



Sydney Shires Cricket

Umpires Association

6th Annual Report

Season 2006 – 07



HONOUR ROLL 2006 – 2007 SEASON

**1st Grade Grand Final – Mona Park # 1
South Sydney bt Pennant Hills**

Umpires – Peter Friend / Chris Taylor

**2nd Grade Grand Final – Tantallon Oval
Burwood Briars bt Warringah**

Umpires – Stephen Blomfield / John Moore

**3rd Grade Grand Final – Alan Davidson Oval
Burwood Briars bt Lane Cove**

Umpires – Glen Hanshaw / Spencer Harrison

**4th Grade Grand Final – Rothwell Park
South Sydney bt Macquarie Uni**

Umpires – Jim Shellens / Ken Buckland

**Frank Gray Grand Final – Airey Park
Lane Cove bt Auburn**

Umpires – Gordon Smith / Ken Buckland

OFFICE BEARERS OF THE SSCUA

As at June 2007

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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2006 - 2007 Management Committee



From Left to Right – Geoff Taylor (Vice President) , Chris Kearney , Trevor Schokman , Gordon Smith (Treasurer) , George Richards (President) , Jim Shellens , Stephen Blomfield (Secretary)

THE HISTORY OF OUR ASSOCIATION

The below list shows each person's name who has joined this Association and their respective membership number. Names displaying an asterisk are persons who have allowed their membership to lapse , have resigned or are deceased

Member	Name	Member	Name
1	Turner , Peter *	49	Christen , Richard
2	Beesley , Graham *	50	Garlick , Peter
3	Blomfield , Stephen	51	Green , Alan
4	Carroll , Phil *	52	Harrison, Spencer
5	Donnellan , Tom *	53	Knowles , Warren *
6	Friend , Peter	54	McKinnon , Jeff *
7	Guha , Ronnie *	55	Mulligan , Luke
8	Hanshaw , Glen	56	Murphy , Steve
9	Haviland , Chris *	57	Osseweyer , Brett
10	Hickey , Dave *	58	Ridge , Owen *
11	Holland , Ivan	59	Schokman , Trevor
12	Jayaweera , Jay *	60	Scott , Wesley *
13	Jegathesan , Jeriam *	61	Tasker , Peter
14	Kearney , Chris	62	Taylor , Chris
15	Keierleber , David *	63	Bird , Tony
16	Luckman , Terry *	64	Bowman , Ian
17	MacGillivray , Bruce *	65	Brady , Steve
18	Owen , Alan *	66	Hammond , Brett
19	Parfett , Bruce	67	Hinks , Andrew *
20	Pepper , Glenn *	68	Roche , Glenn
21	Quaken , Keith *	69	Thomson , Ian
22	Rajogopalan , Ragoo *	70	Tribolet , Brett
23	Ralston , Tim *	71	Bharadwaj , Vijay
24	Roberts , Michael	72	Cocks , Graeme *
25	Sammy , Rajan *	73	Dobbin , Patrick
26	Shiner , Tom *	74	Hasty , Jon
27	Smith , Gordon	75	Luke , William *
28	Starks , Steve	76	Maloney , Rob *
29	Taylor , Geoff	77	Marquet , Jonathan
30	Thorpe , Ken *	78	Narayanan , Vishy
31	Wentzel , Karl *	79	Pardy , Bill *
32	Yeend , Stuart *	80	Ponsford , Derek
33	Buckland , Ken	81	Street , Gary
34	DeSilva , Kapila *	82	Hughes , Mark
35	Dhandapani , Khadhir *	83	Mathews , Rupert
36	Gale , Andrew *	84	Ritchie , Matt
37	Gandevia , Robin	85	Jones , Colin
38	Goodman , David	86	Romeo , Joe
39	Iyer , Malli	87	Superina , Dean
40	Johnston , Patrick *	88	Parker , Graham
41	Moore , John	89	Mooney , Peter
42	Richards , George	90	Chambiras , Paul
43	Rush , Gary *	91	Coleman , Paul
44	Rutherford , Neil *	92	Treloar , Ben
45	Shellens , Jim	93	Gupte , Vinayak
46	Whitehouse , Bruce *	94	Kingsford-Smith , Tony
47	Younan , Daniel	95	Nyers , Peter
48	Byrne , Laurie		

Total persons who have held Membership - **95**

Current Members - **57**

Resigned / Lapsed Members - **38**

Members 1 -32 (Joined 2001/02)

Members 33 - 47 (Joined 2002/03)

Members 48 - 62 (Joined 2003/04)

Members 63 - 70 (Joined 2004/05)

Members 71- 81 (Joined 2005/06)

Members 82 - 95 (Joined 2006/07)

The Peter Turner Umpire of the Year Award

2001 – 2002	Bruce Parfett
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2003 – 2004	John Moore
2004 – 2005	Stephen Blomfield
2005 – 2006	Chris Taylor
2006 – 2007	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).



**Chris Taylor receives the Peter Turner Umpire of the Year Award 2005/06
From Shires Sub Committee Chairman , Stirling Hamman**

Most Improved Umpire Of The Year Award

2004 – 2005 Geoff Taylor
2005 – 2006 Chris Kearney
2006 – 2007 Trevor Schokman

In an interesting turn of events only one member this season has qualified to win this award after a total of 11 members qualified in 2005/06. That member is Trevor Schokman. Trevor improved on his 2005/06 seasonal mark by a further 2.7% whilst all other members eligible to win this award saw their seasonal average fall by mostly small margins. This turnaround I attribute to the revised marking system introduced at the start of the 2005/06 season which now after two seasons in use has I believe settled down somewhat. I am sure we all would like to Congratulate Trevor on a deserving win as the most improved umpire in our Association for season 2006/07

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Chris Kearney receives the Most Improved Umpire of the Year Award for season 2005/06 from Association President George Richards

A Message from the Sydney Shires Competition Sub Committee

I have great pleasure in accepting your kind invitation to write this message for our 2006/07 Sydney Shires' Cricket season.

As former President John Moore said to me after this year's Second Grade Grand Final, "Well, we have got through another one without controversy!" And so it was. Thankfully no rain on Grand Final weekend and the best teams in the Grand Finals were the winners. No reports for bad behaviour and no appeals to the Committee room ! All in no short measure due to the fine performances by your members in those games and ALL of your members throughout the year.... Congratulations and thank you from the Shire's Sub –Committee, all of the Shire Clubs and our players for all your wonderful efforts in officiating in our games.

Still it was nearly not the soft landing that occurred. Before the season started several of your more experienced members called it a day and numbers looked down. As the season progressed umpire numbers in SCA 5th Grade diminished and the number of representative and social games throughout the season increased and pressure mounted on the available umpires. If it weren't for the dedication and strength of your membership and particularly your administration, the quality and availability of umpires in the top two Shire's Grades would have suffered. It seemed in discussions with your members at Shire and Frank Gray games, the camaraderie and the pleasure derived from being in the Shire's Umpire's Association was a loyalty well worth maintaining. This translated to the increasing number of coloured commemorative shirts bestowed on members passing milestones in the number of officiated games. May I pass onto to those umpires my congratulations.

The relationship between your Association and the Shire Clubs and their sub Committee is strong and binding. Not a week goes past without varied communication between those bodies with suggestions on rules and procedure and feedback on games and personalities. This is very healthy and proactive in maintaining and improving the quality of our competition. Initiatives such as early release of the ground markings to clubs, medals for Grand Final best and fairest players, basis for the "player of the year awards", involvement in the Shire's Annual Dinner and Breakfast and many other concepts have come from this dialogue. These ideas should continue as we can all contribute in making our Competition better.

Every year we hope to expand umpire numbers. This won't be really achieved until the Shire Clubs contribute more ex-players or officials to your ranks. Slowly this is occurring but some clubs need to do more as well in the ranks of "home umpires". Already some of our ex-players have distinguished themselves and your Association by attaining significant levels in grade umpiring. Judging by the calibre of your current members, more first grade umpires are on the way. Similarly it is noticeable the number of experienced grade umpires descending into your ranks increase each year. Again this is a positive sign that your Association is offering a product, which is both well administered and attractive. Much of this outcome is the result of the work of President George Richards, Secretary Stephen Blomfield and your committee.

Finally I wish everyone a peaceful and relaxing off season practising their decision making while watching the World Cup on TV and seeing how easy it is to restrain the poor behaviour of some of world's best players! With this in mind, 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

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness – so wrote Charles Dickens in his opening lines to A Tale of Two Cities. He could well have been referring to the season 2006/07 of the Sydney Cricket Association.

The Shires Association certainly had the *best of times* and I congratulate the Executive Committee and in particular Secretary Stephen Blomfield for the season just gone. The growth in numbers and the active participation on the field by the members have certainly taken this once fledging association to one of being a truly recognised body devoted to the craft of umpiring. I am extremely proud that I was, with many others a mover and shaker in the formation of the now successful SSCUA.

Prior to the season Stephen and I convinced ourselves that we could, with some effort finally live the dream of having every Grade and Shire match covered by officiating umpires in a 1-day fixture. Although the date fixed by the SCA for the combined Grade and Shire 1-day fixture to be played on 11th November, (Remembrance Day) was the first indication that this was going to prove difficult, it was much before the season started that it became obvious that the numbers making themselves available for Grade cricket was going to make the task almost impossible. Finally and subsequent happenings at the Oval in the UK and the consequence of the diabolical treatment of our fellow member, Darrell Hair switched the emphasis of concern to that matter.

Grade cricket had *the worst of times* with records of participation and availability at levels ever continuing to decline. Indeed had it not been for many Shire Umpires making themselves available for the Sunday of Grade Round 2 that was a Saturday/Sunday fixture of the long weekend the shortage situation would have been witnessed earlier than it was. As it was it only delayed the inevitable to Round 5 when the first Grade games with no umpires either day took place. The situation did not improve throughout the season.

