst on the subject of captain's reports I would like to apologise to the membership for the poor manner in which the match assessments were delayed after Christmas. This was an unfortunate by-product of the SCA not having enough time to give the forwarding of this information the priority that I know most of you believed it deserved. I was so hopeful this season that I would be able to supply you all match assessment feedback in a timeframe that would allow matches officiated in to be still fresh in your minds. Unfortunately the needs of our Association were not given a satisfactory priority by the SCA and reports ended up being distributed to us sometimes months after the completion of matches. Whilst this was not at all a satisfactory result for any of us I am hopeful that we can improve next season and I will be negotiating with the SCA and the Shires Sub Committee for a more improved process for the upcoming summer. What happened this season was simply unacceptable and a new solution to make sure you all get timely match feedback just simply has to be found.

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As per last season I would like to acknowledge those umpires who received a perfect score assessment from both team captains in a game. This is quite a rare achievement and any member who was good enough to be assessed a 12 out of 12 mark by both team captains in a game can truly hold their head high. Each of the following members will be awarded an achievement certificate at the AGM on Wednesday July 19. Congratulations are extended to the following members -

Tony Bird – Georges River v Strathfield 1st Grade Round 4

Tony Bird – Strathfield v Burwood 1st Grade Round 5

Stephen Blomfield – South Sydney v Pennant Hills 1st Grade Round 5

Stephen Blomfield - Auburn v Strathfield Frank Gray Round 5

Ken Buckland – Warringah v Macquarie Uni 3rd Grade Semi Final

Richard Christen – Sth Districts v Warringah Frank Gray Round 7

Peter Friend – South Sydney v Pennant Hills 1st Grade Round 5

Peter Friend - Georges River v Burwood 1st Grade Round 9

Alan Green – Burwood v South Sydney 1st Grade Round 4

Alan Green - Strathfield v Burwood 1st Grade Round 5

Alan Green - South Sydney v Burwood 1st Grade Grand Final

Brett Hammond - Sth Districts v Lindfield Frank Gray Round 1

Chris Kearney - Strathfield v Warringah Frank Gray Round 3

Brett Osseweyer - Strathfield v Sth Districts Frank Gray Round 6

Brett Osseweyer – Sth Districts v Warringah Frank Gray Round 7

Brett Osseweyer – Warringah v Strathfield Frank Gray Qualifying Final

Glenn Roche - Pennant Hills v Auburn Frank Gray Round 3

Glenn Roche - Pennant Hills v Strathfield 1st Grade Round 6

Jim Shellens - Pennant Hills v Strathfield 1st Grade Round 6

Jim Shellens - Pennant Hills v Epping 1st Grade Round 13

Gordon Smith - Georges River v Roseville 2nd Grade Round 5

Chris Taylor - Burwood v South Sydney 1st Grade Round 4

Chris Taylor - Lindfield v Epping 1st Grade Round 5

Chris Taylor - Lane Cove v South Sydney 1st Grade Round 10

Chris Taylor - Pennant Hills v Epping 1st Grade Round 13

Chris Taylor - Burwood v South Sydney 1st Grade Grand Final

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During the season four members joined the elite 50 games or more club and each of these members will be recognised with a special blue Association polo shirt and merit certificate at our AGM in July. Congratulations are extended to Spencer Harrison (64 matches), Alan Green (61 matches), Brett Osseweyer (59 matches) and Ken Buckland (58 matches). Another highlight of the season was a personal one when I umpired my 100th Shires match just before Christmas and went on to finish the season on a record 118 matches. Being an ex Shires player I must admit I am very proud to be able to contribute towards the Shires competition now as an umpire.

A complete list of all members past and present who have umpired 50 or more matches is listed towards the back of this report.

Congratulations are extended to Chris Taylor on winning the Umpire of the Year Award. Chris had an excellent season and was duly rewarded with the First Grade Grand Final partnering Alan Green. As seen above he also received a perfect score assessment from both winning and losing captains in no less than 5 matches this season which is a record, as well as being a remarkable achievement in itself. Chris being our "Pommie" import must have a wonderful life never seeing a winter as he spends 6 months a year in each hemisphere's summer season. Little wonder he is such a good umpire! Congratulation to Chris, and we hope to see you back next season.

