

SYDNEY SHIRES CRICKET UMPIRES ASSOCIATION



12TH ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13



GRAND FINALS SEASON 2012-13

1ST GRADE

Blacktown Olympic Park 1
30th and 31st March 2013

Burwood 8/159
defeated Epping 157

UMPIRES

Stephen Blomfield
and Chris Taylor

2ND GRADE

North Epping Oval
30th and 31st March 2013

Burwood 281
defeated Lane Cove 134

UMPIRES

Mike Wheeler
and Aaron Vella

Tantallon Oval at Lane Cove won the award for the Shires Ground of the Year 2012-13. The oval is seen here shortly after a storm hit late in the afternoon of day one of the Shires Second Grade semi-final played between Lane Cove and Warringah.
Picture courtesy Margaret Tabrett, Warringah-CC

3RD GRADE

**Bruce Purser Oval, Rouse Hill
30th and 31st March 2013**

**Burwood 129 defeated
Strathfield 74 and 4/16**

UMPIRES

**Geoff Wheeler
and Ian Tabrett**

4TH GRADE

**Alan Davidson Oval, St Peters
30th and 31st March 2013**

**Georges River 8/195
defeated Burwood 194**

UMPIRES

**Spencer Harrison
and Geoff Taylor**

FRANK GRAY SHIELD

**Airey Park, Flemington
Sunday 10 March 2013**

**Warringah 3 for 129
(37.1 overs) defeated
North West Sydney 125
(42.3 overs)**

UMPIRES

**Stephen Blomfield
and Chris Taylor**



OFFICE BEARERS

OF THE SYDNEY SHIRES
CRICKET UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT

Peter Friend 2008-2013

George Richards 2005-2008

John Moore 2004-2005

Bruce Parfett 2003-2004

Peter Turner 2001-2003

SECRETARY

Stephen Blomfield 2001-2013

TREASURER

Mike Wheeler 2010-2013

Gordon Smith 2001-2010



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Ian Bowman

Mike Wheeler

Peter Friend

Ken Buckland

Stephen Blomfield

Mark Hughes

Trevor Schokman



L to R: Ian Bowman, Mike Wheeler, Peter Friend, Ken Buckland, Stephen Blomfield, Mark Hughes, Trevor Schokman



THE HISTORY

OF OUR ASSOCIATION

1	Turner, Peter	54	McKinnon, Jeff**	107	Harvey, John*	177	Clover, Stewart*
2	Beesley, Graham*	55	Mulligan, Luke*	108	Apter, Jamie*	148	Vella, Aaron
3	Blomfield, Stephen	56	Murphy, Steve	109	Alliston, Bill*	149	Brown, Robert*
4	Carroll, Phil*	57	Osseweyer, Brett*	110	Ward, Malcom	150	Hameed, Asad*
5	Donnellan, Tom*	58	Ridge, Owen*	111	Clift, Paul	151	Bell, Grahame
6	Friend, Peter	59	Schokman, Trevor	112	Rowsell, Adam*	152	De Costa, Kaysee
7	Guha, Ronnie*	60	Scott, Wesley*	113	Yousef, Salman*	153	Davies, Keith
8	Hanshaw, Glen	61	Tasker, Peter*	114	McLean, Scott	154	Martin, Dean*
9	Haviland, Chris*	62	Taylor, Chris	115	Wheeler, Geoff	155	Chakraborty, Bidhan
10	Hickey, Dave*	63	Bird, Tony*	116	Wheeler, Mike	156	Saha, Subrata*
11	Holland, Ivan	64	Bowman, Ian	117	Williams, Chris	157	Debnath, Neil*
12	Jayaweera, Jay*	65	Brady, Steve*	118	Breakspear, Brian	158	McCarty, David
13	Jegathesan, Jeriam*	66	Hammond, Brett*	119	Khale, Shailesh	159	Jaensch, Ron*
14	Kearney, Chris**	67	Hinks, Andrew*	120	Whyte, Craig	160	Steindler, Andrew
15	Keierleber, David*	68	Roche, Glenn*	121	Deacon, Lachlan*	161	York, Paul*
16	Luckman, Terry*	69	Thomson, Ian	122	Campbell, Malcolm	162	Barnes, John*
17	MacGillivray, Bruce**	70	Tribolet, Brett	123	Smith, Cameron*	163	Tabrett, Ian
18	Owen, Alan*	71	Bharadwaj, Vijay*	124	Calvert, Scott*	164	Dunford, Clive
19	Parfett, Bruce*	72	Cocks, Graeme*	125	Arora, Sunil	165	Hunter, Kim
20	Pepper, Glenn*	73	Dobbin, Patrick*	126	Robertson, Bob*	166	Riley, Gerard
21	Quaken, Keith*	74	Hasty, Jon*				
22	Rajogopalan, Ragoo*	75	Luke, William*				
23	Ralston, Tim*	76	Maloney, Rob				
24	Roberts, Michael	77	Marquet, Jonathan*				
25	Sammy, Rajan*	78	Narayanan, Vishy*				
26	Shiner, Tom*	79	Pardy, Bill*				
27	Smith, Gordon	80	Ponsford, Derek				
28	Starks, Steve	81	Street, Gary*				
29	Taylor, Geoff	82	Hughes, Mark				
30	Thorpe, Ken*	83	Mathews, Rupert				
31	Wentzel, Karl*	84	Ritchie, Matt**	<p>Gerard Riley and Ian Tabrett walk out onto Pennant Hills Oval to start play in the Round 11 Shires 1st Grade match between Pennant Hills and Roseville</p>			
32	Yeend, Stuart*	85	Jones, Colin*				
33	Buckland, Ken	86	Romeo, Joe*				
34	DeSilva, Kapila*	87	Superina, Dean*				
35	Dhandapani, Khadhir*	88	Parker, Graham*				
36	Gale, Andrew*	89	Mooney, Peter				
37	Gandevia, Robin*	90	Chambiras, Paul				
38	Goodman, David	91	Coleman, Paul*				
39	Iyer, Malli	92	Treloar, Ben*				
40	Johnston, Patrick*	93	Gupte, Vinayak*				
41	Moore, John	94	Kingsford-Smith, Tony*	127	Raghavendra, Venkatesh*	167	Oppenheim, Dennis
42	Richards, George†	95	Nyers, Peter*	128	Lardner, Craig*	168	Pointer, Martyn
43	Rush, Gary*	96	Charlesworth, Adrian*	129	Madan, Ajit	169	Sowter, Michael*
44	Rutherford, Neil*	97	Goodger, Darren	130	Cordner, Geoff*	170	Ryan, Tim
45	Shellens, Jim	98	Watson, Arthur	131	Shield, Bob	171	Burke, John*
46	Whitehouse, Bruce	99	Campbell, Neil	132	Wood, Stuart	172	Fonseka, Jude
47	Younan, Daniel*	100	Stiller, Wesley*	133	Ramakrishnan, Keeran	173	DuPlessis, Berend
48	Byrne, Laurie	101	Smellie, Patrick	134	Napper, Peter*	174	Fairlie, Simon
49	Christen, Richard	102	Moody, Andrew*	135	Rees, Martin*	175	Hossain, Bayazed
50	Garlick, Peter*	103	Tunks, Greg*	136	Paxton, Homer	176	Prabhakar, Yatin
51	Green, Alan*	104	Parker, Trevor	137	Davies, Adam	177	Rahman, Ashafur
52	Harrison, Spencer	105	Hood, Philip*	138	Davies, Reece	178	Turmanis, Juris
53	Knowles, Warren*	106	Dowling, Jason*	139	Hamilton, Ian	179	Turner, Michael
				140	McAndrew, Bob*	180	Stubbings, Glen
				141	George, Cherian*	181	Brady, Jason
				142	Baxter, Brett*	182	White, Graeme
				143	Conway, Michael	183	Newsom, Ian
				144	Singham, Mano	<p>*Life member. *No longer a member. This list has been compiled in the order members have joined the Association.</p>	
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UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

THE PETER TURNER AWARD

Stephen Blomfield 2012-2013

Darren Goodger	2011-2012
Brett Tribolet	2010-2011
Peter Mooney	2009-2010
Chris Taylor	2008-2009
Bruce Whitehouse	2007-2008
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Stephen Blomfield	2004-2005
John Moore	2003-2004
Bruce Parfett	2002-2003
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Stephen Blomfield is the winner of the Shires Umpire of the Year award for season 2012/13.

This is the second time Stephen has won the award having last topped the listing of captain's marks eight years ago back in 2004/05. Stephen won the award with an overall mark of 85.8 out of 100 (The overall Association average mark being 71.2 out of 100). The award this year was a very close race with two other members having an overall mark between 83.0 and Stephen's final mark of 85.8

Stephen's good performances on the field were acknowledged by the Executive Committee with Stephen receiving appointments to the Shires First Grade Grand Finals (only the second time in 12 years he has stood in this match) as well as standing in his 300th Career Match during the Frank Gray Shield Grand Final.

Another commendation Stephen received this season was a comment by one of the First Grade Grand Final captains who in his match assessment wrote this of Stephen -

"Stephen has the complete confidence of the players and just about stands alone amongst Shires umpires in being prepared to take a stand against the antics of "known" players who generally seem to get away with what they want. In my opinion is clearly the best umpire in the competition."



Stephen officiated in the 2013 Frank Gray Final played at Airey Park



MOST IMPROVED UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Kim Hunter	2012-2013
Rupert Mathews	2011-2012
Ian Bowman	2010-2011
Greg Tunks	2009-2010
David Goodman	2008-2009
Richard Christen	2007-2008
Trevor Schokman	2006-2007
Chris Kearney	2005-2006
Geoff Taylor	2004-2005

Kim Hunter is the winner of the 2012/13 Most Improved Umpire of the Year.

This was Kim's second season with the Association after previously having umpired local district cricket. Kim started the season in Second Grade and had a very consistent season with his captain's marks. So much so that Kim was eventually promoted to his debut First Grade Match during Shires Round 12. After the Preliminary Rounds Kim progressed to a Shires 3rd Grade Qualifying Final as well as a Tim Creer Cup Semi Final

Kim's captains marks this season showed an increase of 15.5% on his efforts in 2011/12. This large improvement was almost double that of the next best improver whose marks had increased by just 8.3%. Based on this improvement it is hoped that Kim will make further progress in season 2012/13 by nailing down a permanent place in Shires 1st Grade



ROOKIE UMPIRE OF THE YEAR

Glen Stubbings	2012-2013
Ian Tabrett	2011-2012
Aaron Vella	2010-2011
Scott Calvert	2009-2010

Glen Stubbings is the winner of the 2012/13 Rookie Umpire of the Year.

Glen came to the Association after playing cricket for the last 7 or 8 years at Pennant Hills Cricket Club. He is the first ex Pennant Hills player to join the SSCUA since our inception in 2001. Glen contacted the Association and met with the Secretary during the winter as he was unsure if he wanted to pursue an umpiring career. After that discussion Glen decided to give it a crack and did an excellent job in his debut season.

Starting in Third Grade, Glen quickly found himself moving up to Second Grade where he consistently received good feedback from the players and captains (many of whom he had been playing against only 12 months earlier). Glen was further rewarded with a promotion in only his 14th career match when he was elevated to Shires First Grade in Round 11. Umpiring every round of the season Glen was also appointed to a Second Grade Qualifying Final. Disappointingly he was unavailable for an appointment to the Sunday of Semi Final weekend and was thus moved down to the Saturday only Tim Creer Cup Semi Final appointment. If he was available on the Sunday he would definitely have received a higher Grade Semi Final match

We hope to see Glen go on to bigger and better things in his second season with the Association. He clearly has the aptitude and the right attitude to be in the mix for an appointment to one of the Shires Grand Finals in season 2013/14



NEW SOUTH WALES CRICKET UMPIRES & SCORERS ASSOCIATION



Darren Goodger
Executive Officer
NSWCUSA

To the members of SSCUA, NSW Cricket Umpires' and Scorers' Association proudly celebrates its centenary year in 2013 commencing it with a reported 1311 members and 41 Affiliated Associations.

Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association is our largest affiliate and NSWCUSA values the relationship between the two Associations.

As NSWCUSA prepares to review its Constitution I reflect on our key objects to regulate, encourage, administer, promote, advance and manage cricket umpiring and scoring in NSW through education, examination and all other available means.

It is also in our charter to cooperate with and support any association whose activities or purposes are similar to those of the NSWCUSA.

SSCUA shares the ideals of NSWCUSA – with commitment to excellence and improvement at the forefront of what both Associations try to achieve.

The growth in membership numbers for SSCUA is heartening to observe, who would have thought 12 years ago that SSCUA would have grown to a membership of 85? It is a credit to the commitment of your Management Committee and to the positive ideas your Association has developed around recruitment, retention and service to members.

NSWCUSA offers congratulations to those SSCUA members who achieved match milestones in 2012/13, I refer to Stephen Blomfield, Ian Bowman, Brian Breakspear, Spence Harrison, Ian Tabrett, Geoff Taylor, Aaron Vella, Geoff Wheeler and Mike Wheeler, all of whom have been loyal servants to the Shires Competition.

To those members appointed to officiate in the Shires and Tim Creer Cup Grand Finals, NSWCUSA acknowledges your appointment and offers congratulations on being considered worthy of officiating in a Sydney Cricket Association premiership decider. This is reward for

your ability, attitude and commitment to the competition.

One of the highlights of the SCA season is the annual match for the Chairman's Trophy and this year the Shires XI, captained by former Australia A fast bowler Don Nash, defeated the Grade XI at Bankstown Oval. Congratulations are extended to Ken Buckland and Ian Tabrett on their appointment to umpire this representative fixture. Reports received indicate that both umpires performed very well.

During the season it was pleasing to be able to invite members of SSCUA to officiate in the Grade competition to add value to their umpiring experience and NSWCUSA acknowledges those umpires who took up this opportunity: 1st Grade – Stephen Blomfield, Aaron Vella; 2nd Grade – Rupert Mathews, Ian Tabrett, Geoff Wheeler

The Association also extends thanks to Berend du Plessis, Martyn Pointer, Yatin Prabhakar and Trevor Schokman who umpired matches in the Grade competition at various stages during the season. The assistance of these members to fill the Grade ranks when there was likely to be a shortage of umpires is very much appreciated.

It is my intention to invite umpires from the SSCUA ranks to umpire in the Grade competition again in season 2013/14. It is beneficial for umpires to move out of their comfort zone and be challenged by umpiring different players and under different playing conditions. The SSCUA officials add value to the Grade competitions when they umpire and their presence this season was welcomed.

Members should be proud of the SSCUA President and Secretary.

Peter Friend was honoured with the award of the EF Wykes OAM Association Medal presented to him by Trevor Wholohan OAM at the NSWCUSA Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation at Bankstown Sports Club on 13 April 2013. Peter was a humble recipient and unusually lost



for words. Typical of Peter he deflected recognition stating that there must be more worthy recipients than himself, but in the view of the NSWCUA Board he was the standout from the nine nominations received and a most deserving winner.

Peter has announced he will be standing down as President of SSCUA. He has served in this position for five years and on the SSCUA Management Committee for a total of six years. Peter's contribution has been extensive. He has carried out duties with humility, integrity and has been a strong supporter of his Secretary and of NSWCUA. At all times Peter has "played the ball not the man". His professionalism, attention to detail and support of new umpires has been first class. I, for one, have appreciated his uncomplicated approach in dealing with matters. NSWCUA thanks Peter Friend for his contribution and wishes him all the very best for the next chapter of his life.

The NSWCUA Annual Dinner was a great success, due to the hard work and preparation of Troy Penman and Sharad Patel, with 195 members and guests attending. Sam Kekovich provided quite brilliant entertainment.

Stephen Blomfield was not only the Shires Umpire of the Year for 2012/13, but he also was inducted into the Shires "Hall of Fame" known as the Legends of Shires. Stephen is worthy of this significant honour. As a player and administrator he made a cogent contribution to the Auburn District Cricket Club of which he is a life member.

The Secretary and Appointments Officer of SSCUA for the past 12 seasons, Stephen has also officiated in 335 matches in various SCA competitions. SSCUA is in the healthy position it is today due to the contribution made to it by Stephen Blomfield.

Stephen's induction as a Legend of Shires took place at the Shires Premiers' Dinner held at Bankstown Sports Club on 17 May 2013 and fellow

inductees included Stirling Hamman and Gerard Price. All three share a passion for cricket and for the Shires competition, and all three were so very humbled when responding to their induction.

Stirling Hamman, after 11 years as Chairman of the Shires Sub Committee, has indicated he will be standing down from that role. Stirling assisted with the formation of the SSCUA and has supported the Association in growing to what it is today. Stirling will be missed and his genuine support of umpiring is duly acknowledged. He has been a passionate supporter of the SSCUA. Stirling was a surprised, but deserving inductee to the Legends of Shires.

At the national level NSWCUA continues to be represented by Gerard Abood, who has a strong connection to Shires cricket as a former player with Burwood Briars. Gerard attended the Shires Premiers' Dinner this year and was delighted to see Briars successful in winning premierships in first, second and third grades.

Gerard was appointed to umpire five Sheffield Shield matches, four matches in the One Day Domestic Cup and five T20 Big Bash League matches. He also umpired the tour match at Manuka Oval, Canberra, between the Cricket Australia Chairman's XI and Sri Lanka.

Gerard continues to go from strength to strength with his umpiring and we look forward to him pushing strongly for elevation to the ICC International Panel of Umpires in the coming years.

NSWCUSA had three umpires selected by Cricket Australia for the National U19 Championships held in Adelaide 7-17 January 2013 with Greg Davidson, Simon Lightbody and Anthony Wilds all putting their best foot forward. Greg and Anthony have subsequently been appointed by Cricket Australia to the U19 One Day International Series in Darwin in June and July featuring Australia, India and New Zealand.

NSWCUSA had four umpires selected to officiate at Futures League

level with Greg Davidson and Anthony Wilds umpiring the NSW v Queensland fixture and Michael Kumutat and Simon Lightbody officiating the match between NSW and Victoria.

We were pleased to note the appointment of Andrew Hamilton and David Taylor to a semi final each in the Women's National Cricket League. Andrew stood with Tony Ward (Victoria) in the NSW v WA semi final and David umpired the Queensland v Victoria semi final with Damien Mealey (Queensland).

SSCUA members would have been pleased to note the debut at national level of Mark Hughes who officiated in the Women's National Cricket League match between NSW and WA with John Evans.

The Association looks forward to more umpires from NSW pressing hard for national selection in the years to come as we have some outstanding emerging talent in our ranks.

The umpire appointments to the SCA Grade Grand Finals were hotly contested and the quality of those appointed indicates the depth of talent in NSW umpiring:

1st Grade

St George v Sutherland at Bankstown Oval. Umpires: Greg Davidson & Anthony Wilds

2nd Grade

Sydney University v Parramatta at BISP1. Umpires: Michael Kumutat & Ben Treloar

3rd Grade

Gordon v Sydney University at University 1. Umpires: Andrew Hamilton & Bill Hendricks

4th Grade

St George v Sydney at Hurstville Oval. Umpires: Darren Goodger & David Taylor

5th Grade

St George v Gordon at Pratten Park. Umpires: Gary Crombie & Greg Lill

Our recruitment course for prospective umpires will again be held at Cricket NSW starting on 29 July. We are in need of more registered umpires

for SCA competitions so it would be appreciated if all members could assist your Association with recruitment by informing others about the benefits of umpiring.

Any person you know who might be interested in umpiring can contact me for details about the NSWCUA training programs on Darren. Goodger@cricketnsw.com.au and 0418 615 355.

I would like to acknowledge the service provided to SSCUA members by Secretary, Stephen Blomfield, and the Management Committee. It really is first class and makes you proud to be a member of the SSCUA.

For the second year running Stephen provided outstanding administrative support to NSWCUA, and to me personally, as I juggled roles of Acting Executive Officer, Education and Development Manager and State Director of Umpiring following the departure of Nick Carson from Cricket NSW on 22 October 2012. The management of Cricket NSW in conjunction with the NSWCUA Board decided that Nick did not satisfy the conditions of his probationary period.

As such NSWCUA now has a new management team and structure in place with Sharad Patel being employed as Administration Officer and Troy Penman being deservedly promoted to the position of Administration Manager. The role of State Director of Umpiring and responsibilities for education and development programs rests with the Executive Officer.

I look forward to being involved with the SSCUA as a member in the years to come and it is my hope that all members enjoy their umpiring and aim to get that little bit better with each match. "Not everything is about winning, but instead doing the best you possibly can." Wayne Bennett.

In the pursuit of excellence and raising standards it was wonderful to see SSCUA invite NSWCUA life member Simon Taufel to attend a meeting. Simon lives what he preaches

in all respects. I recently read an interesting quote attributed to him, "It is really important for us to make sure that we stay on top of our game day in day out, and that we are not complacent with our knowledge and our skill base."

Simon is a loss to the ICC Elite Panel as an umpire, but he will work hard as the newly appointed ICC Umpire Performance and Training Manager to support umpires and raise standards through quality coaching and accreditation programs.

As umpires if we give our best in preparation for each match, and give our best when adjudicating on every ball then our stakeholders can't ask for much more. "The meeting of preparation with opportunity generates the offspring we call luck." Tony Robbins.

Season 2013/14 will bring new challenges for umpires with the fifth edition of the 2000 Code of the Laws of Cricket to come into effect on 1 October 2013. At the time of writing there has been no formal correspondence received from either MCC or Cricket Australia about the proposed changes.

In order to provide clarity and consistency to umpires and players when the bowler breaks the stumps at the non-striker's end when delivering the ball, the MCC has decided to make such an act an "unfair delivery" and for it to be called a "No ball".

This is one Law change we know will be introduced if one takes notice of the Lord's web page.

<http://www.lords.org/news/2013/february/richardson-welcomes-new-law/>

It will be a "no ball" on every occasion and the batsman is protected under Law 24 from six forms of dismissal.

The International Cricket Council adopted this as a standard playing condition effective 1 May 2013. It will be officially included in the Laws of Cricket by MCC on 1 October 2013.

The wording of Law 24.6 is likely to be:

Bowler breaking wicket in delivering ball

Either umpire shall call and signal No ball if, other than in an attempt to run out the non-striker under clause 42.11, the bowler breaks the wicket at any time after the ball comes into play and before he completes the stride after the delivery stride.

For the purpose of this clause, the amended definition of delivery stride from Appendix D - Laws of Cricket shall apply:

Delivery Stride is the stride during which the delivery swing is made, whether the ball is released or not. It starts when the bowler's back foot lands for that stride and ends when the front foot lands in the same stride. The stride after the delivery is completed when the next foot lands i.e. when the back foot of the delivery stride lands again.

I conclude my contribution to the SSCUA Annual Report by commending your Association on the 2012/13 season. Your members make a great contribution to the SCA and it is appreciated. The camaraderie that exists between SSCUA members is special. The level of respect the umpires display for each other is fantastic and it is a spirit of teamwork and cooperation that others would benefit from following. There is a genuine rapport among the umpires, and between the umpires and the players in the clubs who value the involvement of SSCUA members in the Shires cricket community. This was evident at the Shires Premiers' Dinner where players and officials spoke with great warmth about the contribution of umpires to Shires cricket.

Hope to see you at the SSCUA AGM on 31 July. In the meantime relax and enjoy the non-playing season, 28 September will be here before we all know it.

Take care,
Darren Goodger





26 January 2013

Andrew Steindler & Bidhan Chakraborty stood at Epping Oval for the Round 11 Shires 3rd Grade match between Epping and Strathfield

24 February 2013

Aaron Vella is officiating here as Warringah's Lenny Jones bowls during the Frank Gray Shield Semi Final played at Weldon Oval between Warringah and Epping



9 March 2013

Gerard Riley gives Warringah batsman Matt Anderson out LBW during the Round 14 Shires 1st Grade match at Airey Park played between Warringah and Strathfield



24 November 2012

Peter Mooney and Geoff Wheeler check the scorebooks during the replay of the 2011/12 First Grade Grand Final. On this occasion at Rothwell Park, Lane Cove defeated Burwood outright after Burwood had won on the First Innings

3 November 2012

Ashafur Rahman (l) and Peter Mooney (r) just before the toss – Round 4, Lindfield v Lane Cove Second Grade at Lindfield Oval.