With *the age of wisdom* we requested members of the Sydney Cricket Association Committee of Management to attend a Board meeting of the Association together with SSCUA President George Richards to discuss matters we believed were creating these shortages of umpires. Many well known (to umpires only it seems) reasons were put forward, too many competitions, too many Sundays, illogical playing conditions, commitment required not in tune with modern society, insufficient remuneration compared with other associations, lack of respect for the role of the umpire were all placed on the table to no effect. Maybe we will obtain some minor concessions next year with shirt supply and an increase in payment. Let us hope so for the sake of our dwindling numbers.

To the *age of foolishness* you do not need to go too far, but you do need to go to the top. The ICC seems unable to solve any crises but before it is involved in yet another. The Darrell Hair issue mentioned above was an indication of how the umpire's role is being eroded by the desire to accommodate sponsors and television rights. The fact that Darrell is a member of the NSWCUA brought us into the front of the protest march. I would like to thank on behalf of the Association all Shire umpires who raised their voices, contributed in finance and in kind to the campaign. The publicity and respect we received world wide by true lovers of this great game was enormous. I am sure Darrell will give his own thank you at the NSWCUA Annual General Meeting in July.

The World Cup Final debacle is yet another example of ICC folly, only this time a result of umpires making the cardinal sin of not knowing the Laws or Playing Conditions. It would not happen with Shire umpires, would it?

I wish all SSCU members a relaxing non-playing season and hope on your return next year that we can accomplish our dreams.

Peter Hughes
Executive Officer , New South Wales Cricket Umpires & Scorers Association

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2006 – 2007

I have much pleasure in presenting my President's Report for the season 2006-2007.

I add my congratulations to those of the Honorary Secretary to the winners of the two trophies awarded to umpires –

To Chris Taylor, who wins the Peter Turner Award for Umpire of the Year for the second year in succession.

To Trevor Schokman, who wins the Most Improved Umpire Award.

Chris and Trevor are but two of the 47 umpires our association put on the field during the season either in our Shires Competition or the SCA Grade Competition, and I would like to congratulate and thank each of them for the service they gave to the game of cricket. Congratulations go especially to those who officiated in the finals series. In the grand finals, the officiating umpires were – Chris Taylor and Peter Friend in 1st grade, Stephen Blomfield and John Moore in 2nd grade, Glen Hanshaw and Spencer Harrison in 3rd grade, and Jim Shellens and Ken Buckland in 4th grade. Gordon Smith and Chris Kearney were the umpires in the Metro Shield grand final.

Alan Davidson's quote is often and properly repeated – "It wouldn't be a game without umpires". This was the 6th season that the association's members have stood in Sydney Shires Cricket. Before that first season in 2000/2001, Shires teams had to hope that there had been enough umpires to fill all the grades in SCA Grade cricket to leave some over to umpire the Shires matches. Last season we provided two umpires for all first grade games, most second grade games, and occasionally 3rd and 4th grade. Our target is to staff ALL Shires games. The appreciative reports of lower grade captains who had umpires for the first time is testimony to the need for us to meet this target.

To this end, recruiting and training umpires is a top priority. During the season, the Sydney Cricket Association, represented by Bruce Collins and others of its executive, met the executive of the NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association, plus myself representing our association, and Stirling Hamman representing the Shires sub committee. The reason for the meeting was the concern in grade clubs that numbers of umpires were so low that many 5th grade games were going without umpires.

Members of our association had contributed heavily to a survey, organised by the NSWCU&SA and presented to the SCA, of the reasons why umpires were giving up or why it was hard to recruit more.

Of course many umpires leave our ranks because of ill-health or the pressure of other commitments. But a number of other reasons were suggested. One was that SCA payments of \$85 a match contrasted with much higher pay scales in GPS and CAS cricket. We hope this shortfall will be redressed in the coming season. The lack of many of the niceties of the game – team thanks to umpires, poor facilities such as dressing rooms, and even the simplest things such as the standard of afternoon teas and other refreshments – were cited. However, player misbehaviour stood out as the most significant factor.

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I assure members that the SCA, and especially its Judiciary Committee, is awake to the behaviour problem, and stands firm in its support of umpires when they report a player. Nine Shires players were found guilty of breaches of the Code of Conduct, with another offered a caution, which was accepted. Three of the guilty players were captains - as well as the suspension penalties imposed, they lost their captaincy. One player was suspended for four matches, and another for 3.5 matches.

As one umpire who went through the reporting and hearing procedure, I can assure members the trouble you take to make a report and carry it through is nothing against the contribution you are making to the game of cricket.

My deep thanks must go to our Honorary Secretary, Stephen Blomfield, who each week has battled through late withdrawals, match cancellations or transfers, directions from the Shires Committee and SCA, to get umpires on the fields for as many games as possible. He himself sets high standards in umpiring. Great thanks also to the Honorary Treasurer, Gordon Smith, and to the Minutes Secretary, Jim Shellens. I would like to thank the other members of the committee for their counsel and support.

I offer my wishes for a good season in 2007-2008, green fields, pitches with bounce, carry, and trueness, no flies, loud snicks, clean catches and clear run-outs.

**George Richards,
Association President**

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2006 – 2007

It is with a great deal of pleasure I present this my Sixth Secretary's Report for the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association for the 2006/07 season.

Our sixth season was in my opinion a very satisfying and successful one. This is due to the fact that we increased the number of active umpires participating in Shires Cricket as well as servicing a small increase in the number of games in the Shires competition compared to the previous season. It was this time last year I was writing my thanks to the many grade panel umpires that helped fill in during times of surplus for that competition. Interestingly enough the numbers of available umpires for Grade Cricket this season fell to a low that has not been experienced in the six year history of this Association. So poor on occasions were the numbers available for Grade Cricket that many SCA Grade Five matches went without umpires. Due to these factors the Shires Competition received next to zero flow down from a non existent list of "surplus" Grade umpires from week to week (see below table). The fact that we managed to hold our own this season without the help of Grade Umpires means that our active member numbers were up while Grade were on the decline. Whilst this is a worrying trend for Grade Cricket it certainly is feather in our cap that the numbers of active Shires Umpires was strong enough to cover more games this season without assistance from Grade Cricket than the number of games compared to 2005/06 when we had significant "outside assistance" from Grade panel umpires

To highlight the above problems I refer to the below table that shows the numbers of Grade Umpires that have been surplus each season to officiate in Shires Preliminary Round matches. Note the alarming drop off this season compared to the previous five seasons. The figures quoted in the second column are calculated on the following basis -

For each single day of cricket that one Grade Umpire officiates in a Shires match then that shall be counted as one "appointment". If that umpire officiates on day 1 AND day 2 of a single match then that is counted as TWO appointments. Two grade umpires doing both days of the same game shall be counted as FOUR appointments

Surplus Grade Umpire Appointments Allocated to Shires Preliminary Round Matches Each Season	
2001/02	57
2002/03	28
2003/04	35
2004/05	101
2005/06	46
2006/07	5

In season 2006-07 the following umpire allocations were achieved –

- * **100%** umpire coverage of all days play in First Grade Shires
- * **100%** umpire coverage of all days play in Frank Gray Shield Matches
- * **73%** umpire coverage of all days play in Second Grade Shires (**a rise of 9%**)
- * **8%** umpire coverage of all days play in Third Grade Shires
(90% of this coverage being in finals matches)
- * **9%** umpire coverage of all days play in Fourth Grade Shires
(94% of this coverage being in finals matches)

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In summary we as an Association supplied at least one umpire to 378 days of cricket within a competition that conducted 725 days of play. This is a completion rate of **52.13%** of days played in the entire 5 competitions conducted in the Shires Association. This is compared to last seasons 53.22% (the best season ever was 56.89% in 2004/05)

The coverage of **73%** in Shires Second Grade was especially pleasing as this equates to a 9% increase compared last seasons 64% which was a season where we had extensive "assistance" from surplus Grade panel umpires (a topic already discussed above). If only the available numbers of Grade Cricket umpires had been at the levels of season 2004/05 then we possibly would have had a 100% completion rate in Second Grade and had a significant input into Third Grade Shires. However this was not to be, yet this remains as one of our ongoing goals for future seasons.

All up this season we had a total of 57 paying members, an increase of 3 compared to last season, with 14 new members and 11 non renewals. Of our 57 members only 23 umpired in 10 matches or more compared to a figure of 20 last season. Of the 23 members who did 10 or more matches only 4 were available for all 13 Preliminary rounds of our main Saturday competition. These four members were myself , Alan Green, Spencer Harrison and Jim Shellens. My congratulations and thanks are extended to Alan, Spencer and Jim for your dedication and commitment towards Shires cricket in making yourself available to umpire every round of cricket this season. Of our 57 members 10 were inactive from umpiring in SCA controlled matches this season, a decrease of one from last season. Hopefully more of these inactive members will get back on board next year.

While discussing membership it was disappointing how we lost a significant number of members to ongoing unavailability early in the season. A total of 5 members whose pre-season availability had indicated they were available for 10 or more games in the upcoming season dropped out of umpiring after 0, 0, 1, 3 and 5 rounds

- Will Luke who had a great first season in 05/06 and was looking forward to a full season in 06/07 mysteriously disappeared two weeks before the season started and we've never heard from him since with all mail, email and phone messages unanswered.
- Tony Bird who established himself as an umpire in our top 10 in 05/06 made a decision just before the start of the season to resume his playing career.
- Steve Murphy who had indicated he was available for the bulk of the summer pulled out of umpiring after only one days play citing family and work issues.
- Geoff Taylor also had some work and family issues that saw him pull out of umpiring after only 3 games.
- Brett Osseweyer on the back of a very successful season in 05/06 disappointingly had to stop umpiring after Round 5 due to personal issues.

Whilst I can appreciate that peoples situations and priorities can sometimes change it was very disappointing and extremely frustrating from an administration point of view to see such a quality group of full time umpires leave our active ranks so early in the season. I sincerely hope these gentlemen can get back on board in 2007/08 and make a meaningful contribution to our Association on the field.