Further congratulations are extended to Chris Kearney who takes out the 2nd Annual Most Improved Umpire of the Year Award. Chris had a fantastic season finishing in the top 8 ranked umpires for the season and improved his mark by nearly 20% from the previous season. It was unfortunate that Chris made himself unavailable for the finals series matches because he would have been a good candidate for one of the top four Shires Grand Finals. A commendable total of 11 members were eligible for this award this season all making a percentage improvement on their performance from season 2004/05 to season 2005/06. A complete list of members who improved their performance appears earlier in this report. Chris will be presented with the Most Improved Umpire of the Year Trophy at the AGM in July 2006

In administrative matters, whilst season 2005/06 was a reasonably productive one I think, unfortunately, a fair bit of ground was lost in relations with some of the clubs, the Sub Committee and the SCA. As you can see from the contents of this report our Association has held some differing opinions than those held by the SCA and Sub Committee this season with a number of these issues never reaching a satisfactory consensus. Never a better example was when one particular Shires Club went out of its way on a number of occasions to rebel against some of the members of our Association. One particular captains report from this club was so scathing of our members that it actually made the appalling allegation that our members umpire with bias against their club – Outrageous and insulting stuff to say the least. But even more disheartening was the fact that when we lodged an official complaint about these allegations in November 2005 that the SCA did not back us up. Months went by with a number of reminder emails to the SCA not receiving any reply – We ended up having to escalate our complaint through the NSWC&SA who took up our case to the SCA for us. We finally got a reply six months later in late May 2006 via the NSWC&SA. The result being that the SCA had basically washed their hands of the complaint deciding to take no action at all. This sends an appalling message to us that the SCA was prepared to allow a team captain to basically call our members "cheats" without taking any action – A hugely disappointing result for us.

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I would like to echo the thoughts that have been communicated to you earlier in this report supplied by Peter Hughes from our parent body the NSWCU&SA. Peter makes mention of two topics that I fully endorse. One is the use of the online examination that is available to you all. This tool is something that we should all take advantage of particularly in the weeks leading up to the start of the season. It's a fantastic tool for us to use to wise up on the laws of the game and I strongly encourage every member to attempt the online exam at least once before the start of the next season (before it gets made compulsory). I am equally excited about Peter's suggestion to set aside just one day during the season where it is compulsory for every umpire on the Grade and Shires Panels to be available. The thought of having enough umpires to cover every single Shires match for just ONE day during the season would be a revelation to the Shires Competition. I'll be working closely with Peter in the off season to ensure this idea comes into fruition.

By the time you read this report the closing date to self nominate for the 2006/07 Management Committee will be fast approaching. I strongly encourage all members to consider making a contribution towards the Association by nominating yourself for election to the positions of President , Secretary or Treasurer as well as the (up to) five positions on the general committee. It's a rewarding experience that is open to all members if you choose to make a contribution.

To conclude I would like to thank all members for your contributions both on and off the field during season 2005/06. The overall standard of umpiring continues to improve and the comments from clubs and captains continues, as a whole, to be complementary. My thanks to the committee this season and special thanks to President George Richards who I used as a sounding board many a time during the summer when I was undecided on a specific course of action, thanks George. To Peter Hughes from the NSWCU&SA a big thank you as well. Your continued contribution and support of this Association does not go unnoticed and five years down the track since we teamed up I think this Association has gone from strength to strength.

Moving forward I would like to encourage all members to help out in the recruitment of umpires to Shires Cricket. We need as many bodies as possible. It would be great to think that one day Shires Cricket would have enough umpires to cater to every Shires fixture right down to fourth grade. But then again we also badly need the support of the clubs, the Sub Committee and particularly the SCA to achieve this goal... but I've already gone over that issue earlier. Despite the lack of support from those bodies we as a group of umpires should all continue to pitch in and recruit anybody who might like to consider umpiring this great game.

See you all back on board on September 23.

Stephen Blomfield
Honorary Secretary

Appointed Umpires Report – Rep Fixtures 2005-2006 season

Combined Shires XI vs. SCA Grade XI Monday 13th March , 2006 – Umpire Alan Green

This years Grade versus Shires match lived up to previous years matches with a hard fought, close and good spirited match that went down to the very last over of the game. Grade captain Greg Davidson won the toss and elected to bat on what appeared to be a batsman's dream. After a slow but steady start the Grade XI were no wicket for 46 off 11 overs with some tight bowling by Warringah's Danny Reynolds (only 4 runs from his opening 4 overs) making scoring difficult early on. Unfortunately the opening batsman took a liking to the bowling at the other end with Pennant Hills Will Aplin going for 53 off his opening 8 overs. Things started to happen for the Shires XI in the middle portion of the innings when the Shires captain Sean Day (Strathfield) came on. He produced an inspired spell of high class bowling with figures of 5 for 13 off 8 overs including two maidens. The spell totally destroyed the top and middle order to leave the Grade XI in tatters at 9 for 130 at the 35 over mark. Disappointingly for the Shires side they were unable to put away the last wicket and Peter Jackson and Shane Clearly with scores of 50 and 30 not outs respectively took the Grade XI to 9 for 217 at the end of the 50 overs.