30 March 2013

Spencer Harrison and Geoff Taylor are heading on to begin day 1 of the Shires 4th Grade Grand Final at Alan Davidson Oval. Georges River 8/195 narrowly defeated Burwood 194 all out.

16 March 2013

Stephen Blomfield and Ian Tabrett pose here at a picturesque George Parry Oval prior to the commencement of play in the 1st Grade Qualifying Final played between Auburn and Epping

AROUND THE GROUNDS



President Peter Friend presents Mike Wheeler his 100 Game Polo Shirt at the December members meeting. Mike umpired his 100th Shires match during the opening round of the Frank Gray Shield on 18 November



President Peter Friend (l) presents George Richards his Life Membership pullover at the Association's 11th Annual General Meeting held at the York Street Bowlers Club



Darren Goodger (l) receives the Peter Turner Umpire of the Year Trophy from Peter Turner at the Association's 11th Annual General Meeting held at the York Street Bowlers Club



President Peter Friend (r) presents Derek Ponsford his Membership cap at the December members meeting held at Redfern RSL



Ilan Tabrett (l) won the Rookie Umpire of the Year Award in season 2011/12. Here at the Association's Annual General Meeting Ian accepts the trophy from Shires Competition Sub Committee member, Michael Wood



Association President Peter Friend (l) presents Ivan Holland his 200 Career Game Polo Shirt at the September pre season members meeting

SYDNEY SHIRES COMPETITION SUB-COMMITTEE



Stirling Hamman
Chairman,
Sydney Shires Competition
Sub-committee
2003 – Current

The 2012-13 Sydney Shires Umpires season was another highly successful and enjoyable one for all concerned. Once again your Association and its members exhibited their undoubted management and game skills every week despite the challenges of occasional inclement weather and some continuing poor player behaviour. It is a credit to your Association that your numbers have remained solid and their passion for the game undiminished.

This season witnessed the exit of some of your senior members which in turn presented opportunities to younger and newer faces. As with players there is always new talent emerging and they are very fortunate to be guided by the experience and wisdom of your executive in their training and game time.

As mentioned poor player behaviour still haunts us. For some reason its incidence rose this year so much so the Shires Sub Committee earnestly sought the views of your senior executive in our quest to improve the situation. We were guided by their response. Although it is not easy in these times when many people regard the world to revolve around them and their problems and bring that with them to the game on Saturday, we must collectively keep searching for new methods to keep this problem under control or else risk losing umpires and other players as well as bringing the game into disrepute.

Our primary challenge still remains to obtain umpires to cover every game in Fourth Grade. This cannot be achieved until the numbers are such that you are oversubscribed to allow casual weekly vacancies caused by grade, social and work commitments. I know that your executive remains resolute and will never give up the battle on this front. I also know that one day they will succeed.

Despite the difficulties from time to time all of the players and our Clubs really appreciate the time, effort

and passion of your members and respect their skill and professionalism displayed every week. It is one of the unique features of Shires Cricket that our players and your members can become firm friends both on and off the park. This adds to our mutual respect and it is trite to say that without your Association our revered Shires Cricket Competition would be much poorer and the standard much lower. Everyone in our Competition knows that.

Finally this year your Association took on the task of administrating and supplying umpires to the Masters and Classics Competitions as well as its usual commitment to the Tim Creer Cup Finals Series. This was very much appreciated by all those involved as normally they don't get umpires and their presence greatly contributed to the player's enjoyment of our great game.

I wish to congratulate all of your members on their performances this season particularly those who were rewarded with a Final series match. I also wish to acknowledge and thank your executive especially President Peter Friend and Secretary Stephen Blomfield both of whom worked tirelessly all year. In this regard I am very happy that Stephen Blomfield will be inducted as a "Legend of Shires Cricket" at the Shires Annual Dinner on 17th May 2013 for his herculean contribution to Shires Cricket over many years both with the Auburn club as a player and now through your Association as an Umpire and administrator. Congratulations Stephen...you absolutely deserve this accolade.

I look forward to seeing all of your members on and off the field next year enjoying Shires cricket once again.

Stirling Hamman, Chairman
Sydney Shires Sub Committee

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Peter Friend
President
Sydney Shires Cricket
Umpires Association
2008 – Current

This season marked the end of our 11th year and in many ways was a duplicate of the previous season in terms of the numbers of active members who stood regularly. I have a strong preference to see new members come from the groups of ex-players as they have not just a great level of skill in decision making they have the innate knowledge of the nuances of the game and the interpersonal relationships that forge teams and clubs together. Some of the Shires clubs have a strong reputation in this regard and one in fact has produced 2 recent Umpires of the Year. From our perspective if you no longer wish to play the view from the stumps is still very rewarding. Overall it appears that the standard of decision making of our members is continuing to increase with experience and the assistance of the materiel provided as support by the training and development team at NSWCUSA.

This season under the guidance of a strong and professionally driven executive our Association has taken a number of steps to further reward our members. Our focus in this regard is for the membership to develop a camaraderie and commitment so that we retain them and help them feel that they are a part of a team not just an organisation.

We purchased white coats for each of the members so that they can have a common and serious image when the weather is a bit chilly. We provided each member with a cap carrying the number of their membership to give a feeling of comradeship. And with the funds from a Federal Government grant we gave each member a fully provisioned First Aid Kit. I must record my personal thanks to our executive member Mark Hughes who provided skilled assistance in compiling the application for funding, something that has been a successful venture in other recent years for us.

This year saw our members extend their coverage into the Masters and Classic competitions a move that was

well received by those players and our thanks to the organisation of the Masters Cricket for their liaison in this endeavour. With some help we may be able to recruit some of these players into our ranks.

We also commenced a program of integrating Grade Umpires into the Shires competition in order that they may allow us to cover the maximum number of games, but also to experience the Shires game and its culture to take back to their coterie. The other benefit of this arrangement was that we were able to extend our coverage of games to many of the lower grades that tend to have to umpire themselves, an unsatisfactory experience and one that when they come to the end of the season and meet umpires in the final series does leave them a little uncertain of how to manage the presence of an official umpire.

At our February meeting we were able to pick the brains of the best of the best in a Q & A session with Simon Taufel, an opportunity that many took to improve their own skill sets especially in the area of mental preparation. For most of our members it became clear that the difference between the preparation for a test match and for our games is really just a matter of scale not content, a very good lesson for us all.



13 April 2013. NSW Cricket Association Life Member, Trevor Wholohan presents Peter Friend the EF Wykes Association Medal at the NSWCUSA Annual Dinner



Again our members were tested using on-line quizzes especially to focus on playing conditions leading up to the finals weekends. Thanks to Stephen Blomfield for his efforts in this regard.

We were pleased to see that Darren Goodger was appointed as Executive Officer of the NSWCUA after a difficult year earlier where he wore two hats with distinction. The quality of training generated by the NSWCUA is as always of the highest standard and well recognised by our members and committee, it is our opinion that there can be no better communicator of complex skills and decision making going around than Darren Goodger, I suspect his modesty will not accept this.

The issue of player behaviour is always a matter for concern and it seemed that this year there was an increase in reports to the commissioner however several of those reports came in one game where the reports generated from the clubs rather than the umpires – in some respect this somewhat inflated the figures. Nonetheless I wish to see a season where Umpires are not placed in positions where they have to report players as these matches generally are an unpleasant experience and in some cases in the past have caused Umpires to retire.

This season our Secretary, Stephen Blomfield, passed a significant milestone in his umpiring career having stood in over 300 matches: the leading performer amongst a strong group of members with over 150 matches under their belts.

Congratulations are extended to the Premiership Sides in the Shires Competition during season 2012/13 – 1st Grade Burwood, 2nd Grade Burwood, 3rd Grade Burwood, 4th Grade Georges River and the Frank Gray Shield was won by Warringah for a record third consecutive season.

We look forward to season 2013/14 with much anticipation.

Peter Friend



23 March 2013

Geoff and Mike Wheeler oversee the toss at Tantallon Oval for the 2nd Grade Semi Final between Lane Cove and Warringah

15 December 2012

Peter Friend with his best tea pot impersonation, and Gerard Riley, get together after a wicket falls in the Shires 1st Grade match played between Macquarie Uni and Southern Districts played at the Northern Oval



9 March 2013

Bruce Whitehouse gets into the action calling a wide during the Round 14 Shires 1st Grade match at Airey Park played between Warringah and Strathfield

6 October 2012

Berend DuPlessis (l) and Clive Dunford (r) inspect the soft pitch and surrounds after a rain delay at Bark Huts Reserve in the Fourth Grade Round 2 match Strathfield v Auburn



Ian Bowman was the recipient of his 100 Career Games Polo Shirt at the members meeting held on 21 February 2013. Here Ian receives his award from recently retired ICC Elite panel umpire and fellow NSWCUSA Member, Simon Taufel



Aaron Vella (l) and Rupert Mathews (r) receive their Fourth Grade Grand Final Certificates from Shires Sub Committee Member, John Lloyd at the Associations 11th Annual General Meeting held at the York Street Bowlers Club



Peter Mooney, Ken Buckland and Rupert Mathews all passed 100 career matches during 2011/12 and received their achievement certificates from John Lloyd from the Shires Competition Sub Committee at the Association's 11th Annual General Meeting



Gerard Riley was presented with a medallion at the December Members Meeting in acknowledgement of his appointment to his debut match in Shires First Grade on 15 December 2012



President Peter Friend presents Stuart Wood his 50 Game Polo Shirt at the December members meeting. Stuart umpired his 50th Shires match during Shires Round 8 on 22 December 2012



President Peter Friend presents Jim Shellens with his numbered membership cap at the December members meeting



Ivan Holland (11) and Spencer Harrison (52) proudly wearing their new membership caps just prior to the toss of the Pennant Hills v Lindfield 2nd Grade match at Pennant Hills Oval. This was Spencer's 200th career Shires match



February Members Meeting – Simon Taufel presents Kim Hunter a medallion to commemorate Kim's 1st Grade debut in Shires Round 12 which was played on February 9 and 16



Ian Tabrett was the recipient of his 50 Career Games Polo Shirt at the members meeting in February 2013. Ian received his award from recently retired ICC Elite panel umpire and fellow NSWCUA Member, Simon Taufel



Rupert Mathews and Stuart Wood in a jovial mood at the NSWCUA Centenary Year Launch at the SCG.



Shailesh Khale (Left) and Yatin Prabhakar (Right) are seen here at a members meeting with recently retired ICC Elite panel umpire and fellow NSWCUA Member, Simon Taufel



February Members Meeting – Simon Taufel presents Glen Stubbings a medallion to commemorate Glen's 1st Grade debut in Shires Round 11 which was played on January 26 and February 2



SECRETARY'S REPORT



Stephen Blomfield
Honorary Secretary
2001 – Current

It is with a great deal of pleasure I present this my twelfth Secretary's Report for this, the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association – Season 2012/13.

For most of us, the last 12 months have generated many big moments in the game of Cricket. The season just gone was described in the cricket media as the year of the exit... whether it by retirement, or ex greats of the game passing away. For me, the death of Tony Grieg a few days after Christmas 2012 was my personal sad moment in 2012/13. Tony and all of those early day Channel 9 commentators did amazing things for Aussie Cricket coverage at the end of the 1970's and beyond.

Tony's passing is yet another reminder to all of us that time marches on and waits for nobody – just like it did for other legends of the game such as Ricky Ponting and Mike Hussey who both exited from the Australian team in late 2012. Thank You Punter, Thank You Mr Cricket, and of course Thank You Greigy, thanks for the memories.

The year 2012 also saw fellow NSWCUA member Simon Taufel exit from the ICC Elite Umpire Panel. For me this was a great loss to the game as I rate Simon as one of the finest umpires ever to have officiated at that level. Thank You Simon, you were an inspiration to so many of us "grass roots" umpires.

And while others have moved on, let us also not forget those that continued to perform these last 12 months, carrying on making Cricket what it is today...exciting, nail biting, and always riveting viewing. Let's never forget the manner in which the Australian skipper, Michael Clarke, stood up and scored like Bradman during 2012, what an inspiration to everyone who loves this great game. And for those of us with an historical appreciation of our very own Shires Competition, the rise and rise of Mitchell Starc, who started his senior cricket with Auburn Shire Cricket Club as a 15 year old wicket keeper in Shires Fourth Grade! Surely this too would be

a fond memory when reviewing these last 12 months. Yes indeed, the last 12 months have been quite amazing for the game up there at a level that we all look up to, and probably once as youngsters aspired to.

And so from the lofty heights of International Cricket, we now look back on our own season in the Sydney Shires Competition. Although we are fairly well down the ladder when comparing us to the likes of those mentioned above, what we do for Cricket at grass roots level is extremely significant. I applaud each and every member for your ongoing commitment to Cricket Umpiring in the Shires Competition. Can you even imagine what chaos would reign if there was nobody to umpire Shires matches each Saturday. So while I have thanked men with great reputations as mentioned above, I equally thank each member of this Association for your support of the Shires Competition and I hope you continue to do so next season as well.

THE SSCUA 11th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The season kicked off with the holding of our 11th Annual General Meeting on 18 July 2012 at the Bowlers Club in the City. The attendance of only 30 members (from a membership of 80) was bitterly disappointing for the Executive Committee. Guests on the night were Nick Carson who had recently been employed as the replacement for Darrell Hair in the Executive Officer Role for our parent body - NSW Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association. Other guests were Mike Wood and John Lloyd who represented the Shires competition sub committee.

During the meeting Peter Friend was re-elected unopposed as President of the Association for a record fifth term. Similarly, Stephen Blomfield was re-elected unopposed for his twelfth term as Honorary Secretary. Michael Wheeler stayed on as Treasurer for his third season and Trevor Schokman



was elected as Vice President for the first time. Other committee members elected were Mark Hughes, Jim Shellens, and Ken Buckland. All positions were filled without the requirement of a ballot.

Shortly after the Executive Committee meeting held in mid August, Jim Shellens chose to resign his position from the committee. Ian Bowman was drafted in by the Executive to fill this casual vacancy shortly after Jim's departure.

At our Annual General Meeting, NSWCUA Executive Officer Nick Carson addressed the members and congratulated the Association on a good season in 2011/12. He also spoke on the production of an exceptional Annual Report that had been collated and published by the SSCUA. He went on to supply some information on the current business within NSWCUA which included:

- A proposal to better maximise the use of all SCA Umpires across both Grade and Shires Cricket (more on this topic elsewhere in this Secretary's Report)
- NSWCUA is Celebrating its Centenary Year in 2013 – as many as 34 events/functions that were going to be put on around the state, and also made mention that SSCUA was going to be allocated their own function
- Encouragement for members to attend the Annual Conference.

For Nick Carson, the stay in the Executive Officer role was brief. In October 2012, Cricket NSW and the board of Directors of NSWCUA asked Nick to leave the role after only about seven months in the position. Two months later Darren Goodger was appointed to the Executive Officer role. This was a proud moment for our Association to have the Executive Officer of NSWCUA also be a member of the SSCUA. I'm sure we all are glad of this fact and wish Darren well – we all know that Darren will do an amazing job for every member in this state.

MASTERS CRICKET

One of the exciting new innovations for the SSCUA in Season 2012/13 was the fact that our Association was approached by the Sydney Masters Cricket Competition and asked if we would take over the allocation of Umpires to that Competition. The previous season had been somewhat of a shambles with a non umpiring background individual in charge of trying to source umpires for each round of matches. Streamlining the Umpire Appointments from our Association was a definite improvement on what had happened the season before. The competition itself is played only on Sundays so this was a great chance for us to give our members more opportunities to umpire.

Prior to the start of the season I sat down with the Competition Chairman, Stirling Hamman and we agreed on some Playing Conditions changes to tighten up a set of rules that had quite a few loopholes in them. I also got the agreement of the competition to increase the umpire match fee from \$110 to \$132. A much fairer payment given that Masters appointments were for just one umpire to stand solo at each game. Hopefully we can get another small increase on the match fee for season 2013/14. In the season just completed we also managed to get a \$25 levy from each of the 32 teams to offset the Association's added administration costs.

They do say it's tough to teach an old dog new tricks and this saying certainly was in play this season. We had a significant number of teething problems during the season with lack of communication from the clubs in making sure the umpires were kept in the loop being a major issue. There were a total of eleven occurrences of a match either being washed out, forfeited or a last minute venue change where both teams got the news but nobody told the umpire. This resulted in an unsatisfactory number

of occurrences where an umpire travelled to a match venue and nobody else showed up. We will continue to work on this issue with the Competition Chairman and the clubs as we move into the new season

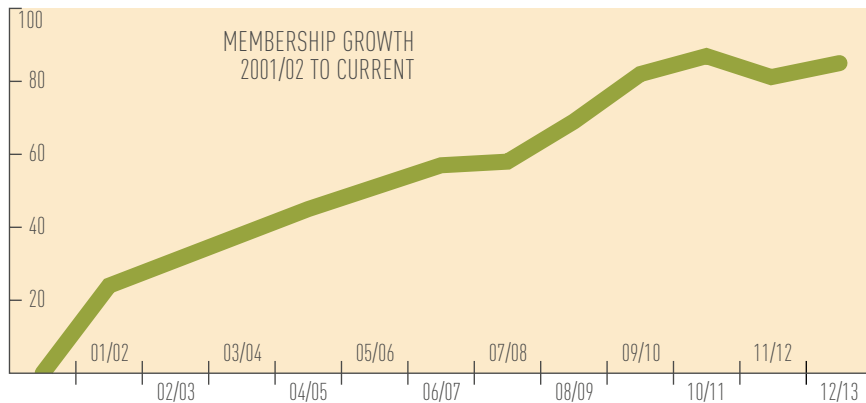
On the positive side, a large number of active members embraced the Masters Competition with a total of 28 members umpiring in this competition during the season. Even more pleasing was the fact that we managed to appoint an umpire to every Sunday Masters match during the season without once having to source persons that were not members of our Association. We look forward to once again providing umpires for the Masters Competition in season 2013/14.

MEMBERSHIP

Season 2012/13 saw a small increase in our membership as compared to Season 2011/12. Thanks for this growth in membership must be attributed to Darren Goodger when guiding potential new umpires through the training courses around Sydney. Darren encouraged a number of new recruits to start their umpiring career in the Shires Competition and for that we once again thank Darren for his unconditional support of this Association.

As at 31 March 2013, which represents the last playing date of the 2012/13 cricket season, we had taken on board a total of 15 new members this season. The total membership count at this time registered 85, an increase of 5 from the same time twelve months earlier. Of these 15 new members, 12 were new applications with another 3 being ex members re-joining. In the losses column a total of 10 members left us with 3 of these allowing their memberships to lapse and another 7 choosing to resign prior to the 31 August 2012 deadline to pay ones annual membership fee.

Of our current 85 members as at 31 March 2013, a total of 34 members managed to umpire in 10 matches or



more in the main Saturday competition during the Preliminary Rounds. This compared to a figure of 33 last season. It is clear that we need more commitment from our members, as well as the need to pick up a significant number of new members to boost this figure. Unless this happens we are always going to be struggling to move forward towards the goal of 100% umpire coverage every Saturday. The number of members who committed to every one of the 14 rounds played in the Saturday competition this season dipped from 15 down to 14. To those 14 members we thank you greatly for showing such commitment to the Shires competition during the season.

Of our current 85 members, 20 were inactive from umpiring in SCA controlled matches this season, an increase of three from season 2011/12. This is a highly disappointing result to think that a QUARTER of this Association's membership choose not to actively umpire. Of the remaining 65 members who did partake in SCA controlled matches, 38 devoted full time umpiring to Shires Cricket on Saturdays, a further seventeen umpired between two and seven Shires matches during the season (these classified as part time members) and the remaining ten devoted themselves as full time umpires in Sydney Grade Cricket. Statistics like this will forever cause us difficulties as we attempt to be in a better position to offer the Shires Competition an even higher level of service than we are currently giving them.

CONGRATULATIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Congratulations are extended to the premierships sides this season, the clubs that won major awards, as well as the SSCUA members appointed to officiate in Grand Finals this season –

First Grade Burwood

Stephen Blomfield / Chris Taylor

Second Grade Burwood

Aaron Vella / Mike Wheeler

Third Grade Burwood

Geoff Wheeler / Ian Tabrett

Fourth Grade Georges River

Spencer Harrison / Geoff Taylor

Frank Gray Shield Warringah

Stephen Blomfield / Chris Taylor

Spirit of Cricket Award

Warringah CC

Ground of the Year

Lane Cove CC (Tantallon Oval)

The Burwood Club won the Dave Tribolet Club Championship Trophy for the first time since 2006/07 finishing on 1,385 points. Warringah were a very distant second finishing on 983 points, while North West Sydney took third place with 953 points. Last season's Club Championship winners (Strathfield) finished fourth on 937 points. The Burwood Club had an outstanding season winning the First, Second, and Third Grade Premierships beating Epping, Lane Cove and Strathfield respectively. Burwood's wins in the top three grades had not previously occurred since the early 1980's when the Epping Club achieved this feat.



The result in the top three grades could have been more spectacular with Burwood narrowly missing out on winning a very closely fought Fourth Grade Grand Final where Georges River chased down 195 to win with only 2 wickets in hand.

In the Frank Gray Shield Grand Final, the Warringah Club easily accounted for North West Sydney to claim their third consecutive title in this competition.

The Association this season lost four experienced First Grade Umpires from last season (Three went to Grade Cricket and the fourth took a year off). This loss of depth to our ranks opened up some additional places for Finals Series Appointments. A number of members stepped up to be rewarded with Grand Final appointments to Grades they had not been allocated to in the past.

Stephen Blomfield, for only the second time in his 12 year membership, won a place in the First Grade Grand Final partnering seasoned performer Chris Taylor. This pairing were also allocated the Frank Gray Shield Grand Final. Mike Wheeler (3rd Grade last season) and Aaron Vella (4th Grade last season) jumped into the Second Grade Grand Final. Ian Tabrett umpired his first ever Grand Final in Third Grade partnering Geoff Wheeler who had stood in the Tim Creer Cup (or 5th Grade) last season. Geoff Taylor who had not umpired a Grand Final since 2003 got the gig for the Fourth Grade partnering Spencer Harrison who hadn't seen a Grand Final berth since 2008. What this says is that good members always rise to the top when opportunities arise. Congratulations are extended to all members who got to umpire a Premiership decider.

Ian Tabrett was chosen to umpire the prestigious Grade v Shires Chairman's Trophy match which was played on Sunday 19 February at Bankstown Oval. Ian has filed a separate report on his experience in this match elsewhere in this Annual Report document.

AWARDS & MILESTONES

The winner of the three major awards for season 2012/13 were Stephen Blomfield who won the Umpire of the Year Award, Kim Hunter who won the Most Improved Umpire of the Year Award and Glen Stubbings who took out the Rookie Umpire of the Year Award. Kim and Glen won their respective awards quite comfortably from their nearest opponent whereas the Umpire of the Year award was a very close race with four members all being very close to each other based on captains assessment marks. A full report on each member and the award they won is detailed more towards the front section of this Annual Report document [See Page 6 and 7]

During the course of the season a number of members passed significant milestones which were acknowledged with the awarding of each members respective career games polo shirt. Congratulations are extended to the all of the below listed members on reaching these achievements

MEMBER	SHIRES GAMES	SHIRT AWARDED
Stephen Blomfield	300	Green
Spencer Harrison	200	Red
Ivan Holland	200	Red
Geoff Taylor	150	Navy Blue
Ian Bowman	100	Royal Blue
Richard Christen	100	Royal Blue
Geoff Wheeler	100	Royal Blue
Mike Wheeler	100	Royal Blue
Tony Bergman	50	Sky Blue
Brian Breakspear	50	Sky Blue
Ian Tabrett	50	Sky Blue
Aaron Vella	50	Sky Blue
Stuart Wood	50	Sky Blue

UMPIRE ASSESSMENTS

The third season of the online umpire assessment facility provided via the "My Cricket" website once again gave the Association a quick and

easy way to check how captains were assessing our members. The issue of some captains apparently delegating the job of logging in and assessing the umpire to persons who might not have played in the game still continues to exist.