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On the upside of the ledger I was delighted to welcome back to full time umpiring Glen Hanshaw and John Moore who had taken a year off in 2005/06. It was also pleasing to have Alan Green ring me up on the eve of Round 1 of the season stating he had reconsidered his decision to retire and wished to go round for another season. Finally, it was great to have Richard Christen who had been a Sunday only umpire with us in previous seasons make the swap from Grade to Shires for his Saturday cricket availability. To John, Glen, Alan and Richard I thank you for coming back on board with us and I hope to see you all again umpiring the Saturday component of the Shires competition next summer.

Of the 14 new members to join our Association this season all took an active role on the field participating in anywhere from 2 to as many as 17 matches. Hopefully the new members who only did a small number of games can give a bit more to the competition next season and make themselves available more often. Please join me in welcoming to our ranks the following new members during season 2006/07 –

Paul Chambiras - Paul had a very successful first season starting off in second grade and becoming a permanent fixture in first grade in the second half of the season. His first year captains marks were excellent and he was a very keen first year umpire always seeking to ask questions and enter into dialog regarding his performances. I am sure there are bigger and better things for Paul in his second season which hopefully will be in Shires

Paul Coleman - Paul came to us after responding to our early season advertising campaign run in local newspapers. An ex Shires player with the Auburn club, Paul passed the examination following our October training course and immediately took to the field with some impressive performances that saw him end the season in first grade also earning some excellent feedback from captains and umpiring colleagues. Another umpire who I am sure will become an asset to Shires Cricket when he backs up next season

Vinay Gupte - The "Major" as he prefers to be called came to Shires Cricket after having umpired in India in the past but unfortunately only officiated in four games this season. On three of those four occasions he stood with our President George Richards who reported he was a very competent official who would do well at Shires level. Unfortunately The "Major" left us after those four matches and moved across to umpire in the SCA Women's competition.

Mark Hughes – Mark joined our Association still being an active player with the Macquarie Uni Club who wanted to still play on Saturdays and umpire a few Frank Gray Shield games on Sundays in preparation for his playing retirement and cross over to umpiring full time (probably next season). As well as performing well in his five Frank Gray games he also stood down from playing a few Saturday games with his Club and umpired a further 4 Saturday Shires fixtures. His reports were excellent and Mark has a bright future ahead of him as an umpire once he finally gets playing out of his system.

Colin Jones - Colin was introduced to Shires Cricket last season as an umpire from the GPS competition who ended up filling in for us for 2 games during the GPS summer recess. This season Colin officially joined us as a member and shared his season between Shires and GPS performing exceptionally well in the 15 games he completed in Shires. I am sure Colin enjoyed his time in Shires this season and am equally positive that he will spend a full season with us next summer.

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Tony Kingsford-Smith - As most would know Tony is a long term and highly experienced umpire in Grade Cricket who joined us this year to umpire some Sunday (Frank Gray Shield) matches and to impart his wealth of experience on some of our newer umpires. Every member I have spoken with speaks highly of umpiring a game with Tony and most comment on what an enjoyable experience it is. Next season Tony is considering leaving Grade Cricket after about 400 matches and making a contribution to Shires cricket on Saturdays and if this transpires then we will all be very fortunate indeed.

Rupert Mathews - Rupert joined our Association still being an active player on Saturdays in the Sydney Churches competition and wanted to get some umpiring experience in our Sunday competition. Rupert performed admirably in his 9 matches this summer and I look forward very much to having him onboard full time next season as he has now decided that his playing days are behind him.

Peter Mooney - Peter is an umpire I had targeted to join us for the last 2 or 3 years. Being an ex Shires player from the Auburn Club as well as an ex First Grade Umpire I felt confident that Peter would eventually give Shires Cricket some of his vast experience even if only for a year or two. Speaking personally I know I thoroughly enjoyed umpiring with Peter and I know for a fact that a number of our less experienced umpires gained a lot of knowledge from partnering Peter in their matches. Hopefully Peter has enjoyed his first full season in Shires and will back up again in the upcoming season.

Peter Nyers - Peter only umpired 4 games with us more in a fill in capacity. One aspect of Peter's availability was his willingness to travel from his home in the Wollongong area to assist Shires Cricket. Thanks for your contribution Peter and hopefully you can do a few more games next summer.

Graham Parker - Graham joined us an ex First grade umpire who hadn't been involved in umpiring cricket for nearly 20 seasons. I think Graham found it difficult to settle into the routine of Shires Cricket as it's played these days and in the end after 5 matches decided it wasn't for him anymore. We all wish Graham well in whatever direction life takes him next season.

Matt Ritchie - Another new member who still plays cricket on Saturdays and wanted to do some Sunday umpiring. Matt completed only 5 matches with this Association before his work commitments with the Navy took him away. We wish him well in his future endeavours.

Joe Romeo & Dean Superina - Both Joe and Dean had umpired Grade Cricket in recent seasons and were recruited by myself to Shires from the list I get from the NSWCU&SA each season showing names of umpires who have dropped out of the Grade cricket system. Joe (Rounds 1 to 4) and Dean (Round 2 and 4) umpired early in the season and then dropped out of any further availability due to work and other issues. Both members performed competently in their limited appearances and I hope they consider Shires cricket next season in an increased capacity.

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Ben Treloar - Finally we come to Ben Treloar. Ben at age 24 was one of our younger recruits but also still very much involved in playing - In previous seasons at Auburn CC (as their Frank Gray Shield skipper in 2005/06) but this season at Manly CC in their 3rd and 4th Grade sides. Having known Ben since he started playing at Auburn CC I have known for a while he harbours an interest in trying to make a fist of umpiring at the highest level he can attain. This season was his first as an umpire partaking in 7 Sunday matches. He received some excellent feedback from captains and umpiring colleagues and I know that once he gets playing out of his system that he could go a long way in umpiring.

During the season two of our members received appointments to representative matches. I was offered the opportunity to officiate in the Annual Shires XI Vs Grade XI match at the SCG in December 2006 which was won comfortably by the Grade lads. I'm sure it was sweet revenge for them after the Shires boys put the cleaners through the Grade lads last season. I must admit I had a great time umpiring my first (and probably last) game of cricket at the SCG. It was an experience I won't soon forget. Chris Kearney was offered the chance to umpire the other representative game this season where the Shires boys took on a Combined Sydney Churches XI at Rothwell Park. Unfortunately the game was marred by bad weather and the game was declared a no result when rain intervened half way through the day.

Also during the season three members joined the elite 50 games or more club and each of these members have already or will be recognised with a special sky blue Association polo shirt at our AGM in July. Congratulations are extended to Chris Taylor (63 matches) , Chris Kearney (61 matches) & Trevor Schokman (59 matches) for all passing this milestone during the season just gone. Another highlight of the season was seeing our Treasurer Gordon Smith pass the 100 games milestone finishing the season on 103 games as well as Committee Member Jim Shellens finishing the season on 115 career games. Jim was presented with a special 100 games Royal Blue Association Polo Shirt at Lindfield oval in December on the day of his 100th match and Gordon will receive his award at the AGM in July. Any member making a contribution of 100 games to Shires Cricket should feel very proud of their achievements; it's a lot of games to be standing out in the sun counting to six!

A full listing of all members who are on the 50 games or more list appears in the statistics section located at the rear of this report.

Congratulations are extended to Chris Taylor on winning the Umpire of the Year Award for the second season in a row. Chris had an excellent summer and was duly rewarded with the First Grade Grand Final partnering Peter Friend. Chris has earned the respect of the bulk of the Shires First Grade Captains and continually gets praised for his umpiring which gets the job done without controversy. With Chris travelling home to England again for his umpteenth year without experiencing a winter season I am confident that he will be back on board with us in the upcoming summer. I mean how hard must it have been to be a Pommie umpiring cricket in Sydney in a summer where the Aussie's white washed the Poms five-zip in the Ashes series. I almost felt like giving Chris the umpire of the year award simply on the courage he showed for that !

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The 3rd season in which we have conducted a most improved umpire of the year sees the award for 2006/07 go to Trevor Schokman. In a strange set of circumstances Trevor was the only umpire in the whole of the Association with enough qualifying matches who improved his overall season mark to that compared from season 2005/06. His improvement of 2.7% saw him win this award without any competition. I know Trevor has worked very hard on his umpiring and is always looking to improve and I believe this award in a season where nobody else made improvement from their previous seasons mark is a credit to Trevor and his much improved on field adjudicating. Well done Trevor.

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. The numbers of perfect scores awarded this season by captains were considerably less than last season which I believe goes a long way to explaining this seasons average mark being lower than 2005/06. It also helps explain why only one member was eligible for the most improved umpire award this season. The reason why our captains marked umpires harder this season compared to 2005/06 is, simply put, due to a new batch of captains who all collectively seemed to have a tougher attitude towards the marking process. These things do go in cycles and in my opinion it's not something I believe that needs any corrective action at this point in time. Each of the below listed members will be awarded an achievement certificate at the AGM on Wednesday July 18. Congratulations are extended to the following members –

Stephen Blomfield – Lindfield v Strathfield Frank Gray Round 6

Paul Chambiras - Macquarie Uni v Epping 1st Grade Round 9

Paul Coleman - Strathfield v Roseville 1st Grade Round 13

Spencer Harrison - Macquarie Uni v Epping 1st Grade Round 9

Peter Mooney - Strathfield v Pennant Hills 1st Grade Round 1

John Moore - Strathfield v Auburn 2nd Grade Round 8

Chris Taylor - Strathfield v Roseville 1st Grade Round 13

A special mention at this point goes to our members who are currently making a contribution in the SCA Grade Competition. These members are Steve Starks in the 1st Grade panel, Bruce Parfett in the 2nd panel, Glenn Roche, Peter Garlick, Robin Gandevia & Michael Roberts in 3rd panel and Tony Kingsford Smith in 4th panel. The best performed of this group was Bruce Parfett who excelled in Panel 2 this season finishing third overall in his group of panel 2 peers – Well done and congratulations to Bruce. All of these members whilst not currently umpiring in Shires on Saturdays still represent this Association and we wish them well in their progress through the grade ranks in the upcoming season. Additionally, (of course) we would welcome any or all of these members back to Saturday Shires Cricket if they decide that they would like to move back to Shires at some point in the future.