After a fantastic lunch the Shires boys set out after 218 for the win. They began solidly but possibly also a bit slowly but at no wicket for 56 after 21 overs a good platform had been put in place. Two quick wickets saw the score at 2 for 69. Enter Holroyd Hills captain Damien Duroux who proceeded to smash the bowling to all points of the ground with a quickfire 61 off only 41 balls. His run out with the score on 152 in the 36th over however was the crucial turning point of the match and one that saw the pendulum swing back to the Grade XI. With regular wickets now falling the Grade XI were right back in the game particularly after the loss of opening batsman Ian Wheatley from Epping (74 off 131 balls) to make the score 5 for 192 off 44 overs. With the re-introduction of the Grade XI opening bowlers the Shires XI fell in a late order heap losing their last six wickets for only 17 runs being dismissed in the 50th over for 209 - Just 8 runs short of the target set by the opposition. A disappointing result for the Shires XI with only the two openers and Damien Duroux getting to double figures.

This was an excellent match played in a hard but fair spirit and many thanks to all involved in the game particularly my fellow umpire Peter Tate from the Grade Panel. Thanks also to all the members of the sub committee and the SCA organising committee whose efforts made the day a great success. In finishing I have to consider this as one of the highlights of my umpiring career.

Match Summary -

Sydney Grade XI - 9 / 217 off 50 overs (P Jackson 50no , M Clarke 42 , S Clearly 30no , T Marsh 27 , S Day 5/13 off 8 overs) defeated Sydney Shires XI 10 / 209 off 49.4 overs (I Wheatley 74 , D Duroux 61 , I Foster 20 , G Davidson 3/42 off 7 overs , C Nupier 2/21 off 10 overs , M Williams 2/22 off 4 overs) by 8 runs

APPOINTED UMPIRES' REPORT – REP FIXTURES 2005-2006

Combined Shires XII Vs NSW Churches XI Sunday, 12th February 2006. Umpire Gordon Smith

Conditions at Lane Cove's Tantallon Oval were warm and sunny when the Shires side won the toss and batted. Unfortunately they lost wickets steadily to be 8/78 through good bowling by the Churches XI. The Shires 8th wicket stand between Ian Ebbink (10) (South Sydney) and Joel Ambrey (46) (Holroyd Hills) dug the Shires boys out of a hole and the partnership yielded 62 runs mainly due to Ambrey with him hitting a couple of huge sixes, one clear onto Epping Road. Shires were all out for 144 off 36 overs. Evan Watts bowled extremely well for the Churches with figure of 6/46 off 10 overs.

After a great lunch put on by the Lane Cove hosts (thank you John Lloyd and Crew) the Churches started their innings searching for a win, but had a bad start, with the loss of 3 wickets (a brilliant catch by Phil Keene from the 2nd ball of the innings and a run-out with a direct throw) for only 8 runs. They never recovered and were bowled out for 70 off 29.4 overs. "Super-sub" Will Appin took 3/5 off 5 overs.

Captain Phil Keene led his side extremely well with a display of some brilliant fielding that was a delight to watch. The game was played in the Spirit of Cricket (even though every Churches player "forgot" to shake the umpires hands) and I would like to thank my umpiring partner, Mr Graham Parsons (Churches) for his 'help' on the day, we both enjoyed the game and managed to get through it with little if any controversy.

A great day was had by all, Thank you to John and the Lane Cove Club for the superb hospitality offered by your Club.

Shires Players Performances

Ian Wheatley (Epp)	11		
L. McMillan (Warr)	2		
Ashley Squire (Burw)	15	1-11	4 overs
Ian Foster (Lind)	10		
Mark Oliver (SD)	2	1-4	0.4 overs
Michael Watson (Lind)	0	0-11	3 overs
Phil Keene (Rose)	25	1-11	3 overs
Ben Johnson (Warr)	5	1-7	3 overs
Ian Ebbink (Sth Syd)	19		
Joel Ambrey (H/Hills)	46	0-12	4 overs
Dan Leheman (Rose)	0 N.O.	1-7	7 overs
Will Applin (P/Hills)		3-5	5 overs
Sundries	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	
	144	70	