We also have an issue with some captains who clearly give no thought to the process – One particular captain this season marked every umpire in every game exactly the same. That sort of lethargy is simply useless in our endeavour to help improve the standard of umpiring. We also have an unsatisfactory situation that sees a captain not compelled to leave justifying comments in the "comments box" if he marks an umpire poorly.

This is an issue I intend to raise in the winter with NSWCUA Executive Officer Darren Goodger, hopefully with the assistance of the "My Cricket" team we can get this issue rectified for the upcoming season.

In regards to the data we actually received this summer, it was pleasing to see that every single captain's report

was submitted into the system within a week of the season finishing. A total of 1,566 umpire assessments were captured in the "My Cricket" system this season with the average mark coming in at 71.2 out of 100 (Last season it was 73.4).

The small drop in the average mark I attribute to a number of factors including a larger intake of new members as compared to season 2011/12, as well as a larger number of umpires from the Grade Cricket overflow list participating in Shires Cricket. In both of these examples team captain's are dealing with umpires they have not had any previous interaction with – and it is common place for some captains to be somewhat harsher when marking these umpires as opposed to longer serving umpires that they are more familiar with.

UMPIRE TRAINING

Once again we ran an SCA Playing Conditions Quiz during the season using the technology supplied by the Class-Marker Online Quiz Software Team. The software is very cheap to purchase (it only costs us about \$30 to purchase about 50 Quiz attempts). The problem is the time it takes to set up a Quiz. For me to set up the 2012/13 Quiz it took me nearly two weeks spending an hour or two a day on the project. It's very time consuming writing questions and answers and then having to set up all of this data on the Class-Marker programme.

Despite the time it takes to set a Quiz up, I trust that all members find the exercise a worthwhile training tool. The results of the Quiz were at times disappointing and for the Executive it shows that many of our members simply aren't up to scratch with their knowledge of the SCA Playing Conditions. This in itself means we definitely need to continue offering these on line quizzes into the future.

The season also saw us continue with the mentor programme. This season Peter Friend oversaw the project after Jim Shellens decided to move on from this task. This season, Peter Friend, Geoff Wheeler, Ian Tabrett and Mark Hughes kept in touch with our nine rookie umpires that were experiencing umpiring Shires Cricket for the first time. Thanks are extended to all of the mentors for taking on this important role. A separate write up on the mentor programme appears elsewhere in this report.

COLLABORATING WITH THE NSWCUA

The start of the season saw a new initiative implemented between SSCUA and NSWCUA that saw us have access to an additional four umpires each round that would normally be allocated to either 2nd or 3rd Grade in Sydney Grade Cricket. This offer came

at a good time for us as we had lost three experienced 1st Grade members (Darren Goodger, Jim Shellens and Stuart Wood) to Grade cricket, a fourth member in Brett Tribolet who had decided to take a season off umpiring on Saturdays, and Aaron Vella who due to his upcoming wedding didn't commence umpiring until Round 6. It was quite a fair statement to say we were a little thin on 1st Grade experience leading into Round 1.

The idea behind this proposal was to try and maximise use of all umpires across both Associations. For too long many Grade umpires, who were on the surplus list, failed to take up the opportunity to do a Shires match instead. To counteract this issue NSWCUA were prepared to offer us four Second or Third Panel Grade Umpires to be placed in Shires 1st Grade. The theory was that this would then push up from the Grade surplus list four extra umpires into 5th Grade Cricket.

The concept worked really well in the first half of the season, however it had to be discontinued shortly after the Christmas break as the Grade and Shires draws went sadly out of sync with each other from mid January until the end of the preliminary rounds in early March. Both Darren and I personally thought the concept was a success and we will be hoping that this can be replicated again next season as long as the Grade and Shires draws can stay synchronised for most of the season. With this in mind, both Darren and I will be strongly lobbying the SCA when doing the draws for 2013/14 to keep this issue in mind.

Around the Christmas period we also offered some of our members the chance to stand in a Grade match. This is seen as a great opportunity for members to develop their skills umpiring at different venues, with different clubs and different umpiring partners. This idea is something that we must persist with as it gives all our members the chance to get out of

their comfort zone and experience a different type of cricket. To this end, I look forward next season to once again working with Darren Goodger to ensure further development opportunities are made available to any SSCUA member that wants a one off game in Grade Cricket. As well as the development matches, other opportunities were given to some of our members to stand in AW Green Shield as well as Poidevin Gray Shield matches during the season. Chris Taylor in particular was rewarded with an appointment to stand in the AW Green Shield Qualifying and Semi Finals. Congratulations Chris. I know that those SSCUA members that were offered these extra opportunities were very grateful for the chance to umpire in these competitions. A big thank you to NSWCUA Executive Officer, Darren Goodger for having the faith in our members to make these added appointments available. We hope this can continue again in 2013/14.

FREE BITS AND PIECES

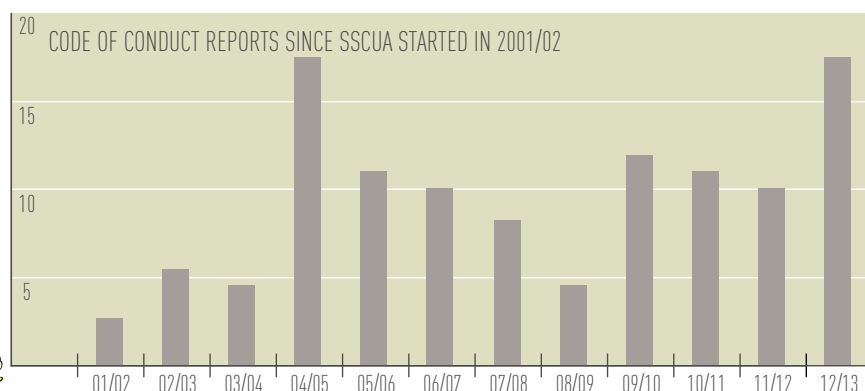
The committee this season was very pleased to be in a position to offer members a significant number of added benefits for their annual subscription fee. We were particularly proud of the manner in which the numbered (gray) membership cap was rolled out. This now forms part of our compulsory uniform when umpires are on the field of play prior to the match starting, or at any other time when

the match is delayed due to adverse weather. We trust all members will please honour this tradition not just for season 2012/13 but in all future seasons to come. If required, members can apply to have an additional cap made up for them by contacting me at anytime. Similarly if you lose your membership cap please contact me to arrange a replacement to be made up for you.

As well as the membership cap we were pleased to provide all active umpires with a white umpires coat to be worn on chilly days. For far too long our members had a huge array of differing clothing items they wore in the cold. The issue of this white coat now gives all members the same item to wear so we don't look like a rabble as has sometimes been the case in the past. The final freebie for the season was funded from a Federal Government Grant that saw each member supplied with a quality first aid kit to be carried around in each members umpiring bag. While we hope that each first aid kit handed out never needs to be used, the fact remains that every active member now has a very useful tool if an emergency situation was to arise.

PLAYER BEHAVIOUR / CODE OF CONDUCT

I haven't had to raise this issue in our Annual Report for about five years, however this season just gone unfortunately sees me once again having to discuss this topic. A total of





19 January 2013

Yatin Prabhakar gets into the action signaling a wide during this 3rd Grade match at Longueville Oval between Macquarie Uni and Lane Cove. The bowler in this picture happens to be SSCUA Member Paul Clift.



23 March 2013

Geoff and Mike Wheeler get together at the fall of a wicket at Tantallon Oval during the 2nd Grade Semi Final between Lane Cove and Warringah

16 February 2013

Trevor Schokman gives the heavy mallet a workout at Lindfield Oval with Patrick Smellie standing on providing some encouragement. Shires Round 12, 2nd Grade Lindfield v Strathfield

15 December 2012

Bayazed Hossain watches on during the Round 7 Third Grade match – Lane Cove v Pennant Hills at Longueville Oval.



nineteen Shires players had reports lodged against them in season 2012/13. Of those nineteen reports, only thirteen of these were reported by umpires with six being reported by clubs lodging reports against opposing players. The figure of nineteen Code of Conduct reports is the worst result since 2004/05 and something we hope can be turned around next season.

The problems of this season just gone came to a head in February when Peter Friend and I were asked to attend a meeting with the Shires Sub Committee and SCA Committee of Management Chairman, Andrew Falk. After a long discussion it was acknowledged that the changing nature of the competition with many new players not used to the disciplines of serious club cricket was a significant contributing factor in regards to declining player behaviour. Peter and I have committed to the SCA another meeting in the winter to set a plan in motion on how to tackle this issue in season 2013/14. The one message that this Association will continue to communicate is that we will not in any way accept members not reporting incidents that should be reported. To all members I ask that you please be a team player next season and report what needs to be reported. Passing on problems to one of your fellow members during the next round of cricket is quite simply poor form.

MEMBERS MEETINGS

Four members meetings occurred in season 2012/13 and for a number of reasons it was felt (with the exception of the AGM) that each meeting held was very keenly attended. The highlight of the year of course was the return to the fully revamped Redfern RSL as our regular meeting place. The venue (now renamed Club Redfern) was once again offered to us free of charge for all our meetings. It really was great to finally be settled back into a regular venue for us to hold our meetings. Thanks

are extended to Club Manager Anthony MacAlpine for his generous offer to allow us to meet at the club at no cost, a far cry from the Bowlers Club that was slugging us a ridiculous amount of money each time we had to use that venue for a meeting. I encourage all members (if you haven't already done so) to please join as a member at Club Redfern. Support the club that supports us. It only costs \$5 a year.

Of the four meetings conducted in season 2012/13 these were the Annual General Meeting held at the York Street Bowlers Club on 18 July 2012, the pre-season meeting at Cricket NSW on 19 September 2012, a general members meeting at Club Redfern on 12 December 2012, and another similar meeting on 21 February 2013. Special thanks are provided to Darren Goodger who was guest speaker at the December meeting, and also to Simon Taufel who graced us with his presence and imparted much wisdom to the membership at the February meeting. It is the intention of the committee to try and get a guest speaker to as many future meetings as possible which we hope will encourage more of you to come along.

As I did last season - I also bring to your attention the low numbers of SSCUA members attending the monthly meetings of our parent Affiliated Association (NSWCUSA) on the First Wednesday of each month. I encourage all members to try and attend these meetings on a more regular basis. These meetings often have invaluable training sessions that I believe many SSCUA members would greatly benefit from.

SEASON ANALYSIS

After seeing a large chunk of the previous 2011/12 season heavily affected by rain, it was good to see the end of the La Nina weather patterns that played havoc on our cricket. After a previous season where the ball ruled over the bat it was back to "business

as usual" in season 2012/13 with dry conditions and bigger scoring being the norm.

As far as umpire appointments are concerned, season 2012-13 saw the following umpire allocations being achieved:

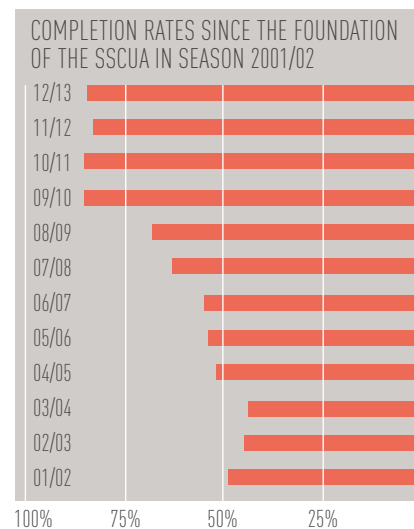
- **100%** umpire coverage of all days play in First Grade Shires
- **100%** umpire coverage of all days play in Frank Gray Shield Matches
- **100%** umpire coverage of all days play in Second Grade Shires
- **92%** umpire coverage of all days play in Third Grade Shires
- **41%** umpire coverage of all days play in Fourth Grade Shires

There were 665 days of cricket played during the season

562 of these days of play received umpire allocations

Total Completion Rate 84.51%

Last Season was 82.99%



The increase of 1.5% in overall umpire coverage from last season is attributed in some part to the increase of umpires made available to Shires from the Grade overflow list, as well as the programme that saw Grade umpires allocated in Shires First Grade in the early part of the season. Without this increased number of surplus umpires from Grade cricket our total coverage would certainly not been as healthy as it is. Thanks are extended to NSWCUSA Executive





1 December 2012

Left: Glen Stubbings (l) and Tony Bergman (r) check the new ball just before the start of play in the Second Grade Round 6 clash between Lindfield and Burwood at Lindfield Oval

27 October 2012

The three members that make up the Davies clan were all appointed to the two Auburn home venues during Shires Round 3. Keith (c) and son Reece (l) stood in the Second Grade match on George Parry Oval Auburn v Lindfield, while Keith's other son, Adam (r) stood in the Fourth Grade match on Dave Tribolet Oval between the same two clubs.

22 September 2012

South Sydney 1st Grade clap Ivan Holland onto Pennant Hills Oval to acknowledge his 200th career Shires match before the start of play. Ivan is partnered here with Ian Tabrett. Shires Round 1 – Pennant Hills v South Sydney

30 March 2013

Spencer Harrison and Geoff Taylor are seen here at the toss with the Burwood and Georges River captains. Shires 4th Grade Grand Final at Alan Davidson Oval

15 December 2012

Left: Ivan Holland (l) and Graeme White (r) stood in the Third Grade Round 7 clash between Epping and Burwood at Epping Oval. This was Graeme's first match for the Association

15 December 2012

Right: Peter Friend (l) partnered Gerard Riley (r) during Gerard's debut First Grade match played at the Northern Oval between Macquarie Uni and Mt Pritchard-Southern Districts

AROUND THE GROUNDS

Officer Darren Goodger for his support regarding this issue.

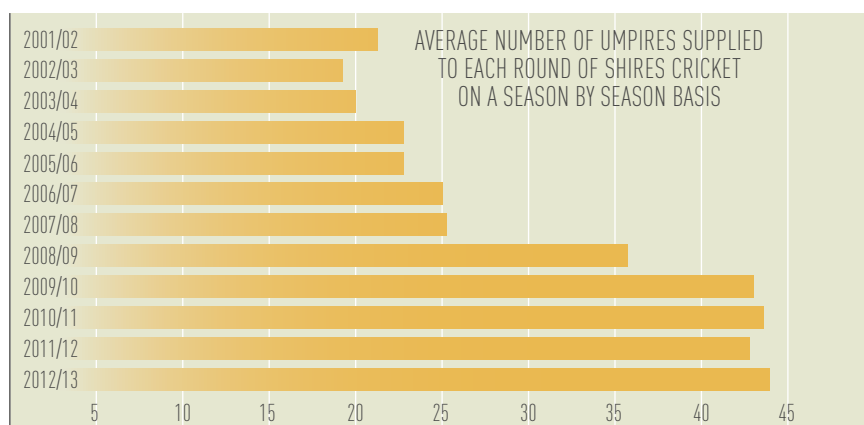
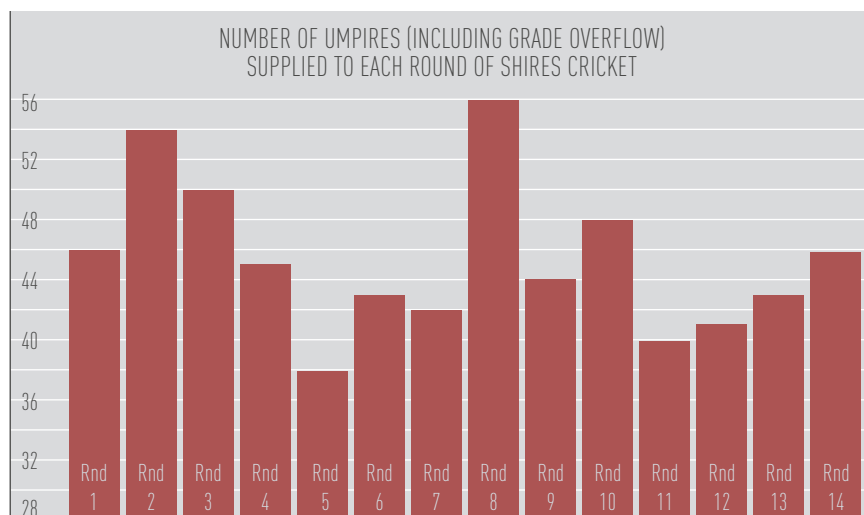
It is also noted that the last four seasons have all been around the 82-85% umpire coverage mark. This shows we have been consistently been able to deliver a more than satisfactory supply of umpires to the competition without going one step better to get into the 90%+ coverage (which would see the bulk of 4th Grade games get umpires on a regular basis). Despite the above we still had regular situations last season where Grade umpires on the overflow list refused to accept a Shires appointment in 3rd or 4th Grade and would prefer not to umpire at all rather than stand in Shires. Why people think like this continues to confuse me. Hopefully with time and education this issue will get better. Below are the statistics showing how many surplus Grade Umpires stood in a day of cricket in the Shires Competition during 2012/13 as opposed to the previous eleven seasons.

**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
2007/08	45	2008/09	134
2010/11	23	2011/12	71
2012/13	89		

Each statistic in the above table represents one day of cricket umpired by a Grade umpire in the Shires Competition. If a Grade umpire officiated both days of a 2-Day game then this counts as 2 in the above statistics table

One of the major goals of this Association is to have enough umpires available each week to ensure that all matches in First, Second and Third Grades are covered, with umpires in Fourth Grade being considered as "icing on the cake". This goal requires 42 umpires to be available on any given day of the season. Our coverage



in Third Grade increased this season from 88% in 2011/12 to 92% in 2012/13. A total of 10 Third Grade games didn't get umpires in 2011/12, in the season just completed that figure was only six. "Heading back in the right direction" somebody rightly said to me on Grand Final Day.

We also assisted the Grade competition in November in Round 5 where a number of our members were asked to stand in Sydney Grade Cricket rather than Shires 3rd Grade Games. This has slightly impacted on that 92% Third Grade completion rate. On the flip side we once again fully subscribed in Round 8 (only 28 umpires needed doing 2 x 20/20 matches in a day). Other rounds where we did well were Round 2 with 54 umpires as well as Round 3 with 50 umpires. Our average serviceability for the season

across the 14 preliminary rounds was 44.2 umpires per round which is a very pleasing result.

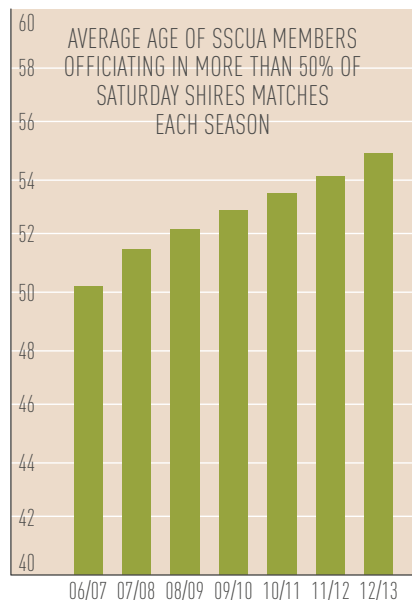
RECRUITMENT AND "GETTING INVOLVED"

Recruitment of new umpires leading into season 2013/14 once again needs to be one of our highest priorities.

Our sincere thanks to Darren Goodger who once again referred to Shires cricket a number of new umpires that bolstered our numbers in season 2012/13. Without Darren's ongoing support we will find it increasingly difficult to maintain our service levels to the Shires Competition in seasons to come. This is once again highlighted by the fact that our loyal active on field members are not getting younger.



As some of our members come to the stage where they may consider retiring from umpiring we need to be vigilant in ensuring that a steady flow of new people come into our competition to umpire. It's a worrying trend for me to see that the average age of our on field umpires has been steadily going up in the last seven seasons to the point where the average age of a member umpiring more than half the rounds has increased from 50.2 years old in 2006/07 to 54.9 years old in season 2012/13. This is illustrated in the below graph -



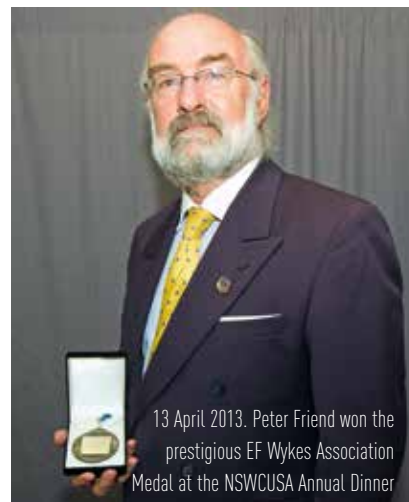
This season we lost four highly experienced First Grade Umpires when Darren Goodger, Jim Shellens, and Stuart Wood moved across to Grade Cricket. We also lost Brett Tribolet for the season due to family commitments. Next season we see Aaron Vella, one of our younger umpires move onto Grade Cricket. As well as this we may lose others.

The issue as to who is going to step up and fill these voids in experience can only be addressed if we continue to recruit new umpires into our Association. I have said it before, and sadly feel it necessary to say it again, that I do NOT believe that the majority of our members are doing enough to

try and recruit new members to our Association. If you care about the future of this Association then everyone needs to take a bigger role in regards to recruitment. We have staggered at around the 80 mark in regards to our membership for a few years now. Our goal is to one day be in a position to have 100 or more persons holding membership of our Association at any given time. But to achieve this everybody has to do more in regards to recruitment.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Members were given a number of opportunities during the year just passed to come together away from on field activities and meetings to enjoy each others company. In particular there were three events held this year which our members attended. On 13 April 2013 our parent body NSWCUSA held its annual dinner at Bankstown Sports Club. Being the centenary year the Executive Committee all attended this event organising a separate table. As well as this about another 10 members also attended sitting on various tables around the room. The highlight of the night for this Association was when our President, Peter Friend, was acknowledged for the hard work he has done for the SSCUA over the last twelve seasons as a member, and the last five as the President. Peter at



this event was awarded the prestigious EW Wykes Association Medal. This was a fitting reward for Peter and his commitment to Shires Cricket. Other SSCUA members acknowledged on the evening were Mark Hughes (100 game certificate), Ken Buckland (200 game certificate), and Ian Bowman (10 year membership badge). Of note was that two ex members of our Association were presented with awards on the night with Dean Martin winning the Grade Panel 3 Award, and Ben Treloar winning the George Borwick Award which is the top honour each season within the NSWCUSA.

On Saturday May 4 the Association put on an end of season social function which was kindly hosted by our Vice President, Trevor Schokman. This was



a fully paid for BBQ late lunch which saw a total of around 30 people attend. I know I speak on behalf of the Association when I sincerely thank Trevor for putting up his home and conducting the preparation and cooking of the food.

On Friday May 17 a number of our members attended the end of season Shires Presentation Dinner. This year the event was put on by the Shires Competition Sub Committee rather than the SCA, and the venue was changed from the traditional spot at Darling Harbour to Bankstown Sports Club. A good night was had by all with each of the premiership teams being presented with the competition trophies. This is an event the SSCUA strongly supports and we hope that all members will consider attending next season.

THANK YOU'S AND CONCLUSION SUMMARY

To conclude, I'd like to now take some time to thank and acknowledge a range of other people who have all made a contribution to Shires Cricket in season 2012/13. Without all of these people making a contribution then we would all probably be doing something quite different on Saturdays and Sundays during the summer. Thank you to everybody below, your contributions certainly do not go unappreciated.

Thank you to our President **Peter Friend** who in season 2012/13 completed his fifth season in the Chair. Sadly though Peter has decided not to seek re-election next season as he has medium term plans to retire and move out of Sydney. Peter has been an amazing President for the SSCUA over the last five seasons and has been a tower of strength for me. I will miss him greatly. I wish Peter well in the future, I know he will still be here for the start of season 2013/14 as an active umpire. I'm also hoping his plans to move allow him to umpire as long as possible before he has to move

on. Selfishly, I have my fingers crossed that he might umpire the majority (if not all) of next season.