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At this time I would normally be taking the opportunity to acknowledge the clubs , teams and individuals who excelled in season 2006/07. In previous reports I have at this point congratulated the Premiership winning clubs and I have given a small summary of each Grand Final. A change to the structure of this Annual Report now sees a complete match report of each Grand Final elsewhere in this document. Needless to say I think we all congratulate the teams that basked in the glory of a Grand Final win this season and similarly commiserate the teams that ran 2nd and encourage them to go one better in the upcoming season of 2007/08.

Congratulations are also extended to the following award winners all of whom were presented their respective awards by the SCA at the end of season Shires dinner during the month of May -

Shires First Grade Captain of the Year – Ian Wheatley (Epping)

Shires First Grade Player of the Year - Shane Pargeter (South Sydney)

Frank Gray Shield Player of the Year – Damien Naughton (Lane Cove)

It was good to see that none of the above awards were tarnished with the controversy of last year (see my comments in last seasons report) and that each of the winners was deserving of their prize. Equally important was the fact that the controversy of last year was resolved (albeit partially) with your Management Committee having a number of discussions with the SCA and the Shires Sub Committee who agreed to a written set of guidelines as to who maybe ineligible to win awards that are judged by members of this Association.

Further congratulations were extended to the following winners of these club awards

- **OVERALL SPIRIT OF CRICKET AWARD – Warringah CC**
- **SPIRIT OF CRICKET (INDIVIDUAL GRADES)**

1st Grade (Lindfield) , 2nd & 3rd Grade (Epping) , 4th Grade (Warringah)

- **GROUND OF THE YEAR – Auburn CC , Mona Park # 1**
- **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY – Burwood Briars**

While on the topic of the Shires Dinner I would like to thank the members and their wives who supported this event. A total of 7 members and 3 partners attended making a total contribution of 10 attendees. This is the lowest attendance we have ever supplied to this event which was a great disappointment to me. It is very important that we continue to support the Annual Shires Dinner as we as an Association are an integral part of this competition. Hopefully next year more of you will make the effort to attend. This years dinner was held at Dockside at Darling Harbour with guest speaker Mark Geyer entertaining the crowd throughout the evening. Maybe the change in venue this year to the city contributed to our low participation rate – If any member decided not to go based on the location please let me know and I will pass this feedback onto the Shires Sub Committee

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JUDICIARY / REPORTED PLAYERS / CODE OF CONDUCT

In season 2006/07 the total number of Shires players reported to the SCA for alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct came to 11. This was a decrease of one on last seasons count of 12. Of this season's count of 11 reports only 6 of these were from members of this Association and the remaining 5 were reports where clubs laid charges against opposing players in lower grade matches where no official umpires were available. Of this seasons 11 reports, 9 of these proceeded to a Judiciary finding where all were rendered a guilty verdict, one was offered a caution with no hearing required and one report (from a club in a lower grade match) was dismissed by the Code of Conduct Commissioner as a report where the player in question was deemed to have no case to answer.

One very disappointing aspect to the season was a significant number of incidents in matches where over the top unacceptable player behaviour has been reported to have been seemingly ignored by the appointed umpires. To be frank gentleman I make this blunt statement – If you are not prepared to report poor behaviour then my personal opinion is that you need to reconsider what you are doing umpiring cricket. By failing to report poor behaviour you are negligent in your duty as an umpire and you are simply passing the buck to your fellow members - You are also causing a great disservice to the Shires competition by allowing players to get off "scott free" from this sort of behaviour. The Code of Conduct Commissioner and the Judiciary process this season was improved at the request of this Association as well as the NSWCU&SA and all players reported had there cases heard in an expedient manner. The days of having cases dragged on for weeks and umpires being interrogated at hearings are gone. There are no excuses for any form of acceptance of poor behaviour, and as I said earlier, if you aren't prepared to do your job properly then maybe you need to consider a different hobby on Saturdays rather than letting your fellow members down every time you turn a blind eye to unacceptable behaviour.

Now whilst I have been quite blunt in the comments in the previous paragraph I do want to counter-argue these comments with an alternative viewpoint that seems to be shared by many members. I can understand one of the reasons umpires don't report poor player behaviour is the fact that the SCA requires umpires to give up their valuable time attending a Judiciary hearing in the middle of the week. These hearings sometimes can eat up many hours effectively taking up the whole of one's evening. In some cases umpires have even been asked to attend two hearings if the matter was unable to be resolved on the first scheduled night. In these days of high technology in the communications industry it seems an absolute farce that an umpire having completed his duty on the field has to drag himself into the SCA office in the city to spend effectively an entire evening giving testimony. For some people a night at the Judiciary causes stress at a member's workplace as well as at home with the family. There is also the issue that many members live in the far regions of Sydney's Metropolitan area. Is it therefore any wonder umpires are so reluctant to report players ? It is high time the SCA recognized the conflict that umpires face – To report or not to report. The problem is easily solved if the SCA made a decision to scrap the requirement for umpires to have to give up a night of their own time to attend a Judiciary hearing and replaced this requirement to allow ALL umpires to give their required testimony by a conference telephone call. I believe that's all it would take for most umpires to take reporting players seriously. Doesn't sound hard now does it ? I will be addressing this issue with the Judiciary Committee in the off season but regardless of this I would hope that in the future that ALL members of this Association take reporting players more seriously particularly if testimony for ALL umpires can be given to the SCA by telephone rather than a personal appearance.

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In matters relating to the Sydney Cricket Association it was noted that season 2006/07 was one where hardly any playing conditions were changed or tampered with compared to the previous season. This in my opinion was a good move as it gives the competition some stability. Changing rules from season to season just makes the jobs for captains and umpires even harder than it really should be. The only meaningful rule change this year was the re-introduction of the tough interpretation of wides in limited overs fixtures. Although this caused major problems in lower grades with players of lesser talent struggling to be able to bowl in the required areas and wides totalling sometimes 50 in an innings, in higher grades the change was reasonable well accepted.

The only other change in playing conditions was seeing the Grade Competition reduce its playing hours by 30 minutes in lower grade games of two days duration but also reducing the daily over quota from 82 to 80. In many peoples eyes the mathematics of this decision just didn't seem to make sense and it was a relief that the Shires Competition decided not to follow this change and maintained its two day game to one that was played over 310 minutes per day, maintaining 82 overs at what most considered a perfect mix of 16 overs required per hour. Hopefully we will keep these playing hours again next season because in the opinion of most captains in the competition these hours versus overs required were just about right and not worthy of being tampered with.

Round 4 of our competition on November 11 was touted as "officials day" or "all aboard day" – The idea which was excellent in theory was that every Grade & Shires Umpire in Sydney should make themselves available to umpire on this day with nobody to be unavailable. As Peter Hughes pointed out to me, if every single Grade Umpire was available on a certain day there would be anywhere from 20 to 30 spare umpires that could be allocated to Shires Cricket. Add these to our quota of available Shires members and this would see all Shires games down to 4th Grade allocated 2 umpires. Disappointingly the concept failed due to lack of support from a number of our fellow Grade Panel Umpires who made themselves unavailable on that day but also a lack of support for the concept by the SCA who programmed the November one day game on Remembrance Day rather than the following Saturday which was the preferred date put up by Peter Hughes. To further complicate the concept I was staggered to find out that a process was in place for that weekend that saw umpires taken out of the Grade system to officiate in state underage women's trial games. The current system in Sydney Cricket that sees umpires taken away from grade & shires official competition matches to officiate in under age trial games defies any sort of reasonable logic and these feelings were broadly agreed upon with every person I spoke to about this topic at the time. In the end analysis we received no spare umpires from Grade Cricket due to smaller available numbers caused by the reasons listed above. It was however pleasing that all Shires Umpires got behind the idea and we had 31 umpires available on the day covering all of 1st and 2nd Grade as well as two 3rd Grade games.

I am hopeful that between Peter Hughes & myself that we can give the "Officials Day" concept another go next season. If we can arrange with the SCA to schedule a one day round for both Shires & Grade Cricket on a date where there are no other games that negate the number of available umpires for Grade Cricket then the concept still has its merits and could certainly work.

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By now you will have been given the opportunity to view your end of season marks and captains comments. Whilst these are not the be all and end all, they do form a strong part of establishing your strengths and weaknesses as an umpire. Your Committee met and used this data in February to assess the final make up for the Grand Finals. While some of you maybe disappointed with some of your marks and particularly some of the captains comments it's VERY important not to take these comments personally and to understand that sometimes captains do like to vent their frustrations, and that when this happens some of the comments written are not made with a rational mind. Take these sorts of comments with a grain of salt. If there is anything you can read in your report to improve for next time then that's great, if not, then forget it and move on. Life's too short to get wound up over a game. While on the topic of captain's reports it is with much pleasure I advise the members of the way in which umpires match reports from captains were made accessible to us in a much more timely fashion than has been the case in the past seasons. The reason for the improvement was reached on two fronts. Firstly all clubs and captains were asked when submitting reports to the SCA to "CC" me on the email. This way I was receiving reports at the same time as they were sent to the SCA. Quite often I would receive the majority of captains for a particular round no more than 7 days after the round had been completed. Some captains sometimes forgot to send their reports to me and only sent them to the SCA. In those cases an email from me to Roy Formica at the SCA normally had a copy of the document I required in my inbox within a day or so. This new way of processing captain's reports was a huge success and I am sure I speak on behalf of all members when I say that we appreciate the efforts of the SCA and Roy in particular for allowing this to happen.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Peter Hughes, Executive Officer NSWCU&SA as well as Stirling Hamman, Chairman of the Sydney Shires Competition Sub Committee for their written contributions to this report which appear towards the front of this document. I would also like to convey my support for the messages that are detailed in both of these reports and pledge the continuing support of this Association towards both our parent body being the NSWCU&SA as well as the Shires Competition Sub Committee and its participating clubs. We the umpires who officiate in the Shires Competition have a pivotal role to play in ensuring that the game is played in the proper manner keeping in mind the ideals as detailed in the Spirit of Cricket and I fully endorse the comments in both reports

By the time you read this report the closing date to self nominate for the 2007/08 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. We don't have too many meetings and most of these are actually held just prior to the full members meetings held 3 or 4 times a year. Making a contribution to YOUR Association by way of giving your time to serve on the committee is a rewarding experience that is open to all members who wish to self nominate. Please consider what you can do for YOUR Association.