SYDNEY SHIRES UMPIRES ASSOCIATION
ACTIVE UMPIRES LIST – GAMES DONE – 2005/2006

NAME	SHIRES GAMES	FRANK GRAY GAMES	GRADE GAMES	SEASON TOTAL
Bharadwaj , Vijay	2	0	0	2
Bird , Tony	14	0	0	14
Blomfield , Stephen	17	8	0	25
Bowman , Ian	2	0	0	2
Buckland , Ken	14	6	0	20
Christen , Richard	1	5	15	21
Cocks , Graeme	2	0	0	2
Dhandapani , Khadir	1	3	15	19
Dobbin , Patrick	2	0	0	2
Friend , Peter	16	1	0	17
Gandevia , Robin	0	5	11	16
Garlick , Peter	0	0	12	12
Goodman , David	1	3	0	4
Green , Alan	14	0	0	14
Hammond , Brett	6	1	0	7
Harrison , Spencer	17	7	0	24
Holland , Ivan	11	7	0	18
Iyer , Malli	3	0	0	3
Kearney , Chris	13	2	0	15
Luke , William	10	0	0	10
Maloney , Rob	10	0	1	11
Marquet , Jonathan	6	0	0	6
Mulligan , Luke	0	0	13	13
Murphy , Steve	5	0	0	5
Osseweyer , Brett	12	8	0	20
Pardy , Bill	4	0	0	4
Parfett , Bruce	1	0	15	16
Ponsford , Derek	14	0	0	14
Richards , George	14	5	0	19
Roberts , Michael	1	1	8	10
Roche , Glenn	17	10	1	28
Rush , Gary	0	0	15	15
Schokman , Trevor	13	0	1	14
Shellens , Jim	18	8	1	27
Shiner , Tom	8	0	0	8
Smith , Gordon	15	3	1	19
Starks , Steve	0	0	21	21
Street , Gary	13	5	0	18
Tasker , Peter	4	3	4	11
Taylor , Chris	15	3	0	18
Taylor , Geoff	13	6	0	19
Thomson , Ian	6	0	0	6
Whitehouse , Bruce	0	1	12	13

**SYDNEY SHIRES UMPIRES ASSOCIATION
ACTIVE UMPIRES LIST – CAREER GAMES**

NAME	SHIRES GAMES	FRANK GRAY GAMES	GRADE GAMES	CAREER TOTAL
Bharadwaj , Vijay	2	0	0	2
Bird , Tony	25	0	0	25
Blomfield , Stephen	90	28	7	125
Bowman , Ian	5	2	0	7
Buckland , Ken	42	16	30	88
Christen , Richard	4	10	56	70
Cocks , Graeme	2	0	0	2
Dhandapani , Khadir	20	16	43	79
Dobbin , Patrick	2	0	0	2
Friend , Peter	68	5	1	74
Gandevia , Robin	40	28	14	82
Garlick , Peter	24	0	12	36
Goodman , David	18	14	0	32
Green , Alan	61	0	176	237
Hammond , Brett	20	3	0	23
Harrison , Spencer	47	16	1	64
Holland , Ivan	60	16	1	77
Iyer , Malli	17	4	0	21
Kearney , Chris	37	12	24	73
Luke , William	10	0	0	10
Maloney , Rob	10	0	1	11
Marquet , Jonathan	6	0	0	6
Mulligan , Luke	1	1	39	41
Murphy , Steve	9	0	12	21
Osseweyer , Brett	40	19	0	59
Pardy , Bill	18	0	12	30
Parfett , Bruce	56	24	34	114
Ponsford , Derek	14	0	0	14
Richards , George	63	17	148	228
Roberts , Michael	15	7	63	85
Roche , Glenn	25	12	1	38
Rush , Gary	20	10	28	58
Schokman , Trevor	40	2	2	44
Shellens , Jim	66	25	4	95
Shiner , Tom	94	19	67	180
Smith , Gordon	62	20	1	83
Starks , Steve	15	2	62	79
Street , Gary	13	5	24	42
Tasker , Peter	15	6	90	111
Taylor , Chris	42	5	2	49
Taylor , Geoff	64	26	1	91
Thomson , Ian	19	0	0	19
Whitehouse , Bruce	9	6	12	27

Career Matches (Shires Only)

50 Games Or More

All Current and Past Members

Name	Shires Games	Frank Gray Games	Total
Blomfield , Stephen	90	28	118
Shiner , Tom	94	19	113
Quaken , Keith	100	0	100
Shellens , Jim	66	25	91
Taylor, Geoff	64	26	90
Smith , Gordon	62	20	82
Richards , George	63	17	80
Parfett , Bruce	56	24	80
Holland , Ivan	60	16	76
Friend , Peter	68	5	73
Gandevia , Robin	40	28	68
Ralston , Tim	68	0	68
Donnellan , Tom	63	2	65
Harrison , Spencer *	47	16	63
Green , Alan *	61	0	61
Osseweyer , Brett *	40	19	59
Thorpe , Ken	53	5	58
Buckland , Ken *	42	16	58
Moore , John	42	14	56