To **Mike Wheeler** our Treasurer I offer many thanks. Mike has managed our finances with much gusto and enthusiasm. His record keeping is outstanding and the manor in which he continually provides the committee projections regarding our future finances is much appreciated as it assists the committee greatly to determine what we can and can't afford to spend. Thanks again for a great season Mike, your efforts are applauded

To **Ian Bowman, Ken Buckland, Mark Hughes and Trevor Schokman** who make up the rest of the management team, I wish to offer my thanks for your support and contributions this season. This committee ran very smoothly during the season and we all got along famously. Thank you for your contribution which was very much appreciated by me.

Special thanks to **George Richards** who offered up his services as a match observer during the season assisting our new (and not so new) members passing on wisdom and advice based on his years of on field experience. Further thanks are extended to George for his photography skills taking photos which make the presentation of this Annual Report something that this Association is very proud of. In regards to match observers - We are now in search of a second match observer in 2013/14 to add to our team. If you are a non active member and want to watch and report on other members please let us know. Match observers in 2012/13 received an \$80 a day payment from the SCA. So your time for taking on an observer role is financially covered.

To **Steve Murphy** who runs and hosts our website at his own expense many thanks are extended. Steve after many years of being in the background showed up to a few meetings this season. We hope all our members will

get to meet in the future the member behind our great website. I'm even hopeful that one day Steve will return to active umpiring !

Thank you once again to **Ian Bowman** who again has taken on the responsibility of compiling this excellent Annual Report. We really do now have an Annual report that is the envy of many other Clubs and Association's. Every member should be exceptionally proud of this report and basically we have Ian to thank for this. Thank You Ian for your outstanding contribution to this Association.

Thanks to **Darren Goodger and Troy Penman** in the office at NSWCUA. Yet another extremely trying season has been negotiated by these two outstanding men. It defies belief that our Parent Association has continued to function in such a magnificent manner given the issues in that office these last two seasons. Despite all the dramas of two previous Executive Officers being asked to move on, both Darren and Troy have taken up the slack of being one man down for most of these last two years and performed at a level that everybody should be proud of. I can't speak highly enough of both of these gentlemen and I sincerely thank them both for their contribution not just to NSW Cricket Umpires and Scorers, but also for their unwavering and unconditional support of the SSCUA.

Thanks are also extended to the paid employees at Cricket NSW who invest so much time into making the Shires Competition run as smoothly as possible. To this end we acknowledge **Ian Field and Roy Formica** running the Sydney Cricket Association. We also acknowledge **John McGruther** who looks after Grade and Shires Cricket in his role as the Code of Conduct Commissioner. We also thank the volunteers that make up the Judiciary Panel. Special thanks are also extended to the Chairman of the Shires Competition Sub Committee, **Stirling Hamman** and the rest of the volunteers



on his committee – without your guidance the competition wouldn't be what it is today.

I hope to see you all at the Annual General Meeting which is to be held on Wednesday 31 July at our new home for meetings at Club Redfern. As previously stated attendance at the AGM last season was not that great. Let's all make a bigger effort to attend the most important meeting of the season.

Season 2013/14 is just around the corner with Round 1 likely to be scheduled for September 21. I wish all members a great off season and I hope you all come back with batteries recharged looking forward to another summer of Shires Cricket.

Stephen Blomfield
Honorary Secretary



9 March 2013. Stephen Blomfield and Graeme White seek clarification from the Lindfield captain about somebody on his team sheet in the 3rd Grade Round 14 match played between Lindfield and North West Sydney at Acron Oval

17 February 2013. Not all SSCUA members are doing good work as umpires in Sydney. SSCUA member Ian Thomson who has lived in Hong Kong for the last 6 years (pictured 4th from the left in the front row) has been umpiring there, and is also heavily involved in promoting and educating new umpires about the game.



TREASURER'S REPORT



Mike Wheeler
Honorary Treasurer
July 2010 – Current

The goal of the Executive Committee for the 2012/2013 season was that the finance of the SSCUA during the season should provide a year of consolidation for our Association, and, that's precisely as it eventuated.

The financial year commenced on 1 May 2012 with a medium sized surplus that was carried forward from the previous financial year. This springboard into the 2012/2013 season enabled the committee to pursue it's well documented intention of returning value added benefits to the members.

The season also witnessed, for the first time, the Association taking control of umpire appointments for Masters and Classics cricket with the benefit to members of increasing Association revenue by way of a \$25 per side levy that each of the 32 teams in this competition paid to the SSCUA. This levy was called for to assist our Association cover administration costs associated with the added work of administering umpires for the Masters and Classics competitions.

With this in mind, in it's eleventh year, this would be the first season that the Committee elected to revise the procedure for fund raising by way of income derived from sales of tickets for the annual raffle. Members were offered alternative options designed to reduce the overall financial outlay required for membership fees and raffle book procurement. Ultimately, the new procedure resulted the Association returning approximately \$800 to the members.

Revenue streams for the season were further enhanced with the payment of a Government Grant specifically targeting volunteer organisations. The criteria for spending the grant were clearly detailed and, in this respect the Association provided, by way of a gift, to each active member, an accredited first aid kit to keep in their match day bag. The balance of the grant accounted for new office equipment for the association's use to replace

some existing outdated and somewhat inefficient assets.

Another new initiative funded this season was the introduction of a commemorative medal for all umpires upon the appointment to their debut 1st Grade match. This financial year, sufficient stock of medals was purchased to service the Association's requirements for up to the next 5 or 6 seasons. The additional cost of personalised engraving will be budgeted on an annual basis in the future.

This season also saw the Committee's approval to fund the procurement of new merchandise products, such as field shirts, milestone shirts, caps, weather jackets and the like, all with a view to enhancing our stock levels for the future. A full Association asset register is available for inspection.

In line with approved policy, members attending Association meetings benefited with the provision of free post meeting food and drinks at the AGM as well as the December and February meetings. Members also approved the concept of a post season function which was held at Trevor Schokman's home – Those who attended this fully catered event enjoyed a great day together with food and drink supplied at no cost to members.

The Treasurer's strategy for providing a cash surplus into next season is to avoid the need to procure an overdraft/loan arrangement to cover the immediate close/early season work in progress expenditure pending the future receipt of membership subscriptions.

As is Association policy, the financial balance sheets are supplied to members only as a separate insert to our annual report.

Mike Wheeler
Honorary Treasurer



MENTORING PROGRAM



Peter Friend
President, SSCUA
2008 to Present

First Season as
Mentor Programme
Coordinator

This was the fifth year of the mentoring programme and my first in the role of programme co-ordinator. It was rewarding to see that a large number of graduates from earlier years umpired in the Finals series this season.

All up, we had 15 new members join our ranks this season. Three of these were ex members who decided to re-join the SSCUA, another three were new members that already had experience umpiring in other competitions in the past, and the other nine were "rookies" that were brand new to umpiring. It was these nine "rookies" that the mentor programme focussed on this season and a short summary of those nine members and how they progressed through their first season with us appears further down in this report.

Taking over from Jim Shellens in this role was a challenge as his contribution in earlier years was enormous. Geoff Wheeler and Mark Hughes were again of immense help with Ian Tabrett joining the mentoring group. However I must confess we did not quite achieve as much as was provided in earlier years.

Staying in touch regularly with phone calls prior to and after matches was a key to helping our new members adapt to umpiring regularly. George Richards also performed the role of match observer as often as he was able. As part of the match observer process we often concentrated matches that George was to observe at venues where the "rookies" were allocated to. Thank you to George for giving up his Saturdays to keep an eye on our up and coming members.

There is no doubt that many of our new members did struggle as reflected in their Captain's marks. There are reasons that don't always reflect actual performance. Captains are not familiar with new members and in many cases new Captains are unaware of how to score Umpires correctly. It is also the case that we like to expose our newest members to lower grade

matches before throwing them up the ladder. In these games players and Captains have not been seeing umpires regularly and judge them based on how they or their counterparts have made decisions in games where no umpires are present. Naturally quality decision making is a bit different to not having a good understanding or the interpretation and application of the laws. We are confident that all of the new umpires will continue to improve with time and experience so that they retain and improve the standard of decision making in our ranks.

I would also like to thank all those umpires who gave their time, patience and experience to help the new umpires through their first few days, and launch them on their careers. It is important that new umpires receive help from people who can remember what it was like on their first day. After over 200 games I must admit that it sometimes difficult to visualise the nerves and challenges that new umpires face and being involved with mentoring is a good way to recall those early days and help plan a path that will help all of our new member also reach that milestone number of games.

We intend to continue with the mentoring programme again next season with the assistance of the quality materiel available from the NSWCUA Education and Training Division. Thanks to Darren Goodger for all of his assistance throughout the season past.

Below is a short summary of each of our nine 'rookies' that started umpiring in the Shires Competition during season 2012/13. The Associations thanks each of these members for choosing to umpire in the Shires Competition and we hope all of these members choose to come back for another season in the summer of 2013/14 –

BEREND DU PLESSIS

Berend umpired part of the season while playing the other part. This restricted him to a total of 7 matches

in which he umpired. He received solid feedback in most matches he officiated and after starting the season in Third Grade managed to gain a number of Second Grade appointments post Christmas. We hope to see Berend back next year as he has the potential to make it to First Grade in his second season of umpiring.

SIMON FAIRLIE

Simon joined the Association hoping to umpire but decided he wanted to continue playing for the Macquarie Uni Club on Saturdays. This restricted opportunities we were able to supply Simon however by seasons end he had umpired 2 rounds of Saturday Shires Cricket as well as standing in 9 Sunday Masters rounds. Once Simon has finished his playing career and commits to Saturday umpiring he will no doubt become a very good member for the Association.

JUDE FONSEKA

Jude came to the Association as he has a son that plays at Epping Cricket Club. Jude was a reliable member that stood in 12 of the 14 Rounds played during the season. Suffered a bit early in the season as most new umpires do as he came to grips with umpiring the Laws while trying to also grasp the Playing Conditions as well as learning on the job about umpiring technique. After his debut year we expect next season will see umpiring become a lot easier for Jude.

BAYAZED HOSSAIN

Bayazed had an interrupted season umpiring about 10 matches, however a number of these he could only umpire on one day of a two day fixture which for a first year umpire was not ideal. Because of all this stopping and starting I don't think he got a lot of momentum during the season. Hopefully next year will be able to commit to more cricket and be available for both days of most of the two day rounds.



YATIN PRABHAKAR

Yatin showed a rare keenness and willingness to learn in his debut season. Umpired a total of 11 matches in Third Grade and would have got a look into Second Grade at the end of the season but the game he was allocated to, was washed out. Yatin needs to learn to speak slower when talking to captains and players, so that his message gets heard. With his debut season behind him, should blossom into a good umpire in 2013/14

ASHAFUR RAHMAN

Ashufur showed promise in his early matches with many captains saying he was doing well for a first season umpire. Ashafur umpired 11 out of the first 12 Rounds including earning a promotion from Third Grade to Second Grade for a number of rounds. Sadly his season was cut short at the Round 12 stage as he had to temporarily move back to Bangladesh. He hopes to be back in Sydney for the start of next season and we look forward to seeing him come back to rejoin us on the field

GLEN STUBBINGS

Rookie Umpire Of The Year 2012/13. Glen had an outstanding season umpiring every round and also being appointed to a Second Grade Qualifying Final, as well as a Tim Creer Semi Cup Final. He also stood in 6 Rounds of Masters Cricket receiving some very positive feedback from captains. A more detailed write up on Glen appears on Page 7 on the page that discusses the Rookie of the Year Award.

MICHAEL TURNER

Michael was a reliable and keen member who was available to umpire every round of the season. Standing mostly in Third Grade he slowly worked his way into the season also suffering slightly with the huge amount of information that has to be absorbed (ie Laws, Playing Conditions, learning umpiring technique). By season's end had improved greatly from the early

part of the season and should do a lot better next season with 2012/13 now under his belt

GRAEME WHITE

Graeme only joined the Association just before Christmas after having umpired a little social and school cricket before embarking on his career with the SSCUA. He has two young sons playing at Warringah Cricket Club. Showed a lot of promise early and quickly found himself in Second Grade receiving some good feedback from a number of captains. We hope to see Graeme back next season as he has the capability to push for a First Grade appointment with a full season under his belt in 2013/14

SYDNEY CRICKET ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY

Bankstown Oval
Sunday 19 February 2013

SCA Shires 9-201 (50 overs)
defeated
SCA Grade XI 142 (38.2 overs)

Umpire
Ian Tabrett and
Ken Buckland



It was Chinese New Year on Sunday February 19th and we helped celebrate by holding the Annual Grade versus Shires Match at a superbly prepared Bankstown Memorial Oval. My partner on the day was experienced 1st Grade Shires/Grade umpire Ken Buckland and this was the first time I had the opportunity to umpire with Ken.

Our umpire's room within the main pavilion was almost large enough to hold our Shire's Annual General Meeting and included our own shower and a fridge fully stocked with many different types of beverages. So it was a good start to the day for Ken and I.

When we were going through the gate on the way out to the wicket, you couldn't help to notice the large number of ground and support staff all of whom were working hard to make sure that all was perfect for a great day's cricket. The outfield was like a green carpet and was blemish-free and the wicket was very flat and had the same straw-white consistency to it that you see when watching international matches. Had the Channel 9 commentators been here, they would have been predicting an innings score of between 250-300 runs.

The Shire's Captain was Don Nash (North-West) with Phil Hangyasi (Fairfield-Liverpool) as the Captain of the Grade team. Don won the toss and had no hesitation in deciding to bat. It was interesting to hear the concerned rumblings from some of the officials following Don's decision to bat. They were worried that the Grade bowlers would quickly go through the Shire's batting line-up and that there would be an early finish to the game. It became apparent that the Shire's side was quickly blowing out in the betting, but someone forgot to tell the Shire's team.

Michael McKeough (Epping) and Scott Hutchinson (Lindfield) opened the batting for Shires and after a cautious start an early wicket saw Cosi Beadle (Pennant Hills) come to the crease. Scoring was slow as the two opening bowlers from Grade, Tim Ley (Sydney University) and Nick McLachlan (Manly), were bowling at a good pace and stump to stump. The opening bowlers received wonderful support from ground fielding of the Grade side which was of a very high standard with none better than Nathan Sowter (Blacktown) in the covers.

A steady second wicket partnership was building but the loss of two relatively quick wickets saw the score at 3-58 with Captain Don Nash coming to the crease to join Cosi Beadle. Don batted in his normal style and significantly increased the scoring rate by hitting the ball hard and often over the heads of the inner fieldsmen. During this partnership, Cosi also kept the scoreboard ticking over with some glorious drives on both sides of the wicket.

With the score on 104, the Shires team lost their 4th wicket when Don Nash was caught at deep mid-off. Cosi Beadle, who was continuing to score freely, was joined by Sanketh Gitte (Auburn) who kept turning the strike over to Beadle by accumulating a number of singles. When Beadle was dismissed for an excellent 57, the platform had been set for a respectable Shire's score. Gitte (22) and a late hard-hitting 17 not out by Dan Lenehan (Roseville), saw the Shire's total finish at 9-201 after the 50 overs. The pick of the Grade bowlers was Phil Hangasi (Fairfield-Liverpool) who captured three wickets, with

Michael Edwards (Manly) and Nathan Sowter (Blacktown) who picked up two wickets each.

After an enjoyable lunch we were back on the field for the Grade innings. The general consensus at lunch was that the Shire's side had done well to post a score of 201, but it wouldn't be enough to beat the Grade team.

The Grade innings started disastrously, with Joe Scarcella (Lane Cove) picking up a wicket with the second ball of the innings. After another quick wicket, this time to Marc Seymour (Burwood) and Grade were 2-12 with the two batsmen at the crease being Justin Avendano (North Sydney) and Jason Hughes (Mosman). A partnership of nearly 50 steadied the ship for Grade but a lovely Iain Cowan (Auburn) delivery saw Hughes heading back to the pavilion. Avendano continued to score freely with some elegant front-foot drives. The score had reached 3-88 and it was anyone's game.

However, from this point on, the Grade innings collapsed and 7 wickets fell for the addition of only 54 more runs and they were all out for 142.

The collapse was started by one of the best balls of the day (delivered by Marc Seymour) which got through the dangerous Avendano's defence. All of the Shire's bowlers supported their Captain (and team) and bowled well. Willis Blunt (Roseville), Iain Cowan (Auburn) and Marc Seymour picked two wickets each, with Joe Scarcella (Lane Cove) gaining the important first wicket. A late 4-over cameo performance by Dan Lenehan (Roseville) quickly wrapped up the tail with Lenehan capturing the last three wickets.

This was the first win by Shires in nearly 10 years and only the fourth time they had won in the history of the Chairman's Trophy matches. In a close decision, the 'Player of the Day' was Cosi Beadle for his innings of 57 which helped build the Shires innings to an eventual winning total.

Both teams' thanks went to all those at Bankstown Memorial Oval and to Roy Formica (Cricket NSW) for all their efforts and hospitality which together went to make the day such an enjoyable one.

'LEGENDS OF SHIRES'

At the annual Sydney Shires Cricket Presentation Dinner held at Bankstown Sports Club, three new 'Legends of Shires Cricket' were inducted.

At left, Gerard Price from the Burwood CC, centre is Stephen Blomfield from the Sydney Shires Cricket Umpires Association and at right, Lindfield's Stirling Hamman.



1ST GRADE GRAND FINAL

Blacktown Olympic Park 1
30th and 31st March 2013

Burwood 8/159
defeated Epping 157

Man of the Match
Daniel McLaughlan (Burwood)

Umpires
Stephen Blomfield
and Chris Taylor



After having lost the last two Grand Finals to Strathfield in 2010/11 and Lane Cove in 2011/12, Burwood Briars Cricket Club under the captaincy of Jason Holley was determined to make the saying "Third Time Lucky" come true this season. After winning the minor premiership Burwood went through to this Grand Final fairly comfortably with an easy outright victory against Roseville in the Qualifying Final and a similarly easy outright win against Lane Cove in the Semi Final. The other participant in this match (Epping Cricket Club) didn't reach the Grand Final so easily. After running fourth at the end of the round matches they had a tough win against Auburn in the Qualifying Final and then stumbled over the line in the Semi Final against Lindfield barely defending an imposing total of 380 scored over the first 130 overs of that Semi Final match.

Upon arrival at Blacktown Olympic Park on Day 1 (Easter Saturday) we were greeted with the shock news that the covers had not been removed all day on Good Friday. We were confronted with a wet wicket with the covers sweating and leaving significant damp

spots on the pitch. Disappointingly for the show piece event of Shires Cricket, the start was delayed by 60 minutes. At the toss Epping captain Ian Wheatley called incorrectly and Burwood captain Jason Holley quickly chose to insert the opposition.

The Epping innings started slowly and cautiously with runs at a premium. The wet spots on the pitch saw balls moving off the seam a little more pronounced than normal. Whilst no batsman during the first session got out as a result of the pitch it certainly made stroke play very difficult indeed.

The tight bowling however did reap rewards with wickets in the first session falling regularly. At lunch Epping were 5/70 off 38 overs after a gruelling 135 minute session of sustained bowling from the Minor Premiers. None of the top order managed to get started with a top score of 21 by Pascal De l'Eppine being the best of the five dismissed batsmen prior to lunch

After lunch with the sun out and baking the wicket it was much more noticeable that the wet spots from the morning were starting to disappear making batting somewhat easier. A sixth wicket with the score on 91 saw

Steve Sharp and Steve Commons come together to form what was developing into a solid partnership. However just as things were starting to make solid progress for Epping with a partnership of 43, Sharp holed out for 17. The score was now 7 for 134

Another turning point of the match occurred shortly after with Commons taking off for a suicidal single to Steve Davis at backward square leg while on 49. This resulted in his partner Joe Barnes comfortably run out at the keepers end for a score of just 4. With 7 for 146 becoming 8 for 146 things were not looking at bright for the Epping lads. The arrival of the new ball just an over after the tea break made all the difference as the final two Epping wickets fell within 8 balls with the final score being 157 off a total of 81.2 overs. Best for Epping was Steve Commons with 56 while for the fielding side Mark Seymour took 4/36 off 21 overs and wicket keeper Andrew Jalalaty taking 5 catches with the gloves.

Burwood began the chase for 158 with a minimum of 19 overs left in the days play. The goal was to blunt out the new ball and try and get to stumps with a minimal amount of damage. Despite some solid moments Burwood lost 2 wickets in the evening session and went to stumps at 2 for 43 with Ben Eves taking the wickets of both Burwood openers.

The second morning started shakily for the Burwood side. Regular wickets fell in the first session including the two big guns of Mark Seymour and the skipper Jason Holley. At 5 for 69 the game was certainly up for grabs. A steady partnership between Squire and Blaszczyk got the score to 89 before Squire swung loosely at the first ball after drinks to be caught by the keeper. From 6 for 89 the scored progressed to 6 for 111 which ended up being the lunch score.

Coming out after lunch the equation was tantalising – 47 runs needed with 4 wickets in hand. The loss of Seb Blaszczyk with the score on 121 gave

Epping some hope of a win however Burwood number 9 Daniel McLaughlan quickly put paid to that idea and despite an 8th wicket falling at 144 he played an aggressive knock of 33 off 37 balls that saw Burwood home with 2 wickets to spare in the 72nd over.

For Epping the stand out bowler was Anthony Boorer who completed figures of 5/37 off 22 overs including 11 maidens. Worthy of note is that 15 of his conceded 37 runs came in his last two overs with McLaughlan swinging hard at anything he could.

If not for McLaughlan's batting at the end to steer Burwood home to a win it was felt that Boorer would definitely had been the man of the match. In the end that award fell to McLaughlan who had also heavily contributed with the ball on the Saturday taking 2/39 off 23 overs.

And so Burwood were proclaimed Premiers for the season, their first Premiership in this Grade since 2005/06.

Stirling Hamman, Chairman of
The Sydney Shires Sub-committee
presents the RB Clark Cup 1st
Grade trophy to Burwood captain,
Jason Holley



2ND GRADE GRAND FINAL

North Epping Oval
30th and 31st March 2013

Burwood 281 defeated
Lane Cove 134

Man of the Match
Cameron Beames (Burwood)

Umpires
Mike Wheeler & Aaron Vella



On a bright sunny morning at North Epping Oval Lane Cove won the toss and captain Sam Mantarro elected to bat first.

The pitch and outfield prepared by the host club, Epping, looked to be almost perfect, and that's the way it played throughout the two days of play. Congratulations to the groundsmen.

During a somewhat slow days batting Lane Cove were at the crease for 65 overs scoring just 134 runs.

Lane Cove got off to a poor start, losing 2 wickets with just 2 runs on the board. Wickets then fell regularly with the Burwood attack intent on not allowing any meaningful partnerships to flourish. The innings itself, fell apart when Lane Cove lost their last 6 wickets for just 17 runs. The standout batsman for Lane Cove was Owen Fisher who scored 68 runs from 144 balls faced, including 10 fours.

Such was the intensity of the Burwood Briars bowling and fielding, clinically managed by Captain Cameron Beames, that no other Lane Cove batsman managed to score more than 20 and only two other Lane Cove batsman, Pirenu Nirmalendran and Ian Davidson managed to score a boundary.

Burwood Briars bowled and fielded as a team, each of the 5 bowlers summoned took wickets and each returned Grand Final quality miserly figures, typified by Peter Catalovski who bowled 18 overs, 10 of which were maidens snaring 3 wickets for just 27 runs. Sanjiv Khalkho bowled well during his 5 overs for a return of 3 wickets for a scrooge like 6 runs including 2 maidens. The bowling attack was ably reinforced by Brad Scully who took 2 for 31, Will Service 1 for 37 and Wayne Grimson 1 for 20

The intensity of Burwood's bowling, fielding and overall captaincy in the field can be measured by the fact that in a total of 65 overs bowled, 28 of them were maiden overs. Captain Cameron Beames ably supported his accurate bowling attack by taking 4 catches fielding at slip.