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Season 2007/08 brings a number of new challenges not just for this Association but for Sydney Cricket in general. Umpire numbers in Grade Cricket are in decline which is not a healthy sign for the SCA. Declining umpire numbers at Grade level directly impacts on Shires Cricket with less umpires officiating in our competition. The reasons for declining umpires at Grade level are varied but the same old reasons tend to come up – Too much cricket , Too many grades , No respect for the umpires role and poor match payment remuneration compared to other cricket competitions and other sports. The NSWCU&SA met with the SCA committee of management mid season to discuss these sorts of issues and from my information we can expect some improvement in the upcoming season with a potentially improved increase in match day payments as well as an SCA sponsored upgrade to our uniform which should see us in a long sleeve polo top next season similar to the ones worn at State and International Level. So now I hear you all cheering the potential demise of the Association field tie. And Yes I agree , it really is time to move into the 21st Century !

As I wind down on this my 6th Secretary's report, I would like to thank all members for your contributions both on and off the field during season 2006-07. The standard of your 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 for all his guidance. Thanks also to Roy Formica at the SCA for his co-operation in making our working relationship so much easier than last season. I look forward to next season working in conjunction with Roy to make Shires Cricket even better than what it is right now. To Peter Hughes from the NSWCU&SA a big thank you as well. Your continued contribution and support of SSCUA genuinely makes me feel that we as an Association are looked favourably upon by our larger "parent body". I look forward to working with Peter again in the upcoming season.

In conclusion , I encourage all members to help out in the recruitment of umpires to Shires Cricket. Recruitment continues to be one of our biggest issues and will always be so while the Shires Clubs and the SCA continue to treat the topic of recruitment with the low priority that has been the case over the last few years. Whether or not the alarm bells are ringing in head office with so many 5th Grade games in the Grade comp missing out all together on umpires in the latter part of the season remains to be seen. Obviously in Shires Cricket we need as many new umpires 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. However it requires everyone to promote our Association and encourage others to get involved. Just think of the great things we could achieve if just one of every second existing member could bring one new umpire into our Association. That would be enough to cover all of second AND third grade with umpires every round. Don't you think it's possibly time that YOU made a bigger effort to help us achieve this goal ?

I hope to see you all at the **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 18 July** and then back on the field from Round 1 in September

Stephen Blomfield
Honorary Secretary

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS IN PICTURES

George Richard & Peter Friend pose with Shane Warne during the Souths Football Club Charity game played at Alan Davidson Oval Sunday 7 January 07



Stephen Blomfield waves away another boundary during the SCA XI v Shires XI game Sydney Cricket Ground – Monday 18 December 06

Spencer Harrison and Glen Hanshaw keep guard in front of the Alan Davidson Oval canteen during the 3rd Grade Grand Final Saturday 31 March 07



SEASON HIGHLIGHTS IN PICTURES

Right - The tall and the short of it – Chris Kearney and Gordon Smith at Mona Park #2 prepare for the Metro Shield Grand Final on Saturday 31 March 2007



Left – Ken Buckland looks on during the 4th Grade Grand Final at Rothwell Park on Saturday 31 March 2007



Above – Sydney Cricket Ground, 18 December 2006
Shires Representative Side & Umpires Marty Edgell (L) & Stephen Blomfield (R)

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS IN PICTURES

Left – George Richards at the bowlers end as Shane Warne bowls to Peter Holmes a Court in the Souths Footy Club Charity Game, Alan Davidson Oval played on 7 January 2007



Right – Ken Buckland & Jim Shellens head back onto the field after a hearty lunch break 4th Grade Grand Final Rothwell Park Saturday 31 March 2007

Spencer Harrison awards the 3rd Grade Premiership Trophy to Burwood Briars captain, Jason Harris

Alan Davidson Oval
Sunday 1 April 2007



Appointed Umpires Report – Rep Fixtures 2006-2007 season

**Combined Shires XI vs. SCA Grade XI at the SGC
Monday 18th December , 2006 – Umpire Stephen Blomfield**

SCA Grade XI – 5/215 (35 Overs) bt SCA Shires XI 9/214 (50 overs)

Monday December 18, 2006 was one of those perfect Sydney Summers days that you could only wish for on the occasion of ones umpiring debut on the hallowed turf of the Sydney Cricket Ground. A mild sunny day with a cool breeze and temperatures not getting up much over 25 degrees were on offer as the players of the Sydney Shires competition went to battle against a mix of younger and not so younger players from Sydney Grade Cricket.

I arrived at 8.45am for the 10am start not really knowing where to go once I made it to the front of the member's pavilion. Having sat down for a few minutes taking in the ambience of the venue I was tapped on the shoulder by scorer and fellow NSWCU&SA member Narelle Johnston who advised me that my umpiring partner for the day Marty Edgell was already upstairs in the umpires room. No wonder I didn't know where to go. Who would have thought the umpires room was up on level one in the members stand.

After finding the spacious confines of the Ted Wykes Umpires Room I placed my gear on a seat and Marty and I went through our pre match preparation including a joint wander out to the middle to see the stumps already pitched, bowlers markers provided on the ground next to the stumps and the venue looking an absolute picture. A far cry from the normal Saturday afternoon at ones local suburban club facility to say the least.

At 9.55am we advised the players that we were on the way and walked out to a sold out capacity crowd of about 60 spectators and about 15 construction workers who seemed more intent on banging, crashing and jack hammering their way through the construction of a new stair case in the Dally Messenger stand. Despite these distractions play commenced on time at 10am with the Shires boys taking first use of the supplied pitch which was the one closest to the members side of the ground. The deck had been used the day before for the State League Cup final and whilst hard and flat was also lacking any greenish grass. Overall it looked like a good batting deck, albeit maybe a bit slow.

The first 15 overs were slow and steady with both openers playing and missing quite a lot and look a bit shaky. Both openers ended up back in the shed before 30 runs were on the board. Ben Donaldson from Auburn and Shane Pargeter from South Sydney then put on a really good partnership taking the score along to 110 before Donaldson fell LBW for a well compiled 51. Pargeter followed not too long after for a solid 43. The skipper Adrian McCaffrey from Pennant Hills came and went for a duck to a traditional SCG delivery seeing the ball turn sharply in from off to leg and taking the off peg. Damien Duroux from Nth West Sydney came in and scored a hard hitting 23 before a mix up saw him run out by quite a distance. The very next ball another run out occurred and at 7/153 the Shires dig was looking shaky.

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Combined Shires XI vs. SCA Grade XI Monday 18th December , 2006 – Umpire Stephen Blomfield

Some good batting at the end mainly from wicket keeper Kris Griffith-Jones (Macquarie Uni) with 31 and Gavin Aitken (Sth Districts) with 20 were the main contributions in the Shires totalling 214 for nine off the 50 overs.

On resumption things were looking good for the Shires boys as opening bowler Tom Holt (Lane Cove) got the 3rd delivery of the innings to jag back in and collect the pads of one of the opening batsman - I could just imagine Bill Lawry now - "goosie , yesss , got him plumb in front, the crowd goes wild and its One for None". The LBW decision was one that I had adjudicated on and although it was very plumb the fact that I had the opportunity to actually give a batsman out LBW on the hallowed SCG certainly made my day in a strange sort of way

Unfortunately for the Shires boys that score of one for none was the only joy for the rest of the day. Chris Gane (Bankstown) took it upon himself to give all the bowlers a batting lesson as he absolutely smashed all the bowlers around the ground. He reached his hundred off only 75 balls hitting numerous big sixes as well as hitting fours to all parts of the ground. He was an absolute class above everyone else on this day. In the end he was dismissed for exactly 100 trying another big hit however by that stage the damage was done. Besides Ganes magnificent innings a number of the other Grade players made some impact with McKell and Bullock scoring 37 and 35 respectively. In the end however it was a very easy win to the Grade side as they eventually passed the required total 5 wickets down with 89 balls to spare. A comprehensive victory to say the least.

I want to thank all the members of the Committee who endorsed my appointment to this match. I wasn't really keen on doing this game whilst being the appointments officer, however the support of the committee in backing my appointment to this match was genuinely appreciated. The experience is certainly one I will not forget and as long as I hold the role of appointments officer I look forward to appointing a different member to this match each season so that as many of our members over the years can have the thrill of saying they umpired on the SCG. I also want to thank Ian Field and Roy Formica from the SCA and Stirling Hamman and Daryl Chappelow from the Shires Sub Committee who were in charge of running things on match day. The day went smoothly, the lunch served during the change of innings was outstanding and the mood of the day between all of the players, officials and spectators was fantastic.

Although the game itself was one-sided affair I must say it was a great buzz knowing that I have umpired a game of cricket where the great players and umpires past and present have left their mark on the game. I look forward to reading in future Annual Reports the experiences of other members who get selected to umpire in this prestigious fixture.

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**Combined Shires XI vs. Sydney Churches XI
Sunday 25th February, 2007 – Umpire Chris Kearney**

Venue – Rothwell Park at Concord

Shires XI 9 (dec) 197 (43 overs) drew with Sydney Churches XI 2/68 (12.4 overs)

Arriving at Rothwell at 9am under cloudy skies and drizzling rain I doubted if there would be much play. The weather cleared at about 9.45am and myself and the other umpire from the Churches Association (Graham Parsons) inspected the ground and pitch and decided on a 10.30am start with 50 overs per side.

The toss was made just after 10am and the Shires captain, Pat Bolster (Strathfield) won the toss and chose to bat on a fairly good looking batting track, considering the overnight rain, with the outfield still in very good condition.