* New Additions



CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - MEETING ATTENDANCES

NAME	2005/06 Meetings Attended (Maximum = 3)	Career Meetings Attended	Career Meetings Attended (expressed as a %age)
BHARADWAJ , Vijay	2	2 (2)	100
BIRD , Tony	3	6 (6)	100
BLOMFIELD, Stephen	3	10 (10)	100
BOWMAN , Ian	1	1 (5)	20
BRADY , Stephen	1	1 (4)	25
BUCKLAND , Kenneth	3	6 (8)	75
BYRNE , Laurie	0	1 (7)	14
CHRISTEN , Richard	2	5 (7)	71
COCKS , Graeme	1	1 (2)	50
DHANDAPANI , Khadir	0	1 (8)	12
DOBBIN , Patrick	0	0 (2)	0
FRIEND , Peter	3	8 (10)	80
GANDEVIA , Robin	3	7 (8)	87
GARLICK , Peter	1	4 (7)	57
GOODMAN , David	1	3 (8)	37
GREEN , Alan	0	0 (7)	0
HAMMOND , Brett	5	5 (6)	83
HANSHAW , Glen	0	7 (10)	70
HARRISON , Spencer	3	6 (7)	85
HASTY , Jon	0	0 (2)	0
HINKS , Andrew	0	1 (5)	20
HOLLAND , Ivan	2	9 (10)	90
IYER , Malli	1	1 (8)	12
KEARNEY , Chris	2	5 (8)	62
LUKE , William	1	1 (1)	100
MOORE , John	1	6 (8)	75
MULLIGAN , Luke	0	0 (7)	0
MURPHY , Stephen	1	2 (7)	28
OSSEWEYER, Brett	1	5 (7)	71
PARDY , Bill	1	1 (1)	100
PARFETT , Bruce	1	6 (10)	60
PEPPER , Glenn	0	3 (10)	30
PONSFORD , Derek	2	2 (2)	100
RICHARDS , George	3	8 (9)	88
RIDGE , Owen	2	5 (8)	62
ROBERTS , Michael	1	4 (10)	40
ROCHE , Glenn	2	2 (5)	40
RUSH , Gary	0	2 (8)	25
SCHOKMAN , Trevor	3	6 (7)	85
SHELLENS , Jim	3	7 (8)	87
SHINER , Tom	0	3 (10)	30

Note – A number of general members meetings (approximately 3 or 4 in total) held in seasons 2002/03 & 2003/04 have not been included in these statistics due to the minutes of these meetings being lost

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - MEETING ATTENDANCES

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	2005/06 Meetings Attended		Career
		Career	Meetings Attended
NAME	(Maximum = 4)	Meetings Attended	(expressed as a %age)
SMITH , Gordon	2	8 (10)	80
STARKS , Steve	1	4 (10)	40
STREET , Gary	2	2 (2)	100
TASKER , Peter	0	0 (7)	0
TAYLOR , Chris	1	2 (7)	28
TAYLOR , Geoff	3	9 (10)	90
THOMSON , Ian	0	4 (7)	57
TRIBOLET , Brett	0	0 (7)	0
WHITEHOUSE , Bruce	0	1 (9)	11
YOUNAN , Daniel	0	0 (8)	0

Note – A number of general members meetings (approximately 3 or 4 in total) held in seasons 2002/03 & 2003/04 have not been included in these statistics due to the minutes of these meetings being lost

END OF SEASON STATISTICS

A number of members are keen to enquire how they rated against other umpires during the 2005-2006 season. All members were supplied their end of season stats during April. The below figures show a list of average marks from the highest ranked umpire to the lowest during the season. Each members name has been removed from this list. To find out where you rated last season find your particular average mark on the list, count how many places down the list you are and that is your placing. Members who umpired LESS than 10 matches will not have their average mark listed here

10.28 Umpire Of The Year

10.06

10.00

9.88

9.67

9.28

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9.26

9.20

9.13

8.94

-----> **Average mark 8.864**

8.73

8.38

8.32

8.24

8.22

7.80

7.79

7.69

7.50

The average mark this season was 8.864

The above averages compares to an average mark in season 2004/05 of 7.92 (which was upgraded to 8.49 to fall in line with new marking system introduced this season)

This seasons average of 8.864 is based on a total of 7676.5 captains marks awarded in 866 captains reports.