Following the conclusion of the Lane Cove innings Burwood were challenged with the task of gaining an advantage during the tricky 39 overs remaining in the first day's play.

The Briars top order remained steady, intent on building for a first innings lead and saw themselves through to day two with the loss of just 3 wickets.

Day 2 commenced with Burwood's intentions clear. The first 9 overs of the day were maidens with both batsmen in the middle clearly looking to occupy the crease with a view to wearing down the Lane Cove attack and taking the possibility of an outright result out of the game and away from Lane Cove.

Burwood passed the 134 runs required for a first innings lead with 6 wickets down but by then, time was not on the side of Lane Cove.

The Lane Cove attack continued manfully to seize an opportunity to get themselves back in the game but, thanks to Cameron Beames (88) and Brad Scully (66) sticking to the game plan, the match was eked away from

Lane Cove and stumps were called at the conclusion of the Burwood first innings total of 281 from 91 overs bowled.

The Burwood batting plan was eminently identifiable. Hold up an end and maintain steady partnerships. In this respect all the batsmen contributed. In the end analysis the 8th wicket partnership of 121 runs comprehensively sealed Lane Cove's fate.

The Lane Cove attack was headlined by Cameron Bezer who took 3 for 56 from 22 overs and Luke O'Hare who bowled well returning figures of 3 for 47 off 18 overs.

The man of the match award was a fairly clear cut decision with Burwood captain Cameron Beams scoring a match defining 88, taking four catches in the slips and skippered the side in the field in a manner that extracted the best from his team

The match was played with excellent spirit and both Clubs should be well pleased in the manner that the players conducted themselves. Further congratulations to the Epping Club for hosting this match at North Epping Oval, a ground that has markedly improved from previous seasons. Clearly this venue was the most improved of the season and well deserving of hosting a Grand Final.



The view from the top of the grandstand at North Epping Oval on day one of the Second Grade Grand Final



3RD GRADE GRAND FINAL

Bruce Purser Oval, Rouse Hill
30th and 31st March 2013

Burwood 129 defeated
Strathfield 74 and 4/16

Man of the Match
Jack Kovacic (Burwood)

Umpires
Ian Tabrett and Geoff Wheeler



Burwood Briars have again defended the 3rd Grade Premiership to retain the J. B. Hollander Cup at Bruce Purser Oval. This makes three titles in a row for Burwood following their wins in both 2010/11 and 2011/12. Their opponents in this year's match were a gallant Strathfield side.

The two top teams following the preliminary rounds competed in the Grand Final as Burwood were clear Minor Premiers with Strathfield finishing in second place. In the semi-finals Burwood secured a hard-fought win over the tough North West side and Strathfield won a rain affected match over Warringah where the first day was completely washed out.

When the teams arrived at Bruce Purser Oval, they were confronted with a perfect day to play cricket. The sun was shining, there was a slight breeze and the temperature was in the low to mid 20's.

The wicket and outfield had been freshly cut and the grounds-woman Simone had done an excellent job in preparing a very flat wicket with just the right amount of grass on it for this Grand Final. The outfield was green and lush and whilst in immaculate

condition, the grass was longer than most grounds which was going to make scoring boundaries a more difficult task than normal.

About 20 minutes before the toss something unusual and freakish happened to a Burwood player during the warm-up session. One of his own players accidentally spiked him deeply in the Achilles region of one of his heels. It wasn't felt safe to move the player and an ambulance was called and came onto the field and eventually took him away to hospital. It was learnt later that whilst a number of stitches were required to fix the gash, however, thankfully, no other serious injuries were sustained. This injury meant that one of Burwood's star players was unable to play in the Grand Final.

Both captains, David Spears from Strathfield and Gareth Robson from Burwood enthusiastically examined the pitch again just prior to the toss. The toss was won by Strathfield with David Spears deciding that his team would bat first. With the wisdom of hindsight, it could be argued that the fate of the Grand Final was decided in the first few overs of the game. A maiden to Adam O'Keefe in the first

over set the tone for the match with the bat rarely ever dominating the ball. Jack Kovacic was Burwood's other opening bowler and he had the Briars quickly on top by rattling the stumps in his first and second overs, to have both Strathfield openers back in the dressing-room and the score was 2/2.

A brilliant catch in the gully by Smith gave Kovacic his third wicket and had Strathfield reeling at 3/7. The slow outfield and tight bowling made it tough to score runs. O'Keefe then chimed in with Burwood's 4th wicket (also bowled) and at the first drinks break, Strathfield were 4/26 and 15 overs had been bowled.

Joe Bolster and Phil Blakely-Kidd were at the crease for Strathfield and with good defensive batting techniques were slowly ticking the scoreboard over and surviving against an accurate bowling attack. No further wickets fell between drinks and lunch with the lunchtime score being 4/45. The partnership was broken by Kovacic in the hour after lunch, but not before 50 valuable runs was added to the Strathfield score. The fall of this wicket heralded a batting collapse with the last 5 wickets only yielding 10 more runs. Nardo with two wickets and another three to Kovacic were the destroyers. Strathfield were all out for 74 in 43.3 overs with Jack Kovacic achieving the

excellent figures of 7/24 off 15 overs. He was well supported by O'Keefe who finished with 1-9 off 14 overs.

Burwood started their innings in a very watchful and deliberate manner. Thomas and Kennedy were taking no chances and were slowly trying to squeeze Strathfield out of the game. Chasing a modest total of 74 the openers had taken Burwood to 0/31 when David Spears produced two lovely balls to dismiss both openers. Wylie chipped in with a wicket with the last ball before tea and Burwood found themselves 3/43 going into the break.

Spears and Soni launched a twin spin attack at Burwood with 22 overs being bowled in the first hour after tea and the batsmen were defending grimly. Burwood's batsmen of Robson and Smith kept holding the accurate Strathfield attack out and they eventually passed Strathfield's score with the loss of only 3 wickets. The relief of passing Strathfield's total took its toll with Soni's spin capturing two wickets and Spears getting one. Burwood were 6/89 at the end of Day 1 and with 104 overs left in the match, it was still anyone's game.

The first hour of Day 2 would go a long way in determining who would win this match. As it turned out, the Burwood batsmen Nardo and Andrews held out the relentless Strathfield attack until

drinks and put on a 45 run partnership and used up a large number of overs. The first ball after drinks David Spears broke the partnership, and for good measure, quickly cleaned up the last four Burwood wickets for the addition of only three more runs. Burwood were all out for 129, a lead of 55 runs but there were still 75 overs left in the match. David Spears finished with the remarkable bowling figures of 7/35 off 34.3 overs, 21 of which were maidens.

Strathfield had to score quick runs and then bowl Burwood out and they came out swinging in the second innings. It was the right strategy but Adam O'Keefe had other plans and quickly dismissed four Strathfield batsmen. With their second innings score at 4-16 at lunch (O'Keefe 4-8), the Strathfield captain conceded the match to Burwood. The Man of the Match medal was awarded to Jack Kovacic for his 1st innings blitz of 7-24 which helped restrict Strathfield to a 1st innings score of 74.

Our hosts for the this Grand Final was the North West Club and Bruce Purser Oval and everyone's thanks go to David McDonald, his committee and all the North West helpers who attended both days and whose hospitality and friendly help made it an enjoyable Grand Final experience for everyone.

The view across the ground at Bruce Purser Reserve
on day one of the Third Grade Grand Final



4TH GRADE GRAND FINAL

Alan Davidson Oval, St Peters
30th and 31st March 2013

Georges River 8/195
defeated Burwood 194

Man of the Match
Brendon Dodd (Georges River)

Umpires
Geoff Taylor and
Spencer Harrison



Saturday 30th March was a brilliant autumn day with bright sunshine and bright clear blue sky. On arrival at Alan Davidson oval one found the ground to be in excellent condition. The wicket was hard and flat with only a touch of moisture which would burn off by lunch on the first day. The outfield was lush as having only been cut the Thursday before with an indication the ball may hold up and the batsmen would have to work hard for their runs or take an aerial route to score.

The South Sydney committee had all in readiness for an exciting two days of cricket. These two sides had met in round 4 with Burwood being the victors. Burwood brimmed of confidence in their warm up having been undefeated for the home and away rounds as well as the final series. Burwood were the favourites with Georges River the underdogs for this clash.

At 9.20am the umpires took the field for their initial inspection and to meet the Captains for the toss at 9.30am. Close inspection of the pitch found it to be hard with a hint of moisture below the surface which would probably help the side bowling first.

The toss was completed with Burwood winning the toss and electing to bat. Burwood got off to a bright start 15 runs on the board by the end of the third over, then things changed. The Georges River's bowlers then seemed to get their line and length right with Burwood motoring at the end of the 4th over at 0/21 to be 1/21 by the 6th over, 2/30 by the 10th over, 3/33 by the 11th over and 4/58 after 30 over at lunch. A good session for the underdogs.

No sooner had play resumed Burwood found themselves 5/67 and in deep trouble if they were to secure a grand final victory. Panta and Kirkham came together and began taking the aerial route to the boundary giving the bowling side numerous opportunities to snare another wicket, but alas Panta rode his luck and was dropped on no fewer that four occasions. By drinks Burwood had progressed to 5/117 off 51 overs and looked to be on the road to a good score. Panta was out just after drinks for an entertaining 59, being out to a rank long hop LBW that should have been put away for a boundary, 6/125 off 53 overs. No sooner was Panta out another wicket fell with the score on 7/130 off 56 overs. Stevens had

returned to the bowling attack and was getting good bounce that caught the later batsmen a little off guard.

By tea Burwood were in trouble at 8/160 off 69 overs with Kirkham being dismissed for a well put together 52 succumbing to the good bowling of Stevens. Burwood progressed to 8/190 when the new ball became due and which was taken immediately. The end came quickly for Burwood who were all out for 194 off 81.5 overs, leaving Georges River 20 overs to survive for the day. Burwood 194 had taken 315 minutes off 81.4 overs.

Georges Rivers started their run chase with the opening batsman surviving a very aggressive appeal for caught behind off the first ball of the innings. The openers dug in to protect their wickets so as to fight on in day two but a silly mix up saw the opener Johnson run out at the bowlers end following some very confusing calling. Umpire Harrison made excellent position to judge on the run out. Georges River 1/6 off 7 overs.

With no addition to the score Georges River were 2/6 off 10 overs and in real trouble. In strode the wicket keeper Dodd to take up the fight and from the first ball faced looked strong and solid. This was not replicated at the other end with a 3rd wicket falling in over 12 with Georges River being 3/8 and in real trouble.

In strode the captain Economou with the aid of Dodd to bat out the remaining overs till stumps day 1 with the score at 3/15 off 20 overs. Towells and Pannuti for Burwood had bowled exceptionally well and had the batsmen fighting for survival let alone think about trying to score.

Day 2 another lovely autumn day, Burwood with a spring in their step looking to finish the day off by lunch, unfortunately they had not told Georges River who battled on to reach 4/37 off 30 overs when the captain was caught behind for a well-made 16. Dodd was being defiant fiercely defending his wicket with a solid straight bat defence. Just after drinks Georges River lost another wicket to be 5/57 off 43 overs and not looking to be a threat. In strode McGuinness who decided the best form of defence was attack and promptly took to the Burwood bowling with some big and aggressive hitting, by lunch Georges River had progressed to 5/96 off 54 overs with Dodd being the stonewall backbone to the teams innings with a display of great defence and temperament. After lunch the hitting continued with McGuinness finally being caught behind of the bowling of Towells for a well-made 47, 6/117 off 65 overs. Any ones game but Burwood still looking to be in the box seat. Ellis joined Dodd and took the score to 6/129 off 74 overs by drinks. New ball due after 80 overs mid way

through second half of the lunch tea session. The new ball was taken immediately with Dodd being caught behind off the bowling of Pannuti for a well-made 38 off some 200 plus balls faced, 7/137 off 81.2 overs. Burwood still on top. Ali came to the wicket to join Ellis whom then proceeded to take 40 runs off the next 12 overs to progress the score to 7/174 off 92 overs at tea. During this period of play from the new ball being taken and tea Burwood dropped three relatively easy catches that would have removed the aggressive Ali.

On resuming after tea Ali continued his hard hitting to finally be caught at mid off for a well-made and valuable 29 with the score now progressed to 8/183 off 97.2 overs. Only the two Georges Rivers bowlers left to assist Ellis obtain the required runs. Another chance and another dropped catch saw Georges River pass the Burwood score in the 102nd over to win the game with a score of 8/195. The innings had taken 408 minutes off exactly 102 overs. The game concluded at 4.15pm on day 2.

The man of the match had 6 contenders but the umpires decided on Dodd from Georges River for his defiance during the early loss of wickets and in laying the platform for the later batsmen to capitalise. He had been the rock in holding the Georges River innings steadfast during their run chase.

George's River appeals,
Spencer is unmoved



FRANK GRAY SHIELD GRAND FINAL

Airey Park, Flemington
Sunday 10 March 2013

Warringah 3 for 129
(37.1 overs) defeated
North West Sydney 125
(42.3 overs)

Man of the Match
Matthew Butcher (Warringah)

Umpires
Stephen Blomfield
and Chris Taylor



The Frank Gray Shield Grand Final for season 2012/13 was originally scheduled to be played on March 3, however heavy rain leading into that weekend saw the match deferred to the reserve date of March 10. Sunny skies on the reserve date saw the match at Airey Park (home ground of Strathfield Cricket Club) played in perfect conditions. The match was a replay of last seasons Grand Final that saw Warringah triumph in a close affair by just 8 runs

At the end of the seven preliminary rounds North West Sydney were placed second having won all seven matches, while Warringah were placed third having won six out of seven of their round matches. Minor Premiers Lindfield who had won all seven round matches as well as their Qualifying Final against Strathfield, were eliminated in the Semi Final when they came up against North West Sydney.

In this match Stephen Blomfield officiated in his 300th match in the Shires Competition, the first member in the Association's history to reach this lofty milestone.

At the toss the North West Sydney captain, Joel Scurr won the right to choose – He quickly decided to bat first.

It was soon to become a decision that would be just as equally be regretted.

In a disastrous start to the innings Mitchell Lewis was out LBW in the opening over for no score. He was quickly followed by Alex Bird and Brad Seath who were both also dismissed for a duck. A mini recovery got the score to 41 and then it all happened again with 3 for 41 quickly becoming 7 for 43. If not for a lower order recovery as well as Warringah conceding 30 sundries the final score for North West Sydney of 125 could have been almost half of that figure. To the credit of the lower order they did stick it out showing great courage, grafting away and picking up singles and the occasional boundary. In the end the final total of 125 managed to chew up 42.3 of the required 50 overs. Best for North West Sydney was Matt Sutcliff with 29 and Daniel Knowles with 23 not out. For Warringah all of the bowlers did their part with Lenny Jones playing in his last ever Frank Gray Shield game finishing with 3 for 23 off 10 straight overs.

And so we went to the lunch break with North West Sydney having a small total on the board...but a total that with a lot of luck might just be enough to defend.

FRANK GRAY SHIELD
GRAND FINAL
CONTINUED



Umpires Stephen Blomfield and Chris Taylor are seen here with both captains just prior to the toss

North West Sydney came out for the second session with all guns blazing and with plenty of talk in the field. Joel Scurr opened the bowling from the Northern End and made his intentions known very early by bowling a fierce bouncer first up to opening batsman Craig Rupert. The effects of the bouncer as well as a rather strong word from the bowler after that delivery seemed to have done the trick - The next delivery was quick and full and trapped the batsman plumb in front of the stumps. All of a sudden it

was game on with Warringah one for none off just 2 deliveries.

A slow grafting session of cricket then followed with runs hard to come by and some tight bowling going on. Matt Rose and Hamish Ferguson took the score to 16 in 10 overs when a really good delivery from Alex Bird saw Rose edge a ball to 2nd Slip where a very tidy catch was taken by Guy Stillman.

Another sluggish period of play saw Eathan Collett and Hamish Ferguson take the score to 37 in the 18th over before Ferguson fell to the bowling of

Adam Luther for a dogged 12. At 3 for 37 the game was certainly up for grabs.

Enter Mathew Butcher who immediately went about upping the scoring rate. On a pitch that was by now well baked and playing very true, Butcher consistently found gaps and the boundaries started to flow. Fairly quickly the score started to grow and fairly quickly the game started to swing back to the defending champions

At the final drinks break the result was fast becoming a forgone conclusion as Butcher passed his half century off just 60 balls.

It didn't take long for Warringah to claim the title when Butcher struck a boundary off the first ball of the 38th over. At the end Butcher remained 59 not out off 67 balls, and Collett while scratchy throughout his innings, completed the supporting role well finishing 41 not out off 95 balls.

A fairly comfortable 7 wicket win for Warringah which saw them take home the Frank Gray Shield for the third consecutive season - A feat never before achieved.

Man of the match was Matthew Butcher for his match changing innings of 59 not out as well as taking 2 for 37 off 10 overs when in the field.



That winning moment. The Warringah fans pour onto Airey Park shortly after the winning run was scored to celebrate Warringah CC winning the Frank Gray Shield for the third consecutive season



FRANK GRAY SHIELD
GRAND FINAL
CONTINUED



Chris Taylor watches on as North West Sydney's Adam Luther plays and misses to Warringah bowler Lenny Jones



Chris Taylor is in superb position to adjudicate on this run out



A no ball call from Stephen Blomfield sees the North West batsman trip over

It's always good for the umpires to have support at matches. Seen here are Bill Hendricks (l), who umpires in grade cricket, our own members Darren Goodger and Ian Tabrett



Daniel McMaster from North West Sydney is the bowler. The ball has been given a fair bit of air one might say



Stephen Blomfield and Chris Taylor, at the end of the match, bringing in the stumps

Stephen Blomfield awards Warringah's Matthew Butcher the Dave Gilbert medal for Man of the Match





STATISTICS

SEASON MATCH APPOINTMENTS

	Shires games	Frank Gray games	Grade games	Season total		Shires games	Frank Gray games	Grade games	Season total
Arora, Sunil	1	0	14	15	Ponsford , Derek	14	0	0	14
Bell, Grahame	15	0	0	15	Prabhakar, Yatin	11	0	1	12
Bergman, Tony	18	3	0	21	Rahman, Ashafur	11	0	0	11
Blomfield, Stephen	18	9	1	28	Ramakrishnan, Keeran	5	0	0	5
Bowman , Ian	14	3	0	17	Richards , George	1	0	0	1
Brady, Jason	1	0	5	6	Riley, Gerard	17	4	0	21
Breakspear, Brian	6	0	0	6	Roberts , Michael	10	0	0	10
Buckland , Kenneth	0	1	18	19	Ryan, Tim	0	0	0	0
Byrne, Laurie	0	0	0	0	Schokman , Trevor	14	1	1	16
Campbell , Neil	4	0	0	4	Shellens , Jim	1	2	15	18
Campbell, Malcolm	1	0	0	1	Shield, Bob	17	4	0	21
Chakraborty, Bidhan	6	0	11	17	Singham, Mano	12	0	0	12
Chambiras, Paul	0	0	0	0	Smellie , Patrick	15	0	0	15
Christen , Richard	14	0	0	14	Smith , Gordon	16	2	0	18
Clements, Stephen	12	0	0	12	Starks , Steve	0	0	0	0
Clift, Paul	1	5	0	6	Steindler, Andrew	12	0	0	12
Conway, Michael	7	0	0	7	Stubbings, Glen	18	2	0	20
Davies, Adam	7	0	0	7	Tabrett, Ian	19	9	1	29
Davies, Keith	5	0	0	5	Taylor , Chris	17	7	0	24
Davies, Reece	3	0	0	3	Taylor, Geoff	19	2	0	21
Decosta, Kaysee	0	0	0	0	Thomson, Ian	0	0	0	0
Du Plessis, Berend	7	0	1	8	Tribolet , Brett	6	6	0	12
Dunford, Clive	10	0	0	10	Turmanis, Juris	0	0	0	0
Fairlie, Simon	4	0	0	4	Turner, Michael	13	0	0	13
Fonseka, Jude	12	0	0	12	Turner, Peter	0	0	0	0
Friend , Peter	18	6	0	24	Vella, Aaron	11	7	1	19
Goodger , Darren	0	1	19	20	Ward, Malcolm	12	0	0	12
Goodman , David	0	0	0	0	Watson , Arthur	1	0	14	15
Hamilton, Ian	0	0	0	0	Wheeler, Geoff	17	5	1	23
Hanshaw , Glen	0	0	0	0	Wheeler, Mike	18	7	0	25
Harrison , Spencer	19	1	0	20	White, Graeme	8	0	0	8
Holland , Ivan	16	6	0	22	Whitehouse , Bruce	9	2	0	11
Hossain, Bayazed	10	0	0	10	Whyte, Craig	8	0	0	8
Hughes, Mark	1	0	15	16	Williams, Chris	0	0	0	0
Hunter, Kim	16	1	0	17	Wood, Stuart	4	0	12	16
Iyer , Malli	0	0	0	0					
Khale, Shailesh	2	0	0	2					
Madan, Ajit	6	0	0	6					
Maloney, Rob	0	0	15	15					
Mathews , Rupert	18	7	1	26					
Mccarty, David	1	0	13	14					
Mclean, Scott	0	0	0	0					
Mooney , Peter	18	5	0	23					
Moore, John	0	0	0	0					
Murphy, Steve	0	0	0	0					
Newsom, Ian	6	0	3	9					
Oppenheim, Dennis	12	0	0	12					
Parker, Trevor	17	1	0	18					
Paxton, Homer	6	0	0	6					
Pointer, Martyn	5	0	2	7					



CAREER MATCH APPOINTMENTS

	Shires games	Frank Gray games	Grade games	Career total		Shires games	Frank Gray games	Grade games	Career total
Arora, Sunil	34	4	26	64	Ponsford, Derek	87	0	0	87
Bell, Grahame	36	0	0	36	Prabhakar, Yatin	11	0	1	12
Bergman, Tony	51	10	0	61	Rahman, Ashafur	11	0	0	11
Blomfield, Stephen	220	87	12	319	Ramarkrishnan, Keeran	36	2	70	108
Bowman, Ian	88	19	0	107	Richards, George	111	25	149	285
Brady, Jason	1	0	5	6	Riley, Gerard	33	4	0	37
Breakspear, Brian	51	0	13	64	Roberts, Michael	70	10	76	156
Buckland, Ken	67	35	136	238	Ryan, Tim	3	0	0	3
Byrne, Laurie	19	0	1	20	Schokman, Trevor	137	7	3	147
Campbell, Malcolm	25	1	1	27	Shellens, Jim	176	70	22	268
Campbell, Neil	34	0	1	35	Shield, Bob	63	12	17	92
Chakraborty, Bidhan	27	0	12	39	Singham, Mano	39	0	2	41
Chambiras, Paul	16	2	14	32	Smellie, Patrick	78	0	1	79
Christen, Richard	97	14	59	170	Smith, Gordon	178	57	3	238
Clements, Stephen	38	0	0	38	Starks, Steve	34	2	101	137
Clift, Paul	8	19	0	27	Steindler, Andrew	31	0	29	60
Conway, Michael	30	0	2	32	Stubbings, Glen	18	2	0	20
Davies, Adam	27	0	1	28	Tabrett, Ian	43	14	2	59
Davies, Keith	25	0	0	25	Taylor, Chris	143	50	7	200
Davies, Reece	12	0	1	13	Taylor, Geoff	125	33	1	159
DeCosta, Kaysee	6	0	0	6	Thomson, Ian	30	0	0	30
Dunford, Clive	16	0	0	16	Tribolet, Brett	72	9	2	83
Du Plessis, Berend	7	0	1	8	Turmanis, Juris	16	0	126	142
Fairlie, Simon	4	0	0	4	Turner, Michael	13	0	0	13
Fonseka, Jude	12	0	0	12	Turner, Peter	11	0	17	28
Friend, Peter	184	44	2	230	Vella, Aaron	41	17	2	60
Goodger, Darren	18	13	219	250	Ward, Malcolm	64	4	0	68
Goodman, David	57	15	0	72	Watson, Arthur	19	2	678	699
Hamilton, Ian	17	0	0	17	Wheeler, Geoff	81	25	3	109
Hanshaw, Glen	47	11	0	58	Wheeler, Mike	87	32	1	120
Harrison, Spencer	167	41	2	210	White, Graeme	8	0	0	8
Holland, Ivan	169	52	1	222	Whitehouse, Bruce	61	27	26	114
Hossain, Bayazed	10	0	0	10	Whyte, Craig	8	0	0	8
Hughes, Mark	41	12	71	124	Williams, Chris	21	0	1	22
Hunter, Kim	32	1	0	33	Wood, Stuart	51	0	12	63
Iyer, Malli	31	4	0	35					
Khale, Shailesh	32	2	0	34					
Madan, Ajit	29	1	0	30					
Maloney, Rob	43	0	20	63					
Mathews, Rupert	104	40	4	148					
McCarty, David	2	0	23	25					
McLean, Scott	15	4	1	20					
Mooney, Peter	122	13	243	378					
Moore, John	69	14	54	137					
Murphy, Steve	10	0	12	22					
Newsom, Ian	9	0	35	44					
Oppenheim, Dennis	19	0	0	19					
Parker, Trevor	75	16	0	91					
Paxton, Homer	24	0	0	24					
Pointer, Martyn	9	0	2	11					