The Church boys came out firing with the opening bowlers having plenty of heat in their deliveries. They struggled a bit with their line and length but this was probably due to the Rothwell “hill” on the square they had to run up and had not encountered before. The locals lost their first wicket in the 3rd over and they continued to do so at regular intervals with no batsman really able to get going. Intermittent showers that only lasted a few minutes continued to frustrate all, particularly the umps who were trying to get in as many overs as possible. Finally after 43 overs the rain came down and lunch was taken. The Shires were 9/197 at this stage. Their best were Pat Bolster (Strathfield) with 43 and Rob Brindall (Warringah) with 35. The best of the Churches bowlers was C.Commens (2/23). The weather outlook did not look good and both captains decided that 43 overs would be the number of overs for the innings.

After a 30 minute break, both captains were worried about the weather and light and decided that they would like to restart as soon as possible. Both umps agreed and the covers were removed and the Shires boys came out to bowl on a slightly damp pitch. This did not seem to worry the Churches batsmen who got away to a flying start. After losing a couple of wickets in continuing drizzling rain and fading light it was decided by both captains to call off the match at 3.20pm. The Churches ended with 2/68 off 12.4 overs. The not out batsmen were C.Lain (16 no) and C.Commens (26 no). The Church boys were well on their way to possibly winning on the day but unfortunately the bad weather took over.

It was a very enjoyable match to umpire and both teams should be congratulated on their competitive but gentlemanly spirit.

FIRST GRADE GRAND FINAL – MATCH REPORT

**Pennant Hills vs South Sydney at Mona Park # 1
31st March and 1st April 2007**

South Sydney 7 (dec) 272 def Pennant Hills 220

Man of the Match – Michael Chee Quee (South Sydney)

Umpires – Peter Friend & Chris Taylor



Two days of perfect autumn weather saw South Sydney secure the first grade premiership in a tight tussle with Pennant Hills the minor Premiers at a beautifully prepared Mona Park 1.

Pennant Hills captain Adrian McCaffrey won the toss and asked South Sydney to bat first and it appeared to have been the right decision as the pitch played a bit slow with some balls holding up and making timing difficult. Both Shannon Lane (19) and Dipak Sharma (9) were dismissed inside the first hour of the game. Shannon nicked a low catch to the wicket keeper Andrew Faber off Kish Nadesan's bowling and Dipak mistimed a ball that didn't quite come on to be caught at mid-off. At lunch South Sydney were 2-66 with Michael Chee Quee and Shane Pargeter having survived a difficult early period.

After lunch Pargeter (23) fell to leave Souths at 3-73. At this point the brothers Chee Quee combined with Michael playing sheet anchor and Richard playing a series of solid blows for four mainly off Vinesh Bennett. After getting to 35 Richard chased an outswinger to be caught behind. Not long later Ed Galek (12) fell and at tea Souths were still not out of the woods with the score standing at 5-165.

FIRST GRADE GRAND FINAL – MATCH REPORT

After the break Michael Chee Quee and Grant Parmenter saw out the first hour solidly and then stepped on the accelerator in search of quick runs and a potential pre stumps closure. During this time Parmenter (51) hit out strongly with Chee Quee marching on towards a stylish century. A flurry of quick lower order wickets saw Souths get to 7-272 when the declaration came with only 5 overs remaining in the days play. At the close Chee Quee remained unbeaten on 109. With only a few overs remaining Pennant Hills saw the day out at 0-6.

The second day was a duplicate of the first with blue sky and no rain. Brad Guthrie had a major impact on this session taking both openers Ian Janda (17) and Jehan Satchi (24) caught behind the wicket with balls that jumped at them off a length. The critical turning point of the match came not long after with the prized wicket of Pennant Hills Captain Adrian McCaffrey who with his core on just a single managed to misjudge a beauty that jagged back and nicked the top of his off stump. This took the wind out of the sails of the Minor Premiers with the Puma's reduced to 3-49. A recovery in the second hour of the first session saw the game evenly poised with the Pennant Hills innings looking a bit like South's the day before – Pennant Hills 3-90 at lunch.

The second session saw a tight struggle with Vinesh Bennett batting with great determination eventually compiling a good half-century before being dismissed by Guthrie for 51. David Camarsh (20) became Brad's 5th victim taken to a low catch at mid-off by a diving Ben Preece. Bowling changes and proactive captaincy saw five wickets fall in that session with Richard Chee Quee taking a smart one at slip to get rid of Andrew Faber (10) and Allan Guild (19). Guild dismissal charging Shannon Lane's second ball to be stumped by a mile was another turning point of the day. A smart return catch to Dipak Sharma captured the 8th wicket just before the tea break. At tea Pennant Hills were 8-195 and still needing plenty.

After the break it was apparent that Pennant Hills were not going to attempt to block their way to the end of the day and continued to attack the bowling with some solid hitting. Despite their best efforts the end came quickly with the last two wickets falling at 220 with Kish Nadesan and Andy Rayner caught in the deep off Shannon Lane. All out for 220 was a proud and gallant fight to the end for the Puma's.

Brad Guthrie finished with 5-32 for the innings and was unlucky to be pipped at the post for the man of the match award with the umpires settling on awarding the Peter Toohey man of the match medal to Michael Chee Quee for his undefeated century on the first day of the game.

Congratulations were extended to the Souths lads on winning the First Grade premiership for the first time since 2000-01 and an unlucky Pennant Hills were left to rue missed opportunities. We know they will re-group and strive next season to go one better and aim to win the First Grade Trophy for the first time since 1960-61. Next season, 2007-08, looks to be a bright one !

SECOND GRADE GRAND FINAL – MATCH REPORT

**Burwood Briars vs Warringah at Tantallon Oval
31st March and 1st April 2007**

Burwood Briars 123 & 3 / 87 def Warringah 53

Man of the Match – Sarkis Achmar (Burwood Briars)

Umpires – Stephen Blomfield & John Moore



After experiencing two lousy weekends weather wise in the Qualifying and Semi Finals it was a great relief to everyone involved in Shires cricket to wake on the first morning of the Grand Final to a cloudless blue sky, fine , warm and forecast 23 degrees. With any luck weather like this would result in the best team winning over the weekend and us poor umps wouldn't have to be subjected to off and on with covers , as well as trying to play the role of the politician when it came to the fitness of the ground and/or weather as was the case in the previous two weekends.

Burwood won the toss and elected to bat on a typical looking Tantallon Oval pitch. Hard and flat with a fair amount of grass on it to give both batsmen and bowlers the opportunity to show off their skills. The outfield was lush and green but probably a bit too thick as it proved to be throughout the two days play with only about 10 boundaries being struck in a total of 178 overs. Full marks to the Lane Cove Groundsman, John Korol for all the hard work he did as well as the presentation of the Oval was in fantastic

Burwood made their intentions clear right from the start and looked like they were happy to dig in and block out the two days of play to win the competition. Scoring all day was difficult as the batsmen refused to take any risks and play aggressive shots. With the condition of the outfield being reasonably lush nobody was going to score a boundary unless they played a full blooded stroke. Therefore the whole days play was taken up predominately by batsman nudging ones and twos. Not very attractive cricket at all !

SECOND GRADE GRAND FINAL – MATCH REPORT

They say negative cricket brings negative results and so it was to be with Burwood continually losing wickets while never scoring much more than one run an over. With 30 minutes to go to the tea break the Briars boys were in a deep hole with the score 9 for 73 and the match seemingly lost. It was at this point that the match took a turn with Numbers 10 & 11 Gerard Price and Sarkis Achmar forming a partnership that batted themselves to the scheduled tea break then a further 30 minutes beyond that to satisfy the nine down at tea rule. By the time tea was forced upon us at nine wickets down the pair were both still unbeaten and the score had now been pushed up to 9 for 106 off 80 overs

After tea the new ball was taken but the pair continued to bat and bat and hung in for another 14 overs and 17 runs before Achmar fell for a career best 31 off 104 balls. Price remaining 22 not out off 129 balls. The pair putting on a valuable 50 for the final wicket.

With Warringah having raced through the overs during the day and the minimum number of overs for the day having been exhausted the Green men had to bat out the last 39 minutes of the day and try to make inroads into the target. Unfortunately they lost both openers to plumb LBW decisions and went to stumps at 2 for 16 off 10 overs.

Day 2 began in a similar fashion to day 1 with Warringah also taking a cautious, defensive and some might say negative approach. Unfortunately for them wickets fell at regular intervals with run scoring almost coming to a grinding halt. By the time lunch was called Warringah had dug themselves into a terrible hole losing 4 for 29 off 30 overs in the morning session and the score was 6 for 45

After lunch the same thing happened – no attacking batting, batsmen losing wickets and by the time the final wicket fell in the 50th over to a direct hit run out the Green men had been bowled out for a disappointing 53. For the Briars Sarkis Achmar was the best with the ball taking 4/13 off 17 overs. He was well supported by Price & Catalovski who both took 2 a piece.

With 54 overs in the match still available the game went into what turned out to be a superfluous second innings. Warringah came out firing but the game fizzled out with some positive batting seeing some decent runs scored and when Warringah conceded with 20 overs to go Burwood had totaled 3 for 87 with Henschell (42no) and Simpson (39no) both being undefeated.

Despite the closeness of the game this goes down as one of the most disappointing Grand Finals this author has ever been involved in. The batting by both sides was rather poor. Both sides got it into their heads that scoring was impossible and this clearly reflected in the low scores. The deck & outfield at Tantallon was the same as it's been all season yet this venue continually returned scores of 200-300 in most matches played on it during the season. In hindsight, one has to wonder what sort of game we could have had if one or both sides had batted in a positive frame of mind as was the case in the Burwood 2nd innings.

THIRD GRADE GRAND FINAL – MATCH REPORT

**Burwood Briars vs Lane Cove at Alan Davidson Oval
31st March and 1st April 2007**

Burwood Briars 9 / 207 def Lane Cove 204

Man of the Match – Sanjiv Khalko (Burwood Briars)

Umpires – Spencer Harrison & Glen Hanshaw



What a wonderful setting for a Grand Final. Alan Davidson Oval was at it's best this weekend, with fine weather forecast for both days meaning both sides would contest this match to see who was the best team over the two days of play. This was such a refreshing change to the previous two weekends with both the Qualifying Finals and Semi Finals being marred by inclement weather.