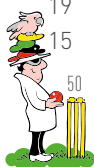
18 July 2012. Bob Shield and Malcolm Ward were awarded their 50 Game Milestone certificates by Competition Sub Committee Member John Lloyd at the AGM



50 CAREER MATCHES OR MORE

SHIRES ONLY

	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade	Tim Creer Cup	Sub Total	Frank Gray Shield	Career Matches
Blomfield, Stephen	151	37	18	14	0	220	87	307
Shellens, Jim	106	30	15	20	5	176	70	246
Smith, Gordon	24	83	46	19	6	179	56	235
Friend, Peter	154	15	13	1	1	184	44	228
Holland, Ivan	91	47	17	13	1	169	52	221
Harrison, Spencer	71	48	24	22	2	167	41	208
Taylor , Chris	118	14	9	2	0	143	50	193
Taylor, Geoff	63	41	10	8	3	125	33	158
Schokman, Trevor	51	56	19	9	2	137	7	144
Mathews, Rupert	54	27	11	9	3	104	40	143
Kingsford-Smith, Tony	46	29	14	10	2	101	38	139
Richards, George	44	38	20	8	1	111	25	136
Mooney, Peter	88	17	14	2	1	122	13	135
Wheeler, Michael	49	21	12	4	1	87	32	119
Shiner, Tom	50	39	2	3	0	94	19	113
Christen, Richard	3	33	44	14	3	97	14	111
Green, Alan	85	16	7	1	0	109	1	110
Bowman, Ian	28	41	7	8	4	88	19	107
Wheeler, Geoff	43	19	14	4	1	81	25	106
Buckland, Ken	25	10	12	17	3	67	35	102
Quaken, Keith	71	25	4	0	0	100	0	100
Gandevia, Robin	38	8	4	1	5	56	42	98
Parker, Trevor	5	28	29	11	2	75	16	91
Whitehouse, Bruce	20	18	6	13	4	61	27	88
Ponsford, Derek	40	35	9	3	0	87	0	87
Moore, John	49	16	1	3	0	69	14	83
Parfett, Bruce	50	2	2	4	0	58	25	83
Tribolet, Brett	49	11	9	2	1	72	9	81
Roberts, Michael	20	17	24	6	3	70	10	80
Smellie, Patrick	30	33	9	6	0	78	0	78
Shield, Bob	27	17	12	4	3	63	12	75
Goodman, David	14	36	3	2	2	57	15	72
Ralston, Tim	53	11	3	1	0	68	0	68
Ward, Malcolm	21	28	11	2	2	64	4	68
Donnellan, Tom	36	26	1	0	0	63	2	65
Osseweyer, Brett	33	7	2	2	1	45	20	65
Kearney, Chris	30	16	1	2	1	50	12	62
Bergman, Tony	7	31	4	8	1	51	10	61
Thorpe, Ken	40	13	0	0	0	53	5	58
Hanshaw, Glen	31	9	6	1	0	47	11	58
Vella, Aaron	17	11	9	4	0	41	17	58
Tabrett, Ian	23	8	10	1	1	43	14	57
Hughes, Mark	28	4	2	7	0	41	12	53
Roche, Glenn	14	6	5	4	1	30	21	51
Wood, Stuart	21	19	7	3	1	51	0	51
Breakspear, Brian	22	15	10	2	2	51	0	51



CAREER FINALS SERIES MATCHES

10 FINALS SERIES MATCHES
OR MORE TO QUALIFY

	Saturday Shires		Frank Gray Shield		Career Finals Series Matches
	Qualifying & Semi-finals	Grand Finals	Qualifying & Semi Finals	Grand Finals	
Blomfield, Stephen	24	12	20	3	59
Taylor, Chris	18	9	8	5	40
Shellens, Jim	19	5	11	1	36
Friend, Peter	21	9	5	1	36
Smith, Gordon	18	2	5	1	26
Harrison, Spencer	16	4	4	0	24
Holland, Ivan	18	0	4	0	22
Taylor, Geoff	14	2	3	0	19
Mooney, Peter	15	4	0	0	19
Wheeler, Mike	9	4	6	0	19
Parfett, Bruce	8	3	3	3	17
Whitehouse, Bruce	7	2	6	0	15
Gandevia, Robin	6	2	4	2	14
Kingsford-Smith, Tony	9	2	2	1	14
Green, Alan	10	4	0	0	14
Moore, John	9	4	1	0	14
Osseweyer, Brett	6	2	3	2	13
Richards, George	11	0	1	1	13
Mathews, Rupert	11	1	0	0	12
Buckland, Ken	8	1	2	1	12
Wheeler, Geoff	8	3	1	0	12
Tribolet, Brett	7	3	1	0	11
Vella, Aaron	6	2	3	0	11

30 March 2013. The Burwood and Epping players as well as the umpires line up just prior to the start of the First Grade Grand Final at Blacktown Olympic Park



MASTERS & CLASSICS MATCH APPOINTMENTS

2012-2013		2012-2013		2012-2013		2012-2013	
Arora, Sunil	8	Du Plessis, Berend	0	Murphy, Steve	0	Stubbings, Glen	6
Bell, Grahame	0	Fairlie, Simon	9	Newsom, Ian	0	Tabrett, Ian	3
Bergman, Tony	10	Fonseka, Jude	0	Oppenheim, Dennis	12	Taylor, Chris	4
Blomfield, Stephen	4	Friend, Peter	3	Parker, Trevor	8	Taylor, Geoff	12
Bowman, Ian	2	Goodger, Darren	0	Paxton, Homer	0	Thomson, Ian	0
Brady, Jason	5	Goodman, David	0	Pointer, Martyn	0	Tribolet, Brett	0
Breakspear, Brian	0	Hamilton, Ian	0	Ponsford, Derek	0	Turmanis, Juris	5
Buckland, Ken	7	Hanshaw, Glen	0	Prabhakar, Yatin	0	Turner, Michael	0
Byrne, Laurie	0	Harrison, Spencer	12	Rahman, Ashafur	0	Turner, Peter	0
Campbell, Malcolm	0	Holland, Ivan	0	Ramarkrishnan, Keeran	0	Vella, Aaron	0
Campbell, Neil	0	Hossain, Bayazed	0	Richards, George	0	Ward, Malcolm	0
Chakraborty, Bidhan	0	Hughes, Mark	0	Riley, Gerard	9	Watson, Arthur	0
Chambiras, Paul	0	Hunter, Kim	9	Roberts, Michael	0	Wheeler, Geoff	4
Christen, Richard	6	Iyer, Malli	0	Ryan, Tim	0	Wheeler, Mike	10
Clements, Stephen	0	Khale, Shailesh	0	Schokman, Trevor	1	White, Graeme	0
Clift, Paul	3	Madan, Ajit	0	Shellens, Jim	7	Whitehouse, Bruce	0
Conway, Michael	0	Maloney, Rob	0	Shield, Bob	0	Whyte, Craig	5
Davies, Adam	0	Mathews, Rupert	6	Singham, Mano	0	Williams, Chris	0
Davies, Keith	0	McCarty, David	4	Smellie, Patrick	0	Wood, Stuart	0
Davies, Reece	0	McLean, Scott	0	Smith, Gordon	0		
DeCosta, Kaysee	0	Mooney, Peter	2	Starks, Steve	0		
Dunford, Clive	0	Moore, John	0	Steindler, Andrew	0		

30 March 2013. Rupert Mathews (l) and Peter Mooney (r) on Grand Final Day with Tim Creer who the Shires Tim Creer Cup is named after. On this day Uni of NSW 9 (dec) 181 soundly beat Lindfield who were dismissed for 59



MEETING ATTENDANCES

ALL CURRENT MEMBERS

	Of 4 Meetings in 2012-2013	During Career / Meetings Held	Attendance % During Career		Of 4 Meetings in 2012-2013	During Career / Meetings Held	Attendance % During Career
Arora, Sunil	0	6/15	40.0	Ponsford , Derek	2	13/28	46.4
Bell, Grahame	4	8/10	80.0	Prabhakar, Yatin	3	3/3	100.0
Bergman, Tony	3	10/11	90.9	Rahman, Ashafur	2	2/3	66.7
Blomfield, Stephen	3	34/36	94.4	Ramarkrishnan, Keeran	1	5/14	35.7
Bowman , Ian	4	18/31	58.1	Richards , George	4	32/35	91.4
Brady, Jason	1	1/3	33.3	Riley, Gerard	3	5/6	83.3
Breakspear, Brian	1	8/18	44.4	Roberts , Michael	4	27/36	75.0
Buckland , Kenneth	3	20/34	58.8	Ryan, Tim	0	0/5	Zero
Byrne , Laurie	1	7/33	21.2	Schokman , Trevor	4	31/33	93.9
Campbell, Malcolm	0	2/18	11.1	Shellens , Jim	3	30/34	88.2
Campbell , Neil	2	7/22	31.8	Shield, Bob	4	13/17	76.4
Chakraborty, Bidhan	0	4/10	40.0	Singham, Mano	4	10/12	83.3
Chambiras, Paul	0	1/11	9.1	Smellie , Patrick	3	19/22	86.3
Christen , Richard	2	20/29	68.9	Smith , Gordon	1	29/36	80.5
Clements, Stephen	3	8/12	75.0	Starks , Steve	1	13/36	36.1
Clift, Paul	4	9/18	50.0	Steindler, Andrew	0	1/10	10.0
Conway, Michael	2	4/12	33.3	Stubbings, Glen	3	3/3	100.0
Davies, Adam	1	2/13	15.3	Tabrett, Ian	4	8/9	88.8
Davies, Keith	1	3/10	30.0	Taylor , Chris	2	13/35	37.1
Davies, Reece	1	1/13	7.6	Taylor , Geoff	2	24/36	66.7
Decosta, Kaysee	0	1/10	10.0	Thomson , Ian	0	5/33	15.1
Dunford, Clive	2	3/6	50.0	Tribolet , Brett	1	11/33	33.3
Duplessis , Berend	3	3/3	100.0	Turmanis, Juris	1	1/3	33.3
Fairlie, Simon	2	2/3	66.7	Turner, Michael	3	3/3	100.0
Fonseka, Jude	1	1/3	33.3	Turner, Peter	1	5/10	50.0
Friend , Peter	4	34/36	94.4	Vella, Aaron	4	11/11	100.0
Goodger , Darren	3	9/22	40.1	Ward, Malcolm	4	13/17	76.4
Goodman , David	0	11/34	32.3	Watson , Arthur	3	13/22	59.1
Hamilton, Ian	1	7/13	53.8	Wheeler, Geoff	3	15/18	83.3
Hanshaw , Glen	0	14/36	38.8	Wheeler, Mike	4	16/18	88.8
Harrison , Spencer	2	27/33	81.8	White, Graeme	1	1/2	50.0
Holland , Ivan	4	33/36	91.7	Whitehouse , Bruce	0	4/32	12.5
Hossain, Bayazed	1	1/3	33.3	Whyte, Craig	0	0/5	Zero
Hughes , Mark	3	23/25	92.0	Williams, Chris	0	5/18	27.7
Hunter, Kim	4	6/6	100.0	Wood, Stuart	4	11/14	78
Iyer , Malli	1	3/34	8.8				
Khale, Shailesh	1	9/18	50.0				
Madan, Ajit	2	8/15	53.3				
Maloney, Rob	0	5/25	20.0				
Mathews , Rupert	4	24/25	96.0				
Mccarty, David	1	1/6	16.7				
Mclean, Scott	0	3/18	16.7				
Mooney , Peter	4	20/25	80.0				
Moore , John	0	13/34	38.2				
Murphy , Stephen	2	4/33	12.1				
Newsom, Ian	0	0/2	Zero				
Oppenheim, Dennis	3	5/6	83.3				
Parker, Trevor	3	17/19	89.4				
Paxton, Homer	2	5/14	35.7				
Pointer, Martyn	1	2/5	40.0				

A number of general member's 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.

SYDNEY SHIRES FINALS SERIES APPOINTMENTS

FIRST GRADE	Game	Home team	Away team	Umpires
2001-02	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Pennant Hills	S Blomfield / K Wentzel
	Quarter Final	Lindfield*	Burwood	B Parfett / S Starks
	Quarter Final	Warringah	Epping*	S Yeend / T Ralston
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Epping	S Blomfield / K Wentzel
	Semi Final	Lindfield*	Warringah	B Parfett / S Yeend
	Final	Lindfield*	South Sydney	B Parfett / S Yeend
2002-03	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Warringah	G Rush / P Kite†
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Pennant Hills	J Moore / G Pepper
	Quarter Final	Burwood	South Sydney*	B Parfett / S Blomfield
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Burwood	S Blomfield / B Parfett
	Semi Final	Auburn*	South Sydney	J Moore / G Pepper
	Final	Strathfield*	Auburn	J Moore / B Parfett
2003-04	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Burwood	J Moore / S Blomfield
	Quarter Final	Auburn	South Sydney*	B Parfett / A Green
	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills*	Lindfield	R Gandevia / P Friend
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Auburn	J Moore / B Parfett
	Semi Final	Pennant Hills	South Sydney*	S Blomfield / P Friend
	Final	Strathfield*	South Sydney	J Moore / B Parfett
2004-05	Quarter Final	Strathfield	Pennant Hills*	C Taylor / J Moore
	Quarter Final	South Sydney	Auburn*	P Friend / B Osseweyer
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Burwood	S Blomfield / A Hinks
	Semi Final	Warringah	Strathfield*	S Blomfield / P Friend
	Semi Final	Auburn	Pennant Hills*	J Moore / A Green
	Final	Strathfield*	Pennant Hills	J Moore / A Green
2005-06	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Auburn	C Taylor / B Osseweyer
	Quarter Final	Warringah	Burwood*	S Blomfield / P Friend
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Pennant Hills	A Green / N Wennerbom†
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Warringah	A Green / C Taylor
	Semi Final	Lane Cove	Burwood*	S Blomfield / B Osseweyer
	Final	South Sydney	Burwood*	A Green / C Taylor
2006-07	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills*	Auburn	S Harrison / C Taylor
	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Burwood	S Blomfield / P Friend
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove	Strathfield*	J Moore / P Mooney
	Semi Final	Pennant Hills*	Lane Cove	S Blomfield / P Friend
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Strathfield	J Moore / C Taylor
	Final	Pennant Hills	South Sydney*	C Taylor / P Friend
2007-08	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Strathfield	M Hughes / A Green
	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills	Auburn*	T Kingsford-Smith / P Mooney
	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni	Epping*	S Blomfield / B Whitehouse
	Semi Final	South Sydney	Pennant Hills*	P Mooney / P Friend
	Semi Final	Epping*	Auburn	S Blomfield / B Whitehouse
	Final	Pennant Hills*	Epping	S Blomfield / P Friend
2008-09	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills*	NW Sydney	M Hughes / T Kingsford-Smith
	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Epping	S Blomfield / P Friend
	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Lindfield	A Green / C Taylor
	Semi Final	Pennant Hills*	Lindfield	M Hughes / S Blomfield
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Strathfield	C Taylor / P Friend
	Final	Pennant Hills	South Sydney*	C Taylor / P Friend



FIRST GRADE	Game	Home team	Away team	Umpires
2009-10	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Epping	P Friend / C Taylor
	Quarter Final	Auburn	NW Sydney*	P Mooney / G Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Warringah	South Sydney*	S Blomfield / B Tribolet
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Auburn	C Taylor / B Tribolet
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	NW Sydney	P Friend / P Mooney
	Final	Strathfield	South Sydney*	C Taylor / P Mooney
2010-11	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Roseville	S Blomfield / M Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	NW Sydney	C Taylor / P Mooney
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Auburn	B Tribolet / P Friend
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Auburn	P Mooney / P Friend
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Lane Cove	S Blomfield / B Tribolet
	Final	Strathfield*	Burwood	P Mooney / B Tribolet
2011-12	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Epping	S Blomfield / P Mooney
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Macquarie Uni	B Tribolet / M Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Strathfield	D Goodger / C Taylor
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Strathfield	C Taylor / B Tribolet
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Auburn	S Blomfield / D Goodger
	Grand Final	Lane Cove*	Burwood	D Goodger / C Taylor
2012-13	Quarter Final	Burwood *	Roseville	P Friend / M Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove	Lindfield *	A Vella / C Taylor
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Epping *	S Blomfield / I Tabrett
	Semi Final	Burwood *	Lane Cove	P Friend / C Taylor
	Semi Final	Epping *	Lindfield	S Blomfield / A Vella
	Grand Final	Burwood *	Epping	S Blomfield / C Taylor

SECOND GRADE	Game	Home team	Away team	Umpires
2001-02	Quarter Final	South Sydney	Blacktown*	P Friend / B Leader†
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Holroyd Hills	D Keierleber / P Kite†
	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills	Warringah*	I Holland / T Shiner
	Semi Final	Burwood*	South Sydney	T Shiner / T Ralston
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Blacktown	S Starks / P Friend
	Final	Burwood	Warringah*	S Blomfield / K Wentzel
2002-03	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Roseville	G Richards / A Gale
	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Warringah	G Smith / G Taylor
	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Holroyd Hills	K Buckland / P Mooney†
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Holroyd Hills	G Taylor / A Gale
	Semi Final	Strathfield	South Sydney*	G Rush / N Carson†
	Final	Burwood*	South Sydney	S Blomfield / G Pepper
2003-04	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Lane Cove	G Smith / B Osseweyer
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Epping	C Taylor / J Shellens
	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills*	South Sydney	G Taylor / J McKinnon
	Semi Final	Burwood*	South Sydney	J McKinnon / A Green
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Pennant Hills	R Gandevia / C Taylor
	Final	Burwood	Warringah*	S Blomfield / P Friend

* Refers to the winning team, or higher placed team if match was drawn.

† Refers to an umpire who at the time of appointment was a non SSCUA member who was used to cover a shortfall of members to cover all appointments.

SECOND GRADE	Game	Home team	Away team	Umpires
2004-05	Quarter Final	Burwood	Lane Cove*	G Taylor / P Tate†
	Quarter Final	Holroyd Hills*	Strathfield	I Holland / G Smith
	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Lindfield	R Gandevia / J Shellens
	Semi Final	Holroyd Hills*	Burwood	A Hinks / B Osseweyer
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Lane Cove	C Taylor / R Gandevia
	Final	Holroyd Hills*	South Sydney	S Blomfield / P Friend
2005-06	Quarter Final	Burwood	Auburn*	G Roche / B Davis†
	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Holroyd Hills	S Harrison / G Taylor
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Warringah	J Shellens / T Bird
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Burwood	G Roche / P Friend
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Auburn	S Harrison / T Bird
	Final	Lane Cove*	South Sydney	S Blomfield / B Osseweyer
2006-07	Quarter Final	Burwood*	South Sydney	K Buckland / C Kearney
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Auburn	J Shellens / G Smith
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney*	Lindfield	G Hanshaw / I Holland
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Lindfield	G Hanshaw / S Harrison
	Semi Final	Warringah*	NW Sydney	J Shellens / P Mooney
	Final	Burwood*	Warringah	S Blomfield / J Moore
2007-08	Quarter Final	Auburn	Lindfield*	R Mathews / J Shellens
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Burwood	G Smith / A Charlesworth
	Quarter Final	Roseville*	Pennant Hills	S Harrison / C Jones
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Auburn	A Green / T Kingsford-Smith
	Semi Final	Roseville*	Lindfield	M Hughes / J Shellens
	Final	Lane Cove	Roseville*	B Whitehouse / P Mooney
2008-09	Quarter Final	Lindfield*	Strathfield	P Mooney / T Schokman
	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills*	Georges River	G Taylor / J Shellens
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Burwood*	G Smith / D Goodman
	Semi Final	Lindfield	Auburn*	T Kingsford-Smith / J Shellens
	Semi Final	Pennant Hills	Burwood*	B Whitehouse / A Green
	Final	Burwood*	Auburn	S Blomfield / M Hughes
2009-10	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Macquarie Uni	G Smith / G Taylor
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney	Warringah*	M Wheeler / J Shellens
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Lane Cove	K Ramakrishnan / R Maloney
	Semi Final	Auburn*	NW Sydney	S Blomfield / B Breakspear
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Warringah	K Ramakrishnan / G Wheeler
	Final	Auburn*	Burwood	S Blomfield / B Tribolet
2010-11	Quarter Final	NW Sydney*	Lane Cove	S Harrison / D Martin
	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Auburn	J Shellens / G Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Burwood	S Wood / K Ramakrishnan
	Semi Final	NW Sydney*	Burwood	C Taylor / G Wheeler
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Warringah	J Shellens / M Wheeler
	Final	NW Sydney	Strathfield*	S Blomfield / P Friend

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SECOND GRADE	Game	Home team	Away team	Umpires
2011-12	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Epping	I Tabrett / G Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove	Auburn*	G Smith / R Mathews
	Quarter Final	Burwood	Warringah*	P Friend / A Vella
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Lane Cove	P Mooney / R Mathews
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Auburn	M Wheeler / A Vella
	Grand Final	Strathfield	Warringah*	S Blomfield / B Tribolet
2012-13	Quarter Final	Epping *	Pennant Hills	G Taylor / G Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove *	Roseville	S Harrison / R Mathews
	Quarter Final	Burwood *	Warringah	P Mooney / G Stubbings
	Semi Final	Epping	Burwood *	S Harrison / I Tabrett
	Semi Final	Lane Cove *	Warringah	G Wheeler / M Wheeler
	Grand Final	Lane Cove	Burwood *	A Vella / M Wheeler
THIRD GRADE	Game	Home team	Away team	Umpires
2001-02	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Cant/Bexley	G Pepper / L Buckingham [†]
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Strathfield*	B Goddard [†] / L Kain [†]
	Quarter Final	Burwood	South Sydney*	C Kearney / G Chudleigh [†]
	Semi Final	Warringah	Auburn*	G Pepper / L Borg [†]
	Semi Final	South Sydney	Strathfield*	I Holland / T Kingsford-Smith [†]
	Final	Strathfield	Auburn*	P Friend / S Starks
2002-03	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Warringah	K Dhandapani / D Tyson [†]
	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni	Lindfield*	R Gandevia / C King [†]
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Strathfield	I Holland / B Lalor [†]
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Macquarie Uni	T Shiner / I Holland
	Semi Final	Burwood	Lindfield*	G Richards / H Owen [†]
	Final	South Sydney*	Lindfield	G Taylor / G Rush
2003-04	Quarter Final	Auburn	Macquarie Uni*	I Holland / N Carson [†]
	Quarter Final	South Sydney	Burwood*	D Timbs [†] / B Wylie [†]
	Quarter Final	Holroyd Hills	Warringah*	T Schokman/T Kingsford-Smith [†]
	Semi Final	Warringah	Auburn*	G Taylor / B Osseweyer
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Macquarie Uni	G Smith / J Shellens
	Final	Burwood*	Auburn	A Green / R Gandevia
2004-05	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Strathfield	T Bird / D Tyson [†]
	Quarter Final	Roseville	Macquarie Uni*	T Schokman / G Richards
	Quarter Final	Warringah	South Sydney*	I Thomson / B Hammond
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Roseville	G Smith / J Shellens
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Macquarie Uni	G Taylor / I Holland
	Final	Burwood*	South Sydney	A Hinks / C Taylor
2005-06	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Strathfield	G Smith / N Carson [†]
	Quarter Final	Burwood	Macquarie Uni*	K Buckland / K Leahy [†]
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	South Sydney	G Richards / D Ponsford
	Semi Final	Auburn	Burwood*	J Shellens / G Richards
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Macquarie Uni	G Taylor / K Buckland
	Final	Warringah	Burwood*	G Roche / P Friend