Burwood lined up as the favourites for this match having been undefeated all season and also having won the Third Grade Premiership in the previous three seasons. Could they make it four on the trot and equal the great Epping Third Grade side of the mid 1970's who stand alone as the only side in the history of the Shires Cricket in all grades to have won four premierships in four years.

Lane Cove were the underdogs having come from mid table shortly after Christmas and then having won six games in a row leading into this match. Their last defeat being in Round 9 against their opponents in this Grand Final.

THIRD GRADE GRAND FINAL – MATCH REPORT

Lane Cove won the toss and elected to bat. Geoff Sundstrom (27) and Paul Backhouse (26) opened the batting and were looking for runs from the outset. At lunch the score was a very healthy 2 for 103 and it looked like a big score was inevitable. Lane Cove then went on after lunch to lose 8 for 101 and were dismissed just before tea off only 63 overs. Simon Rowe for Lane Cove top scored with an entertaining 87. However, some very good bowling by the Burwood side saw the score restricted to a mediocre but competitive 204. Mick Towells 3/60 , Scotty castle 2/30 and “Sonny” Khalko 2/37 were the best of the bowlers.

Burwood were left 33 overs on the first day to start their chase of 205 to win the Grand Final. After four overs however they had experienced the worst possible start losing two wickets without a run on the board. Adam Hudson (31) and Jason Harris (28) steadied the innings before both were dismissed with the scores of 60 and then 65. Brett Howle scored 18 but was dismissed just shy of stumps leaving the score at 5 for 91 at the close of play.

On resumption of play on day 2 Rob Jalalaty and Sanjiv Khalkho resumed and were responsible for putting Burwood back into a winning position. Their partnership lasted 47 overs as they took the score from 5 for 86 just before stumps on day 1 to 6 for 184 well into the post lunch session. However Lane Cove then took the new ball after the 80th over and within 5 overs had managed to dismiss four batsmen for only 8 runs (including Jalalaty for 41 & Khalkho for 60) and now the score was 9 for 192.

Adam Evison & Scotty Castle came together as the last wicket needing at least 12 runs to win the Premiership. The last pair batted sensibly picking up singles until it was only 5 to win. Castle then played a nice drive through the covers and the batsmen scampered three to have the Burwood team only one run short of tied scores which would be enough to win the trophy. A sweep shot next ball for four by Evison and the game was won !

For Lane Cove Paul Backhouse 4/32 and Chris Camarsh 4/56 gave impressive displays. The Shires Medal for Man of the Match was awarded to Sanjiv (Sonny) Khalkho for his score of 60 and two wickets, A worthy winner !

A wonderful game where both teams deserved to win but only one could – Cricket was the winner !

Burwood now equals the achievement of Epping’s four Premierships in a row back in the 1970’s. Next season if they can win again they will become the only team in the history of the Shires competition to go five in five. 2007/08 will be an interesting one indeed !

Congratulations to both teams and in conclusion may I say that both umpires really enjoyed the game. Both captains were terrific with every player giving their all.

FOURTH GRADE GRAND FINAL – MATCH REPORT

**Macquarie University vs South Sydney at Rothwell Park
31st March and 1st April 2007**

South Sydney 9 dec 260 def Macquarie University 244

Man of the Match – Joe Duffy (South Sydney)

Umpires – Ken Buckland & Jim Shellens



And so at Tea on the last day of the season it came down to this –

2 hours to go
33 overs to go
3 wickets to get , or
72 runs to win

One of these would decide the competition for 2006-07.

The forecast for the two days was for fine weather. South Sydney won the toss and elected to bat on a Rothwell Park road.

The undefeated minor premiers soon began to make headway. Andreasson wasn't able to make much of an early life, bowled for 3 not offering a shot to one that Hole got to cut back off the seam.

The Rabbitoh's tried to scamper a quick single to Fairlie who whipped the ball to the keeper, Kriletic. If he'd caught the ball the non-striker would have been home, but instead, in a play to illuminate any Grand Final, he deliberately swatted the ball at the stumps and Hampton was caught short of his ground.

FOURTH GRADE GRAND FINAL – MATCH REPORT

Fairlie bowled with menace, taking the prize wicket of SS captain Toohey for 21. He also executed a classic slower ball C&B holding a sharp one handed catch high above his head to dismiss Dunlop. He finished a 16 over spell unchanged through to lunch with 2-51 and was the pick of the bowlers on the day.

South Sydney limped to lunch at 4-81. The session to tea in retrospect was probably the pivotal session of the match. Souths returned 1-105 in 38 overs, helped by several lives from over-generous Macquarie Uni fielding, somewhat offset by two sharp run outs. In particular Pentecost (43), Lewis (55) and Thomson (28 no) rode their luck to take South Sydney to 5-186 at tea and then on towards 9-260 at stumps.

Souths declared at their overnight score leaving the Minor Premiers to bat out the day for the championship or to chase down the target Macquarie Uni started positively and scored 116 to lunch, but they had lost four important wickets – including Fernandes for a rapid 31 – with the openers Duffy and Bevan sharing three wickets a piece.

After Lunch, Gracie led the charge with several bold attacking strokes. He ended with a match-high 82 but eventually played on to Duffy. This brought a change of mood, and University batted conservatively from that point on, defending, pushing and poking, though still dispatching the loose ones. Again Souths, in the shape of Duffy broke through with two quick wickets late in the session (including the important wicket of captain Brown plumb LBW for 20) to leave the game delicately poised with everything to play for at Tea.

Immediately on resumption, Edwards (43 no) and Krietic (21) were each given a life, and were still there defiantly an hour and a half later. The cricket was tense, with many loud and confident appeals, close decisions, desperate dives and just enough runs to keep University heading for either a win or a draw. But finally Souths in the shape of Bevan achieved the decisive breakthrough, and the last three wickets fell in three rapid overs seeing Souths take out the Premiership with a 16 run victory with only 14 balls in the game to spare... A close one indeed !

In summary , Macquarie Uni did actually bat better than Souths but will rue seven dropped catches in a nervy first day to stumble at the last hurdle. Souths kept on coming, well led by captain Toohey and on the crucial second day made the big moves to take the trophy for the fourth time in six years.

FRANK GRAY SHIELD GRAND FINAL – MATCH REPORT

**Lane Cove vs Auburn at Airey Park (Limited Overs Fixture)
Sunday 4 March 2007**

Lane Cove 4 / 170 (39.5 overs) def Auburn 169 (49.3 overs)

Man of the Match – Damien Naughton (Lane Cove)

Umpires – Gordon Smith & Ken Buckland



On a very hot humid day, Auburn won the toss and decided to bat and 'Play' was called at 10.00 am. The Auburn openers started steadily for the first four overs until Michael Dean at square leg took a brilliant diving catch to grab Lane Cove's first wicket. Ian Cowan looked well set until he chopped a ball from outside the off-stump onto his wicket. Several other Auburn batsmen made a start but could not turn their innings into a big score. Consistent line and length bowling kept Auburn in trouble throughout the innings and they were dismissed in the last over for a score of 169.

In reply, Joel Bates and Cameron McKay both went early to good catches to Auburn's slips cordon off Captain Ian Cowan's bowling (2/15). Matt McKenzie and Phil Brett then settled down to control the match until Matt was LBW and it was now 3/53. Enter the Lane Cove captain Damien Naughton who from the first ball decided to attack the bowling and his hard hitting (broke his bat at one point) 85 not out was a pleasure to watch. He was helped in this display by Phil Brett with a good and quick partnership of 97 until Phil was run out. Damien continued and with Michael Dean at the other end steered Lane Cove away from all the heartache of previous seasons Grand Finals losses to their first ever Frank Gray Shield victory with 10 overs to spare.

This was an excellent match played in a hard but fair spirit and many thanks to all involved in the game, particularly my young fellow umpire in his first Frank Gray Grand Final, Ken Buckland. Well done Ken. Congratulations go to Damien's Lane Cove side, with a special mention to Ian Cowan's young side for the spirit showed to fight all the way to the end.

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS IN PICTURES



Paul Coleman in his first year as an umpire looks on during the 4th Grade Semi Final Macquarie Uni v Roseville at Macquarie Uni #2

Saturday
24 March 2007

Right Photo
Chris Taylor turns down a confident appeal in the 1st Grade Grand Final Sth Sydney v Pennant Hills at Mona Park # 1

Saturday
31 March 2007



Left Photo

Two shady characters in dark glasses
Chris Taylor & Peter Friend

1st Grade Grand Final
Mona Park # 1
Sth Sydney v Pennant Hills

Saturday March 31 , 2007

SYDNEY SHIRES UMPIRES ASSOCIATION
ACTIVE UMPIRES LIST – GAMES DONE – 2006/2007

MEMBERS NAME	SHIRES GAMES	FRANK GRAY GAMES	GRADE GAMES	SEASON TOTAL
Bharadwaj , Vijay	2	0	0	2
Blomfield , Stephen	17	8	0	25
Bowman , Ian	10	2	0	12
Brady , Stephen	2	0	0	2
Buckland , Ken	14	8	1	23
Chambiras , Paul	13	2	0	15
Christen , Richard	15	0	1	16
Coleman , Paul	13	4	0	17
Friend , Peter	14	0	0	14
Gandevia , Robin	2	5	14	21
Garlick , Peter	0	0	12	12
Goodman , David	11	0	0	11
Green , Alan	14	0	0	14
Gupte , Vinayak	4	0	0	4
Hammond , Brett	2	0	0	2
Hanshaw , Glen	12	0	1	13
Harrison , Spencer	18	7	0	25
Holland , Ivan	11	5	0	16
Hughes , Mark	4	5	0	9
Iyer , Malli	7	0	0	7
Jones , Colin	13	2	1	16
Kearney , Chris	12	0	0	12
Kingsford Smith , Tony	2	4	15	21
Maloney , Rob **	2	0	3	5
Marquet , Jonathan	4	0	0	4
Mathews , Rupert	3	6	0	9
Mooney , Peter	14	0	0	14
Moore , John	14	0	0	14
Mulligan , Luke	0	0	2	2
Murphy , Steve	1	0	0	1
Nyers , Peter	4	0	0	4
Osseweyer , Brett	5	1	0	6
Parfett , Bruce	1	0	12	13
Parker , Graham	5	0	0	5
Ponsford , Derek	9	0	0	9
Richards , George	14	5	0	19
Ritchie , Matt	1	4	0	5
Roberts , Michael	1	0	12	13
Roche , Glenn	0	5	14	19
Romeo , Joe	4	0	0	4
Schokman , Trevor	13	4	0	17
Shellens , Jim	17	7	1	25
Smith , Gordon	14	7	1	22
Starks , Steve	0	0	20	20
Superina , Dean	2	0	0	2

SYDNEY SHIRES UMPIRES ASSOCIATION
ACTIVE UMPIRES LIST – GAMES DONE – 2006/2007

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MEMBERS NAME	SHIRES GAMES	FRANK GRAY GAMES	GRADE GAMES	SEASON TOTAL
Tasker , Peter	8	2	1	11
Taylor , Chris	15	1	0	16
Taylor , Geoff	4	0	0	4
Thomson , Ian	11	0	0	11
Treloar , Ben	6	1	0	7
Tribolet , Brett	1	3	0	4
Wentzel , Karl **	2	0	0	2
Whitehouse, Bruce **	5	0	3	8

**** - Signifies an ex member of the Association officiating matches in a "fill in" capacity**

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

MEMBERS NAME	SHIRES GAMES	FRANK GRAY GAMES	GRADE GAMES	CAREER TOTAL
Bharadwaj , Vijay	4	0	0	4
Blomfield , Stephen	107	36	7	150
Bowman , Ian	15	4	0	19
Brady , Stephen	4	0	0	4
Buckland , Ken	56	24	31	111
Chambiras , Paul	13	2	0	15
Christen , Richard	19	10	57	86
Coleman , Paul	13	4	0	17
Friend , Peter	82	5	1	88
Gandevia , Robin	42	33	28	103
Garlick , Peter	24	0	24	48
Goodman , David	29	14	0	43
Green , Alan	75	1	176	252
Gupte , Vinayak	4	0	0	4
Hammond , Brett	22	3	0	25
Hanshaw , Glen	34	10	0	44
Harrison , Spencer	65	23	1	89
Holland , Ivan	71	21	1	93
Hughes , Mark	4	5	0	9
Iyer , Malli	24	4	0	28
Jones , Colin	15	2	1	18
Kearney , Chris	49	12	24	85
Kingsford Smith , Tony	26	12	325	363
Maloney , Rob **	12	0	4	16
Marquet , Jonathan	10	0	0	10
Mathews , Rupert	3	6	0	9
Mooney , Peter	24	0	243	267
Moore , John	56	14	54	124
Mulligan , Luke	1	1	41	43
Murphy , Steve	10	0	12	22
Nyers , Peter	4	0	3	7
Osseweyer , Brett	45	20	0	65
Parfett , Bruce	57	24	45	126
Parker , Graham	9	0	157	166
Ponsford , Derek	23	0	0	23
Richards , George	77	22	148	247
Ritchie , Matt	1	4	0	5
Roberts , Michael	16	7	75	98
Roche , Glenn	25	17	15	57
Romeo , Joe	5	0	4	9
Schokman , Trevor	53	6	2	61
Shellens , Jim	83	32	5	120
Smith , Gordon	76	27	2	105
Starks , Steve	15	2	82	99
Superina , Dean	6	0	6	12

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

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MEMBERS NAME	SHIRES GAMES	FRANK GRAY GAMES	GRADE GAMES	CAREER TOTAL
Tasker , Peter	23	8	91	122
Taylor , Chris	57	6	2	65
Taylor , Geoff	68	26	1	95
Thomson , Ian	30	0	0	30
Treloar , Ben	1	6	0	7
Tribolet , Brett	1	3	0	4
Wentzel , Karl **	17	14	42	73
Whitehouse, Bruce **	14	6	15	35

** - Signifies an ex member of the Association officiating matches in a “fill in” capacity

Career Matches (Shires Only)

50 Games Or More

All Current and Past Members

Name	Shires Games	Frank Gray Games	Total
Blomfield , Stephen	107	36	143
Shellens , Jim	83	32	115
Shiner , Tom	94	19	113
Smith , Gordon	76	27	103
Quaken , Keith	100	0	100
Richards, George	77	22	99
Taylor, Geoff	68	26	94
Holland , Ivan	71	21	92
Harrison , Spencer	65	23	88
Friend , Peter	82	5	87
Parfett , Bruce	57	24	81
Buckland , Ken	56	24	80
Green , Alan	75	1	76
Gandevia , Robin	42	33	75
Moore , John	56	14	70
Ralston , Tim	68	0	68
Donnellan , Tom	63	2	65
Osseweyer , Brett	45	20	65
Taylor , Chris *	57	6	63
Kearney , Chris *	49	12	61
Schokman , Trevor *	53	6	59
Thorpe , Ken	53	5	58

* New Additions

Each Member as they pass a milestone match is awarded an Association polo shirt as follows

- 50 Games – Sky Blue
- 100 Games – Royal Blue
- 150 Games – Navy Blue
- 200 Games – Yet to be decided

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP - MEETING ATTENDANCES

NAME	2006/07 Meetings Attended (Maximum = 3)	Career Meetings Attended	Career Meetings Attended (expressed as a %age)
BHARADWAJ , Vijay	2	4 (5)	80
BIRD , Tony	1	7 (9)	77
BLOMFIELD, Stephen	2	12 (13)	92
BOWMAN , Ian	1	2 (8)	25
BRADY , Stephen	0	1 (7)	14
BUCKLAND , Kenneth	1	7 (11)	63
BYRNE , Laurie	1	2 (10)	20
CHAMBIRAS , Paul	0	0 (1)	0
CHRISTEN , Richard	3	8 (10)	80
COLEMAN , Paul	1	1 (1)	100
DOBBIN , Patrick	0	0 (5)	0
FRIEND , Peter	3	11 (13)	84
GANDEVIA , Robin	2	9 (11)	81
GARLICK , Peter	0	4 (10)	40
GOODMAN , David	2	5 (11)	45
GREEN , Alan	1	1 (10)	10
GUPTA , Vinayak	0	0 (1)	0
HAMMOND , Brett	0	5 (9)	55
HANSHAW , Glen	2	9 (13)	69
HARRISON , Spencer	3	9 (10)	90
HASTY , Jon	0	0 (5)	0
HOLLAND , Ivan	2	11 (13)	84
HUGHES , Mark	2	2 (2)	100
IYER , Malli	0	1 (11)	9
JONES , Colin	1	1 (2)	50
KEARNEY , Chris	2	7 (11)	63
KINGSFORD SMITH , Tony	0	0 (1)	0
MARQUET , Jonathan	0	0 (4)	0
MATHEWS , Rupert	1	1 (2)	50
MOONEY , Peter	2	2 (2)	100
MOORE , John	2	8 (11)	72
MULLIGAN , Luke	0	0 (10)	0
MURPHY , Stephen	0	2 (10)	20
NARAYANAN , Vishy	0	0 (5)	0
NYERS , Peter	0	0 (1)	0
OSSEWEYER, Brett	1	6 (10)	60

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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NAME	2006/07 Meetings Attended (Maximum = 3)	Career Meetings Attended	Career Meetings Attended (expressed as a %age)
PARFETT , Bruce	0	6 (13)	46
PARKER , Graham	0	0 (2)	0
PONSFORD , Derek	2	4 (5)	80
RICHARDS , George	3	11 (12)	91
RITCHIE , Matt	1	1 (3)	33
ROBERTS , Michael	2	6 (13)	46
ROCHE , Glenn	1	3 (8)	37
ROMEO , Joe	0	0 (2)	0
SCHOKMAN , Trevor	3	9 (10)	90
SHELLENS , Jim	2	9 (11)	81
SMITH , Gordon	3	11 (13)	84
STARKS , Steve	1	5 (13)	38
STREET , Gary	0	2 (5)	40
SUPERINA , Dean	0	0 (2)	0
TASKER , Peter	0	0 (10)	0
TAYLOR , Chris	1	3 (10)	30
TAYLOR , Geoff	1	10 (13)	76
THOMSON , Ian	1	5 (10)	50
TRELOAR , Ben	0	0 (1)	0
TRIBOLET , Brett	0	0 (10)	0
YOUNAN , Daniel	0	0 (11)	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 2006/07 season. All members were given the chance to request 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

10.00
9.50
9.11
9.07
9.00
8.98
8.95
8.83
8.81
8.80
8.73
8.67
8.65
8.64

-----> **Average mark 8.588**

8.49
8.42
8.41
8.06
8.00
7.82
7.75
7.59
7.47

The average mark this season was 8.588

The above averages compares to an average mark in season 2005/06 of 8.864 – This equates to an overall drop in the average mark this season of 0.276 or 3.1%

This seasons average of 8.588 is based on a total of 8159 captains marks awarded in 950 captains reports.

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS IN PICTURES



Peter Friend (far right) listens to the activity of the media frenzy surrounding Shane Warne (no cap), Martin Crowe (black cap) & Peter Holmes a Court (red cap) at the Souths Football Charity Game

**Alan Davidson Oval
7 January 2007**

George Richards (bowlers end) and Peter Friend (square leg) keenly watch on as Shane Warne bowls the opening over of the Souths Football Charity match at Alan Davidson Oval

7 January 2007



Gordon Smith looks on during the Metro Shield Grand Final

**South Sydney v Burwood
at Mona Park #2**

Saturday 31 March 2007

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS IN PICTURES

Shires Presentation Dinner – 18 May 2007



**David Goodman
and partner Carol**



**Michael and Yvonne
Roberts**



**Peter and Ingrid
Friend**

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS IN PICTURES

Shires Presentation Dinner – 18 May 2007



Ivan Holland and
Rupert Mathews

David Goodman &
George Richards



Peter Friend accepts the Umpire of the Year Award on behalf of Chris Taylor from President George Richards
Peter partnered Chris in the seasons 1st Grade Grand Final on March 31 and April 1, 2007