THIRD GRADE	Game	Home team	Away team	Umpires
2006-07	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Auburn	C Jones / T Schokman
	Quarter Final	South Sydney	Macquarie Uni*	R Christen / P Coleman
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney	Lane Cove*	G Richards / P Chambiras
	Semi Final	Burwood*	South Sydney	G Smith / I Holland
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Macquarie Uni	K Buckland / C Jones
	Final	Burwood*	Lane Cove	S Harrison / G Hanshaw
2007-08	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills*	Roseville	P Coleman / R Christen
	Quarter Final	Burwood	Macquarie Uni*	G Richards / I Holland
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	NW Sydney	T Schokman / P Smellie
	Semi Final	Pennant Hills*	Burwood	S Harrison / R Mathews
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Macquarie Uni	G Smith / C Jones
	Final	Pennant Hills	Warringah*	M Hughes / J Shellens
2008-09	Quarter Final	Auburn*	NW Sydney	I Holland / D Ponsford
	Quarter Final	Georges River	Lane Cove*	R Mathews / T Parker
	Quarter Final	Burwood	Warringah*	M Wheeler / R Gandevia
	Semi Final	Auburn	Georges River*	G Smith / G Taylor
	Semi Final	Warringah	Lane Cove*	D Goodman / P Mooney
	Final	Lane Cove	Georges River*	T Kingsford-Smith / A Green
2009-10	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Lindfield	S Wood / I Bowman
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney*	Lane Cove	S Harrison / T Schokman
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Georges River	T Kingsford-Smith / R Mathews
	Semi Final	Auburn*	Georges River	G Smith / J Shellens
	Semi Final	NW Sydney*	Burwood	M Wheeler / G Taylor
	Final	Auburn*	NW Sydney	B Breakspear / G Wheeler
2010-11	Quarter Final	Warringah*	NW Sydney	B Baxter / T Schokman
	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Roseville	I Bowman / M Ward
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Strathfield	B Shield / A Vella
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Strathfield	S Harrison / A Vella
	Semi Final	Auburn	Burwood*	S Wood / D Martin
	Final	Warringah	Burwood*	C Taylor / M Wheeler
2011-12	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Strathfield	S Harrison / M Ward
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Warringah	B Shield / I Bowman
	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	NW Sydney	J Shellens / S Wood
	Semi Final	Auburn	NW Sydney*	P Friend / I Tabrett
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Lane Cove	G Smith / G Wheeler
	Grand Final	Burwood*	NW Sydney	P Mooney / M Wheeler
2012-13	Quarter Final	Burwood *	Lindfield	G Riley / B Shield
	Quarter Final	Strathfield *	Georges River	M Ward / T Bergman
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney	Warringah *	K Hunter / S Wood
	Semi Final	Burwood *	NW Sydney	R Mathews / G Riley
	Semi Final	Strathfield *	Warringah	P Mooney / G Taylor
	Grand Final	Burwood *	Strathfield	G Wheeler / I Tabrett

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FOURTH GRADE	Game	Home team	Away team	Umpires
2001-02	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Roseville	R Rajogopalan / A Green [†]
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Epping	M Jones [†] / G Callaway [†]
	Quarter Final	Blacktown*	Holroyd Hills	N Wennebom [†] / C King [†]
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Holroyd Hills	C Kearney / R Rajogopalan
	Semi Final	Warringah	Blacktown*	M Beaumont [†] / N Carson [†]
	Final	South Sydney	Blacktown*	T Shiner / T Ralston
2002-03	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Auburn	J Shellens / P Hooper [†]
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Georges River	D Goodman / B Wylie [†]
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Lane Cove	M Verran [†] / K Leahy [†]
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Lane Cove	G Smith / L Buckingham [†]
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Burwood	K Buckland / T Kingsford-Smith [†]
	Final	South Sydney*	Warringah	G Smith / A Gale
2003-04	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Auburn	C Weir [†] / P Honeywill [†]
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Macquarie Uni	S Harrison / G Redman [†]
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Roseville	E Nicholas [†] / K Leahy [†]
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Roseville	I Holland / G Richards
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Warringah	B Whitehouse / S Harrison
	Final	South Sydney*	Burwood	G Smith / C Taylor
2004-05	Quarter Final	Holroyd Hills	Sth Districts*	C Weir [†] / L Kain [†]
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Roseville	G Roche / T Kingsford-Smith [†]
	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Warringah	B Whitehouse / S Starks
	Semi Final	Burwood	Holroyd Hills*	B Parfett / N Wennerbom [†]
	Semi Final	South Sydney*	Sth Districts	G Richards / B Hammond
	Final	South Sydney*	Holroyd Hills	R Gandevia / B Osseweyer
2005-06	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Roseville	G Street / B Cheetham [†]
	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni*	Pennant Hills	T Schokman / K Ramakrishnan [†]
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Auburn	W Luke / C Weir [†]
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Auburn	G Street / J Barnes [†]
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni*	Warringah	I Holland / B Parfett
	Final	Burwood	Macquarie Uni*	S Harrison / T Bird
2006-07	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni*	Pennant Hills	I Thomson / B Davis [†]
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Auburn	I Bowman / T Kershaw [†]
	Quarter Final	South Sydney*	Roseville	D Goodman / D Lenzo [†]
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni*	Roseville	P Coleman / G Richards
	Semi Final	Burwood	South Sydney*	R Christen / B Cheetham [†]
	Final	Macquarie Uni	South Sydney*	J Shellens / K Buckland
2007-08	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni*	NW Sydney	G Roche / I Bowman
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Lane Cove*	G Tunks / G Verco [†]
	Quarter Final	Lindfield	Georges River*	R Davis [†] / K Ramakrishnan [†]
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni*	Auburn	A Charlesworth / G Richards
	Semi Final	Georges River	Lane Cove*	P Coleman / I Holland
	Final	Macquarie Uni*	Lane Cove	S Harrison/T Kingsford-Smith
2008-09	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni	Georges River*	I Bowman / B Breakspear
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Warringah	B Tribolet / R Christen
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Lindfield*	K Buckland / S McLean
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Macquarie Uni	K Buckland / R Mathews
	Semi Final	Lindfield*	Georges River	I Holland / T Parker
	Final	Burwood*	Lindfield	J Shellens / B Whitehouse

FOURTH GRADE	Game	Home team	Away team	Umpires
2009-10	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni*	Georges River	J Moore / I Holland
	Quarter Final	Warringah	NW Sydney*	B Shield / T Parker
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Burwood*	L Deacon / R Christen
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni*	Warringah	S Harrison / I Bowman
	Semi Final	Burwood	NW Sydney*	T Parker / R Mathews
	Final	Macquarie Uni	NW Sydney*	J Shellens / M Wheeler
2010-11	Quarter Final	Warringah*	NW Sydney	R Jaensch / I Holland
	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni*	Lane Cove	T Parker / S Arora
	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Burwood	R Christen / R Mathews
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Burwood	I Holland / K Ramakrishnan
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni*	Strathfield	I Bowman / B Baxter
	Final	Warringah	Macquarie Uni*	J Shellens / G Wheeler
2011-12	Quarter Final	Strathfield	Lane Cove*	T Schokman / P Smellie
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney	Macquarie Uni*	R Christen / T Bergman
	Quarter Final	Epping*	Burwood	T Parker / G Riley
	Semi Final	Epping*	Strathfield	S Harrison / S Wood
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni	Lane Cove*	J Shellens / T Bergman
	Grand Final	Epping	Lane Cove*	A Vella / R Mathews
2012-13	Quarter Final	Burwood *	Pennant Hills	B Whitehouse / P Smellie
	Quarter Final	Warringah	NW Sydney*	D Ponsford / M Roberts
	Quarter Final	Strathfield	Georges River*	G Smith / I Holland
	Semi Final	Burwood *	Warringah	B Whitehouse / B Shield
	Semi Final	Georges River *	NW Sydney	T Bergman / M Ward
	Grand Final	Georges River*	Burwood	S Harrison / G Taylor

FRANK GRAY SHIELD	Game	Home team	Away team	Umpires
2001-02	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Roseville	K Wentzel / C Kearney
	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Blacktown	T Shiner / G Taylor
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Pennant Hills	G Beasley / K Thorpe
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Pennant Hills	S Blomfield / G Beasley
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Warringah	B Parfett / K Wentzel
	Final	Strathfield*	Burwood	B Parfett / S Yeend
2002-03	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Holroyd Hills	K Wentzel / K Buckland
	Quarter Final	Pennant Hills*	Sth Districts	B Parfett / K Dhandapani
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Auburn	B Whitehouse / G Rush
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Auburn	G Taylor / R Gandevia
	Semi Final	Pennant Hills	Burwood*	T Shiner / G Smith
	Final	Lane Cove	Burwood*	B Parfett / G Richards
2003-04	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Epping	J Shellens / J Moore
	Quarter Final	Sth Districts	Auburn*	B Whitehouse / G Rush
	Quarter Final	Georges River	Burwood*	G Smith / R Gandevia
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Sth Districts	S Blomfield / R Gandevia
	Semi Final	Burwood*	Auburn	B Parfett / B Whitehouse
	Final	Lane Cove	Burwood*	B Parfett / R Gandevia

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2004-05	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Burwood	J Shellens / I Holland
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Pennant Hills	S Harrison / G Richards
	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Macquarie Uni	S Blomfield / B Osseweyer
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Macquarie Uni	G Taylor / B Whitehouse
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Auburn	R Gandevia / A Hinks
	Final	Lane Cove	Warringah*	R Gandevia / B Osseweyer
2005-06	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Macquarie Uni	J Shellens / S Blomfield
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Strathfield	S Harrison / B Osseweyer
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Epping	G Roche / I Holland
	Semi Final	Lane Cove	Burwood*	B Osseweyer / G Roche
	Semi Final	Warringah	Epping*	S Blomfield / G Taylor
	Final	Epping*	Burwood	B Osseweyer / G Roche
2006-07	Quarter Final	Lane Cove*	Strathfield	J Shellens / I Holland
	Quarter Final	Macquarie Uni	Auburn*	S Harrison / P Coleman
	Quarter Final	Sth Districts	Georges River*	S Blomfield / R Gandevia
	Semi Final	Lane Cove*	Macquarie Uni	G Smith / K Buckland
	Semi Final	Georges River	Auburn*	S Blomfield / J Shellens
	Final	Lane Cove*	Auburn	G Smith / K Buckland
2007-08	Quarter Final	Warringah	Roseville*	S Harrison / P Coleman
	Quarter Final	Sth Districts	Auburn*	B Whitehouse / I Holland
	Quarter Final	Georges River*	Strathfield	S Blomfield / M Hughes
	Semi Final	Georges River	Warringah*	T Kingsford-Smith / J Shellens
	Semi Final	Auburn*	Roseville	S Blomfield / B Whitehouse
	Final	Warringah*	Auburn	T Kingsford-Smith / J Shellens
2008-09	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Epping	S Blomfield / G Smith
	Quarter Final	Auburn*	Warringah	P Friend / J Shellens
	Quarter Final	Burwood*	Sth Districts	T Parker / C Taylor
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	Sth Districts	S Blomfield / B Whitehouse
	Semi Final	Auburn*	Burwood	J Shellens / C Taylor
	Final	Strathfield*	Auburn	S Blomfield / C Taylor
2009-10	Quarter Final	NW Sydney	Lindfield*	S Blomfield / G Wheeler
	Quarter Final	Auburn	Macquarie Uni*	M Wheeler / G Smith
	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Roseville	T Kingsford-Smith / J Shellens
	Semi Final	Strathfield*	NW Sydney	C Taylor / P Friend
	Semi Final	Macquarie Uni*	Lindfield	S Blomfield / J Shellens
	Final	Strathfield*	Macquarie Uni	C Taylor / P Friend
2010-11	Quarter Final	Warringah*	South Sydney	J Shellens / M Wheeler
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney	Lindfield*	S Blomfield / P Clift
	Quarter Final	Strathfield*	Epping	P Friend / C Taylor
	Semi Final	Warringah*	NW Sydney	M Wheeler / C Taylor
	Semi Final	Strathfield	Lindfield*	S Blomfield / P Friend
	Final	Warringah*	Lindfield	S Blomfield / C Taylor

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FRANK GRAY SHIELD	Game	Home team	Away team	Umpires
2011-12	Quarter Final	Sth Districts	Strathfield*	S Blomfield / A Vella
	Quarter Final	Warringah*	Burwood	D Goodger / C Taylor
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney*	Auburn	P Friend / M Wheeler
	Semi Final	Warringah*	Sth Districts	C Taylor / M Wheeler
	Semi Final	NW Sydney*	Strathfield	S Blomfield / D Goodger
	Grand Final	Warringah*	NW Sydney	D Goodger / C Taylor
2012-13	Quarter Final	Lindfield *	Strathfield	S Blomfield / M Wheeler
	Quarter Final	NW Sydney	Epping *	P Friend / I Tabrett
	Quarter Final	Warringah *	Sth Districts	A Vella / B Tribolet
	Semi Final	Lindfield	NW Sydney *	C Taylor / I Tabrett
	Semi Final	Warringah *	Epping	S Blomfield / A Vella
	Grand Final	Warringah *	NW Sydney	S Blomfield / C Taylor

18 July 2012

Rupert Mathews took out the 2011/12 Most Improved Umpire of the Year. Here The Perpetual Shield was awarded by Competition Sub Committee Member Michael Wood at the AGM held in July 2012



17 May 2013

Shires Annual Presentation Dinner. SSCUA President Peter Friend presents the Shires Ground of the Year Award to Trent Willoughby who was the head grounds man at Lane Cove's Tantallon Oval



18 July 2012

Ken Buckland, George Richards and Jim Shellens were awarded their 10 year membership certificates by Competition Sub Committee Member John Lloyd at the AGM



SUMMARY OF ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

ALLISTON, BILL – Member 109, Joined 22/7/08, Resign 15/5/10. 13 Career Shires Matches

APTER, JAMIE – Member 108, Joined 14/7/08, Resign 25/9/08. Zero Career Shires Matches, Membership revoked by Executive Committee 25/9/08

ARORA, SUNIL – Member 125, Joined 12/5/09, Membership Current. 38 Career Shires Matches. Moved across to SCA Grade cricket in 11/12, currently on Panel 4. Number of matches in Grade cricket is currently 26

BARNES, JOHN – Member 162, Joined 21/9/10, Resign 1/9/11. 40 Career Shires Matches, 27 of which were umpired prior to the formation of SSCUA under the old grade appointments system. After umpiring Shires in 10/11 Moved back across to SCA Grade cricket in 11/12, currently on Panel 4. Number of matches in Grade cricket is currently 335

BAXTER, BRETT – Member 142, Joined 18/12/09, Resign 6/6/11. 20 Career Shires Matches,

BEESLEY, GRAHAM – Member 002, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/9/03. 19 Career Matches, Started umpiring due to his son playing for Warringah CC. Now Deceased.

BELL, GRAHAME – Member 151, Joined 21/7/10, Membership Current. 36 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired in Bankstown local district Association.

BERGMAN, TONY – Member 146, Joined 14/4/10, Membership Current. 61 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired in Burwood local district Association.

26 January 2013. Tony Bergman (l) and Aaron Vella (r) at North Epping Oval during the tea break of the Shires 1st Grade Round 11 clash between Epping and Strathfield



BHARADWAJ, VIJAY – Member 071, Joined 1/8/05, Resign 11/5/07. 2 Career Shires Matches

BIRD, TONY – Member 063, Joined 1/8/04, Resign 30/9/08. 25 Career Shires Matches including 4th Grade Grand Final 04/05

BLOMFIELD, STEPHEN – Member 003, Joined 1/7/01, Membership Current. 307 Career Matches including 12 Shires Grand Finals – 2 x 1st grade 07/08, 12/13, and 10 x 2nd grade (01/02 to 11/12 except 07/08 and 12/13) as well as 3 Frank Gray Shield Grand Finals 08/09, 10/11 and 12/13. Umpire of the Year Award 04/05 and 12/13. Shires v Grade Rep Fixture at SCG 06/07, Inducted into the Shires Competition Legends (Hall of Fame) in 12/13 for services to Shires Cricket. Ex player from Auburn CC, Was part of the initial meeting in 2001 that agreed to form an Association. Honorary Secretary & Appointments Officer since inception. **10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 10/11**

BOWMAN, IAN – Member 064, Joined 1/8/04, Membership Current. 107 Career Shires Matches, Most Improved Umpire of the Year Award 10/11, Major Contributor in the creation of the Association 10th anniversary note book holder. Also assisting with other projects regarding artwork for the Association including compilation of 10th thru 12th Annual Reports. Executive Committee 12/13

BRADY, JASON – Member 181, Joined 1/9/12, Membership Current. 1 Career Shires Match

BRADY, STEPHEN – Member 065, Joined 1/11/04, Resign 30/9/07. 4 Career Shires Matches

BROWN, ROBERT – Member 149, Joined 14/4/10, Resign 9/5/11. Zero Career Shires Matches

BREAKSPEAR, BRIAN – Member 118, Joined 29/8/08, Membership Current. 51 Career Shires Matches, 3rd Grade Grand Final 09/10. Umpired Grade cricket one season in mid 1990's officiating in 13 matches

BUCKLAND, KENNETH – Member 033, Joined 1/8/02, Membership Current. 102 Career Shires Matches, 4th Grade Grand Final 06/07, Frank Gray Shield Grand Final 06/07. In early years jumped from umpiring Shires to Grade Cricket but has settled with Grade Cricket since 07/08. Currently in Panel 1 completing 136 Grade matches as at end of 12/13 season. Executive Committee 12/13. **10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 11/12**

BURKE, JOHN – Member 171, Joined 24/12/11, Resign 1/9/12. 5 Career Shires Matches

BYRNE, LAURIE – Member 048, Joined 1/11/03, Membership Current. 19 Career Shires Matches, Part time member doing Shires when the GPS competition is in recess. **10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 12/13**

CALVERT, SCOTT – Member 124, Joined 12/5/09, Resign 30/9/11. 13 Career Shires Matches, Winner of the Rookie Umpire of the Year Award 09/10

CAMPBELL, MALCOLM – Member 122, Joined 14/10/08, Membership Current. 26 Career Shires Matches, Part time member doing Shires when the GPS competition is in recess.

CAMPBELL, NEIL – Member 099, Joined 6/8/07, Membership Current. 34 Career Shires Matches, Part time member doing Shires when the GPS competition is in recess.

CARROLL, PHILLIP – Member 004, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/9/03, Rejoin 15/8/08, Resign 1/9/11. 13 Career Shires Matches

CHAKRABORTY, BIDHAN – Member 155, Joined 26/8/10, Membership Current. 27 Career Shires Matches. Umpired Grade Cricket in Panel 4 in season 12/13 completing 11 matches plus 1 match from previous season

CHAMBIAS, PAUL – Member 090, Joined 1/10/06, Resign 30/9/09, Rejoin 1/9/12, Membership Current. 18 Career Shires Matches

CHARLESWORTH, ADRIAN – Member 096, Joined 28/7/07, Resign 8/7/10. 19 Career Shires Matches. Umpired Shires in first season and then moved across to Grade cricket umpiring 26 matches before resigning membership and moving to Tasmania

CHRISTEN, RICHARD – Member 049, Joined 1/8/03, Membership Current. 111 Career Shires Matches, Most Improved Umpire of the Year Award 07/08, Previously umpired in Sydney Grade Cricket – 59 matches. **10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 12/13**

COCKS, GRAEME – Member 072, Joined 1/10/05, Resign 1/6/06. 4 Career Shires Matches

CONWAY, MICHAEL – Member 143, Joined 18/12/09, Membership Current. 30 Career Shires Matches

CORDNER, GEOFF – Member 130, Joined 18/12/09, Resign 29/6/10. Zero Career Shires Matches, Joined, spent first season as inactive and then decided to resign

CLEMENTS, STEPHEN – Member 145, Joined 18/12/09, Membership Current. 38 Career Shires Matches

CLIFT, PAUL – Member 111, Joined 6/8/08, Membership Current. 27 Career Shires Matches, part time member who still plays Shires on Saturdays for Macquarie Uni CC

CLOVER, STEWART – Member 147, Joined 14/4/10, Resign 29/6/11. Zero Career Shires Matches, Joined, Then changed mind before umpired any matches & resigned

COLEMAN, PAUL – Member 091, Joined 1/10/06, Resign 11/12/08. 40 Career Shires Matches, ex player from Auburn CC. Executive Committee 07/08. Has since moved onto umpire SCA Grade cricket completing 69 matches as at end of 12/13 season.

DAVIES, ADAM – Member 137, Joined 29/9/09, Membership Current. 27 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired in Bankstown local district Association. Son to Member 153 (Keith Davies), Brother to Member 138 (Reece Davies).

DAVIES, KEITH – Member 153, Joined 23/8/10, Membership Current. 25 Career Shires Matches, Father to Members 137 & 138 (Adam & Reece Davies)



6 October 2012. Clive Dunford (l) and Berend DuPlessis (r) officiated in the Round 2, Shires 4th Grade match played at Bark Huts Oval – Strathfield v Auburn

DAVIES, REECE – Member 138, Joined 11/10/09, Membership Current. 12 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired in Bankstown local district Association. Son to Member 153 (Keith Davies), Brother to Member 137 (Adam Davies).

DEBNATH, NEIL – Member 157, Joined 26/8/10, Resign 1/9/11. 3 Career Shires Matches

DECOSTA, KAYSEE – Member 152, Joined 2/8/10, Membership Current. 6 Career Shires Matches

DESILVA, KAPILA – Member 034, Joined 1/8/02, Resign 1/6/03. 4 Career Shires Matches

DEACON, LACHLAN – Member 121, Joined 14/10/08, Resign 1/9/12. 36 Career Shires Matches

DHANDAPANI, KHADHIR – Member 035, Joined 1/8/02, Resign 1/8/06. 45 Career Shires Matches, Has since moved onto umpire SCA Grade cricket completing 130 matches as at end of 12/13 season.

DOBBIN, PATRICK – Member 073, Joined 1/8/05, Resign 13/9/10. 2 Career Shires Matches

DONNELLAN, TOM – Member 005, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/8/02. 65 Career Shires Matches, 50 of which were umpired prior to the formation of SSCUA under the old grade appointments system. Previously umpired in Sydney Grade Cricket – 30 matches

DOWLING, JASON – Member 106, Joined 7/8/08, Resign 30/9/08. Zero Career Shires Matches, Changed mind before umpired any matches & resigned

DU PLESSIS, BEREND – Member 173, Joined 1/9/12, Membership Current. 7 Career Shires Matches and 1 Grade match

DUNFORD, CLIVE – Member 164, Joined 7/9/11, Membership Current. 16 Career Shires Matches

FAIRLIE, SIMON – Member 174, Joined 1/9/12, Membership Current. 4 Career Shires Matches, part time member who still plays Shires on Saturdays for Macquarie Uni CC

FONSEKA, JUDE – Member 172, Joined 1/9/12, Membership Current. 12 Career Shires Matches

FRIEND, PETER – Member 006, Joined 1/8/01, Membership Current. 228 Career Matches, First Grade Grand Final 06/07, 07/08, 08/09, 2nd Grade Grand Final 03/04, 04/05, 10/11, 3rd Grade Grand Final 01/02, 05/06, Frank Gray Shield Grand Final 09/10. Shires v Grade Rep Fixture at SCG 04/05, Winner of the NSWCUA EF Wykes Association Award 12/13, Executive Committee 07/08, Association President 08/09 to current day. **10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 10/11**

GALE, ANDREW – Member 036, Joined 1/8/02, Resign 1/6/05. 11 Career Shires Matches, 4th Grade Grand Final 02/03.

GANDEVIA, ROBIN – Member 037, Joined 1/8/02, Resign 1/9/12. 98 Career Shires Matches, 3rd Grade Grand Final 03/04, 4th Grade Grand Final 04/05, Frank Gray Shield Grand Final 03/04, 04/05. Executive Committee 04/05. Moved across to SCA Grade cricket in 05/06 completing 87 matches as at 12/13 season. Currently umpiring in the GPS competition and doing Shires or Grade matches during the GPS holiday periods. **10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 11/12**

GARLICK, PETER – Member 050, Joined 1/8/03, Resign 8/6/10. 26 Career Shires Matches. Executive Committee 04/05. Moved across to SCA Grade cricket in 05/06, umpiring 57 matches up to season 09/10.

GEORGE, CHERIAN – Member 141, Joined 18/12/09, Resign 8/6/10. 2 Career Shires Matches

GOODGER, DARREN – Member 097, Joined 28/7/07, Membership Current. 30 Career Shires Matches, Shires First Grade Grand Final 11/12, Frank Gray Shield Grand Final 11/12, Shires Umpire of the Year 11/12. SCA Grade Cricket umpire 01/02 to 10/11 and 12/13, Number of matches in Grade cricket as at end of 12/13 is 219 including 10 SCA Grand Finals (5 x 1st, 2 x 2nd, 1 x 3rd, 1 x 4th and 1 x 5th grade). Winner of the NSWCUA George Borwick Award 03/04, 04/05, 05/06, 06/07, 07/08, 09/10, 10/11. Currently Executive Officer NSWCUA since 2012

GOODMAN, DAVID – Member 038, Joined 1/8/02, Membership Current. 72 Career Shires Matches. Most Improved Umpire of the Year Award 08/09. Executive Committee 08/09. Moved to Queensland Late 2010. **10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 11/12**

GREEN, ALAN – Member 051, Joined 1/8/03, Resign 30/9/09, Re-Join 5/9/10, Resign 1/9/11. 110 Career Shires Matches, 1st Grade Grand Final 04/05, 05/06, 3rd Grade Grand Final 03/04, 08/09. Shires v Grade Rep Fixture at SCG 05/06, Previously umpired SCA Grade cricket completing 176 matches up to season 02/03

GUHA, RONNIE – Member 007, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/02. 6 Career Shires Matches

GUPTA, VINAYAK (aka Major) – Member 093, Joined 1/10/06, Resign 1/9/11. 4 Career Shires Matches

HAMEED, ASAD – Member 150, Joined 2/6/10, Resign 1/9/12. 16 Career Shires Matches

HAMMOND, BRETT – Member 066, Joined 1/8/04, Resign 30/9/08. 25 Career Shires Matches

HAMILTON, IAN – Member 139, Joined 11/10/09, Membership Current. 17 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired in Bankstown local district Association.

HANSHAW, GLEN – Member 008, Joined 1/08/01, Membership Current. 58 Career Shires Matches, 3rd Grade Grand Final 06/07. Executive Committee 04/05 **10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 10/11**

Harrison, Spencer – Member 052, Joined 1/08/03, Membership Current. 208 Career Shires Matches, 3rd Grade Grand Final 06/07, 4th Grade Grand Final 05/06, 07/08, 12/13, 10 Year Consecutive Member Award 12/13

HARVEY, JOHN – Member 107, Joined 1/7/08, Resign 15/7/10. 25 Career Shires Matches

HASTY, JOHN – Member 074, Joined 1/8/05, Resign 11/5/07. Zero Career Shires Matches

HAVILAND, CHRIS – Member 009, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/02. 45 Career Shires Matches, 10 of which were umpired while a member, the rest being umpired prior to the formation of SSCUA under the old grade appointments system. Currently umpiring SCA Grade cricket in Panel 4 – Total Grade Matches being 135

HICKEY, DAVID – Member 010, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/02. 15 Career Shires Matches

HINKS, ANDREW – Member 067, Joined 1/8/04, Resign 1/6/06. 19 Career Shires Matches, 3rd Grade Grand Final 04/05

HOLLAND, IVAN – Member 011, Joined 1/08/01, Membership Current. 221 Career Shires Matches. One of the original members that was recruited to Shires cricket in 2000/01 as a "club umpire" with his connection with Epping CC **10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 10/11**

HOOD, PHILLIP – Member 105, Joined 12/6/08, Resign 1/11/09. 2 Career Shires Matches. Ex player at Epping CC

HOSSAIN, BAYAZED – Member 175, Joined 1/9/12, Membership Current. 10 Career Shires Matches

HUGHES, MARK – Member 082, Joined 1/8/06, Membership Current. 53 Career Shires Matches, 2nd Grade Grand Final 08/09, 3rd Grade Grand Final 07/08. Executive Committee 09/10 to current. Moved across to SCA Grade cricket in 09/10, currently on Panel 1. Number of matches in Grade cricket is currently 71



SUMMARY OF ASSOCIATION MEMBERS CONTINUED

HUNTER, KIM – Member 165, Joined 7/9/11, Membership Current. 33 Career Shires Matches, Most Improved Umpire of the Year Award 12/13

IYER, MALLI – Member 039, Joined 1/8/2002, Membership Current. 35 Career Shires Matches. 10 Year Consecutive Member Award 11/12

JAENSCH, RON – Member 159, Joined 13/9/10, Resign 1/9/12. 39 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired in Sydney Grade Cricket – 39 matches

JAYAWEERA, JAY – Member 012, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/02. 22 Career Shires Matches, Went on to umpire SCA Grade cricket and completed 39 matches to 06/07

JEGATHESAN, JERIAM – Member 013, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/02. 12 Career Shires Matches

JOHNSTON, PATRICK – Member 040, Joined 1/9/02, Resign 1/6/05. 19 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired SCA Grade Cricket in Panel 4 completing 26 matches

JONES, COLIN – Member 085, Joined 1/8/06, Resign 10/6/09. 35 Career Shires Matches

KEARNEY, CHRIS – Member 014, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/03, Re-Join 1/8/04, Resign 27/8/07. 62 Career Shires Matches, Most Improved Umpire of the Year Award 05/06. Executive Committee 05/06, 06/07. Also umpired SCA Grade Cricket in Panel 4 during periods of non membership totalling 24 Grade Matches

KEIERLEBER, DAVID – Member 015, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/03. 33 Career Shires Matches

KHALE, SHAILESH – Member 119, Joined 1/8/01, Membership Current. 34 Career Shires Matches

KINGSFORD-SMITH, TONY – Member 094, Joined 1/10/06, Resign 1/9/12. 139 Career Shires Matches, 3rd Grade Grand Final 08/09, 4th Grade Grand Final 07/08, Frank Gray Shield Grand Final 07/08. Executive Committee 11/12, Previously umpired SCA Grade cricket and went back to grade Cricket having completed 350 matches up to the end of 12/13

KNOWLES, WARREN – Member 053, Joined 1/8/03, Resign 1/12/03. 3 Career Shires Matches

LARDNER, CRAIG – Member 128, Joined 18/5/09, Resign 29/6/10. Zero Career Shires Matches. Joined, spent first season as inactive and then decided to resign

LUCKMAN, TERRY – Member 016, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/02. 9 Career Shires Matches

LUKE, WILLIAM – Member 075, Joined 1/10/05, Resign 30/6/06. 9 Career Shires Matches, Ex player at Roseville CC

MACGILLIVRAY, BRUCE – Member 017, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/02, Re-Join 14/10/08, Resign 29/6/10. 23 Career Shires Matches

MADAN, AJIT – Member 129, Joined 25/5/09, Membership Current. 30 Career Shires Matches

MALONEY, ROB – Member 076, Joined 1/8/05, Resign 1/9/06, Re-Join 15/11/07, Membership Current. 43 Career Shires Matches, Moved across to SCA Grade cricket in 12/13, currently on Panel 4. Number of matches in Grade cricket is currently 20

MARQUET, JONATHON – Member 077, Joined 1/10/05, Resign 11/5/07. 10 Career Shires Matches

MARTIN, DEAN – Member 154, Joined 23/8/10, Resign 1/9/12. 21 Career Shires Matches, Moved across to SCA Grade cricket in 12/13, currently on Panel 3. Number of matches in Grade cricket is currently 32

MATHEWS, RUPERT – Member 083, Joined 1/8/06, Membership Current. 144 Career Shires Matches, Shires Most Improved Umpire of the Year Award 11/12, 4th Grade Grand Final 11/12, Association Auditor from 08/09 to current.

MCANDREW, BOB – Member 140, Joined 15/9/10, Resign 1/9/12. 5 Career Shires Matches

MCCARTY, DAVID – Member 158, Joined 7/9/10, Resign 7/9/11. 2 Career Shires Matches, Joined and resigned after 12 months moving across to Grade Cricket in season 11/12. Currently in Panel 4. Number of matches in Grade cricket is currently 23



MCKINNON, JEFF – Member 054, Joined 1/8/03, Resign 1/6/04, Re-Join 18/12/09, Resign 3/6/11. 42 Career Shires Matches, Prior to Shires umpired in 24 SCA Grade matches in Panel 3 & 4

MCLEAN, SCOTT – Member 114, Joined 7/8/08, Membership Current. 19 Career Shires Matches

MOODY, ANDREW – Member 102, Joined 23/9/07, Resign 1/7/08. 6 Career Shires Matches

MOONEY, PETER – Member 089, Joined 1/8/06, Membership Current. 135 Career Shires Matches, 1st Grade Grand Final 09/10, 10/11, 2nd Grade Grand Final 07/08, 3rd Grade Grand Final 11/12. Umpire of the Year Award 09/10. Shires v Grade Rep Fixture at SCG 08/09, Previously umpired SCA Grade cricket completing 243 matches up to season 04/05

MOORE, JOHN – Member 041, Joined 1/8/02, Membership Current. 83 Career Shires Matches, 1st Grade Grand Final 02/03, 03/04, 04/05, 2nd Grade Grand Final 06/07 Umpire of the Year Award 03/04. Association President 04/05. Executive Committee 03/04, 09/10. Previously umpired SCA Grade cricket completing 54 matches up to season 01/02. Now non active

MULLIGAN, LUKE – Member 055, Joined 1/9/03, Resign 30/9/07. 2 Career Shires Matches

19 January 2013. Geoff Taylor (r) walks out with Rupert Mathews to start play at Tantallon Oval. This was Geoff's 150th Career Shires match. The game in question was Shires 1st Grade – Round 10 – Lane Cove v Macquarie Uni

MURPHY, STEPHEN – Member 056, Joined 1/9/03, Membership Current. 10 Career Shires Matches, Association Webmaster since 2005, Previously umpired SCA Grade cricket completing 12 matches up to season 02/03. **10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 12/13**

NARAYANAN, VISHY – Member 078, Joined 1/8/05, Resign 11/5/07. Zero Career Shires Matches

NAPPER, PETER – Member 134, Joined 24/8/09, Resign 30/9/09. Zero Career Shires Matches

NEWSOM, IAN – Member 183, Joined 5/1/13, Membership Current. 9 Career Shires Matches, 35 Career matches in Grade Cricket

NYERS, PETER – Member 095, Joined 1/12/06, Resign 30/9/09. 10 Career Shires Matches

OPPENHEIM, DENNIS – Member 167, Joined 8/9/11, Membership Current. 19 Career Shires Matches, Part time member doing Shires when the GPS competition is in recess.

SUMMARY OF ASSOCIATION MEMBERS CONTINUED

OSSEWEYER, BRETT – Member 057, Joined 1/9/03, Resign 07/11/07. 65 Career Shires Matches, 2nd Grade Grand Final 05/06, 4th Grade Grand Final 04/05, Frank Gray Shield Grand Finals 04/05, 05/06. Executive Committee 04/05.

OWEN, ALAN – Member 018, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/02. 10 Career Shires Matches

PARDY, BILL – Member 079, Joined 1/10/05, Resign 1/6/06. 18 Career Shires Matches

PARFETT, BRUCE – Member 019, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 29/11/11. 83 Career Shires Matches, 1st Grade Grand Final 01/02, 02/03, 03/04, Frank Gray Shield Grand Final 01/02, 02/03, 03/04. Umpire of the Year Award 01/02 & 02/03. Shires v Grade Rep Fixture at SCG 03/04, Association President 03/04. After 03/04 went on to umpire a further 75 SCA Grade matches finishing in Panel 1 in 09/10. One of the original members that was recruited to Shires cricket in 2000/01 as a “club umpire” with his connection with Epping CC
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PARKER, GRAHAM – Member 088, Joined 1/8/06, Resign 11/5/07. 9 Career Shires Matches

PARKER, TREVOR – Member 104, Joined 2/6/08, Membership Current. 91 Career Shires Matches

PAXTON, HOMER – Member 136, Joined 9/9/09, Membership Current. 24 Career Shires Matches

PEPPER, GLENN – Member 020, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/9/06. 29 Career Shires Matches, 2nd Grade Grand Final 02/03

POINTER, MARTYN – Member 168, Joined 26/9/11, Membership Current. 9 Career Shires Matches

PONSFORD, DEREK – Member 080, Joined 1/8/05, Membership Current. 87 Career Shires Matches

PRABHAKAR, YATIN – Member 176, Joined 1/9/12, Membership Current. 11 Career Shires Matches

QUAKEN, KEITH – Member 021, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/9/05. 100 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired SCA Grade cricket completing 271 matches up to season 00/01

RAGHAVENDRA, VENKAT – Member 127, Joined 18/5/09, Resign 9/7/10. 3 Career Shires Matches

RAJOGOPOLAN, RAGOO – Member 022, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/02. 29 Career Shires Matches, Currently umpiring Sydney grade Cricket in panel 4 completing 139 matches as at the end of season 12/13

RALSTON, TIM – Member 023, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/05. 68 Career Shires Matches, 4th Grade Grand Final 01/02. Previously umpired Grade cricket completing 53 matches up to 00/01

RAMAKRISHNAN, KEERAN – Member 133, Joined 19/8/09, Membership Current. 38 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired Grade cricket completing 70 matches up to 07/08

RAHMAN, ASHAFUR – Member 177, Joined 1/9/12, Membership Current. 11 Career Shires Matches

REES, MARTIN – Member 135, Joined 31/8/09, Resign 1/11/09. Zero Career Shires Matches, Joined but resigned one month later

RICHARDS, GEORGE – Member 042, Joined 1/8/02, Awarded Life Membership July 2012. Membership Current. 136 Career Shires Matches, Frank Gray Shield Grand Final 02/03, Association President 05/06, 06/07, 07/08, Executive Committee 08/09, Now non active and performs match observer duties. Previously umpired Grade cricket completing 149 matches up to 1999/00
10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 11/12

RIDGE, OWEN – Member 058, Joined 1/8/03, Membership revoked by executive Committee 1/12/05. 21 Career Shires Matches, Executive Committee 03/04 & 04/05, Previously umpired Grade cricket completing 163 matches up to 01/02

RILEY, GERARD – Member 166, Joined 7/9/11, Membership Current. 37 Career Shires Matches

RITCHIE, MATTHEW – Member 084, Joined 1/6/06, Resign 11/5/07, ReJoin 20/8/09, Resign 3/8/10. 13 Career Shires Matches

ROBERTS, MICHAEL – Member 024, Joined 1/8/01, Membership Current. 80 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired Grade cricket completing 76 matches up to 05/06
10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 10/11

ROBERTSON, BOB – Member 126, Joined 22/5/09, Resign 10/5/10. 6 Career Shires Matches

ROCHE, GLENN – Member 068, Joined 1/12/04, Resign 23/7/09. 51 Career Shires Matches, 3rd Grade Grand Final 05/06, Frank Gray Shield Grand Final 05/06. Now umpiring SCA Grade Cricket in Panel 2 – Completed 114 matches as at end of 12/13

ROMEO, JOE – Member 086, Joined 1/8/06, Resign 14/5/07. 5 Career Shires Matches

ROWSELL, ADAM – Member 112, Joined 12/8/08, Resign 7/7/10. 14 Career Shires Matches

RUSH, GARY – Member 043, Joined 1/8/02, Resign 1/6/05. 32 Career Shires Matches, 3rd Grade Grand Final 02/03, Then went on to umpire 28 matches in SCA Grade cricket finishing in 05/06

RUTHERFORD, NEIL – Member 044, Joined 1/8/02, Resign 1/6/03. 7 Career Shires Matches

RYAN, TIM – Member 170, Joined 8/11/11, Membership Current. 3 Career Shires Matches

SAHA, SUBRATA – Member 156, Joined 26/8/10, Resign 1/8/11. 6 Career Shires Matches

SAMMY, RAJAN – Member 025, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/02. 12 Career Shires Matches, known as Rajan Thiagarajan since 2002. Umpired in SCA Grade cricket since 2002 completing 105 matches

SCHOKMAN, TREVOR – Member 059, Joined 1/10/03, Membership Current. 129 Career Shires Matches, Most Improved Umpire of the Year Award 06/07. Executive Committee 05/06 to current.
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SCOTT, WESLEY – Member 060, Joined 1/8/03, Resign 1/6/04. 4 Career Shires Matches

SHELLENS, JIM – Member 045, Joined 1/8/02, Membership Current. 246 Career Shires Matches, 4th Grade Grand Final 06/07, 08/09, 09/10 & 10/11, 3rd Grade Grand Final 07/08, Frank Gray Shield Grand Final 07/08, Shires v Grade Rep Fixture at SCG 10/11. Executive Committee 05/06 to 11/12, Moved across to SCA Grade cricket in 12/13, currently on Panel 2. Number of matches in Grade cricket is currently 22.
10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 11/12

SHIELD, BOB – Member 131, Joined 29/6/09, Membership Current. 75 Career Shires Matches

SHINER, TOM – Member 026, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 10/10/06. 113 Career Shires Matches, 4th Grade Grand Final 01/02, Executive Committee 01/02, 02/03 & 03/04. Previously umpired Grade cricket completing 67 matches up to 1999/00

SINGHAM, MANO – Member 144, Joined 18/12/09, Membership Current. 39 Career Shires Matches

SMELLIE, PATRICK – Member 101, Joined 30/8/07, Membership Current. 78 Career Shires Matches

SMITH, CAMERON – Member 123, Joined 6/12/08, Resign 30/9/09. Zero Career Shires Matches

SMITH, GORDON – Member 027, Joined 1/8/01, Membership Current. 235 Career Shires Matches, 4th Grade Grand Final 02/03 & 03/04, Frank Gray Grand Final 06/07, Honorary Treasurer for 9 seasons – 01/02 to 09/10, Winner of the NSWCUA EF Wykes Association Award 07/08,
10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 10/11

SOWTER, MICHAEL – Member 169, Joined 1/11/11, Resign 1/9/12. 6 Career Shires Matches

STARKS, STEVE – Member 028, Joined 1/8/01, Membership Current. 35 Career Shires Matches, 3rd Grade Grand Final 01/02, Then went on to umpire 101 matches in SCA Grade cricket finishing in 07/08,
10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 10/11

STEINDLER, ANDREW – Member 160, Joined 13/9/10, Membership Current. 31 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired Grade cricket completing 29 matches up to 08/09



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STILLER, WESLEY – Member 100, Joined 30/8/07, Resign 3/8/10. 8 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired Grade cricket completing 11 matches up to 06/07

STREET, GARRY – Member 081, Joined 1/8/05, Resign 11/5/07. 20 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired Grade cricket completing 22 matches up to 04/05

STUBBINGS, GLEN – Member 180, Joined 1/9/12, Membership Current. 20 Career Shires Matches, Rookie Umpire of the Year Award 12/13

SUPERINA, DEAN – Member 087, Joined 1/8/06, Resign 11/5/07. 6 Career Shires Matches

TABRETT, IAN – Member 163, Joined 1/8/06, Membership Current. 57 Career Shires Matches, 3rd Grade Grand Final 12/13, Shires Rookie Umpire of the Year Award 11/12

TASKER, PETER – Member 061, Joined 1/10/03, Resign 7/9/11. 48 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired Grade cricket completing 106 games, Now Deceased.

TAYLOR, CHRIS – Member 062, Joined 1/10/03, Membership Current. 193 Career Shires Matches, 1st Grade Grand Final 05/06, 06/07, 08/09, 09/10, 11/12, 12/13, 3rd Grade Grand Final 04/05, 10/11, 4th Grade Grand Final 03/04, Frank Gray Shield Grand Final 08/09, 09/10, 10/11, 11/12, 12/13. Umpire of the Year Award 05/06, 06/07, 08/09, Shires v Grade Rep Fixture at SCG 07/08, **10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 12/13**

TAYLOR, GEOFF – Member 029, Joined 1/8/01, Membership Current. 158 Career Shires Matches, 3rd Grade Grand Final 02/03, 4th Grade Grand Final 12/13, Most Improved Umpire of the Year Award 04/05, Shires v Grade Rep Fixture at BOP 09/10, Executive Committee 02/03, 06/07, **10 YEAR CONSECUTIVE MEMBER AWARD 10/11**

THOMSON, IAN – Member 069, Joined 1/8/04, Membership Current. 30 Career Shires Matches, Ex Player Roseville CC, Currently lives in Hong Kong

THORPE, KEN – Member 030, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/02. 8 Career Shires Matches (41 prior to Association formation)

TRELOAR, BEN – Member 092, Joined 1/9/06, Resign 31/8/09. 18 Career Shires Matches, Now umpiring SCA Grade Cricket in Panel 1 – Completed 105 matches as at end of 12/13 including 2nd Grade Grand Final 12/13 and 4th Grade Grand Final 11/12. Winner of the NSWCUA George Borwick Award 12/13. Ex player from Auburn Shire CC

TUNKS, GREG – Member 103, Joined 22/10/07, Resign 30/9/11. 44 Career Shires Matches, Most Improved Umpire of the Year Award 09/10,

TURMANIS, JURIS – Member 178, Joined 1/9/12, Membership Current. 16 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired in Grade competition completing 126 matches up to end of season 11/12

TRIBOLET, BRETT – Member 070, Joined 1/9/04, Membership Current. 81 Career Shires Matches, 1st Grade Grand Final 10/11, 2nd Grade Grand Final 09/10 & 11/12, Umpire of the Year Award 10/11, SCA Grade v Shires Fixture at the SCG 11/12

TURNER, MICHAEL – Member 179, Joined 12/9/12, Membership Current. 13 Career Shires Matches

TURNER, PETER – Member 001, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/03, Re-Join 29/7/11, Membership Current. 11 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired Grade cricket completing 17 matches up to 1999/00. Association President 01/02, 02/03, Ex player from Lindfield CC, Was part of the initial meeting in 2001 that agreed to form an Association. Inducted into the Shires Competition Legends (Hall of Fame) in 10/11 for services to Shires Cricket.

VELLA, AARON – Member 148, Joined 14/4/10, Membership Current. 58 Career Shires Matches, 2nd Grade Grand Final 12/13, 4th Grade Grand Final 11/12, Rookie Umpire of the Year Award 10/11

WARD, MALCOLM – Member 110, Joined 7/8/08, Membership Current. 68 Career Shires Matches,

WATSON, ARTHUR – Member 098, Joined 28/7/07, Membership Current. 21 Career Shires Matches, Now umpiring SCA Grade Cricket in Panel 4 – Completed 678 matches as at end of 12/13. Ex First Class Umpire. Winner of the NSWCUA George Borwick Award 91/92.

WENTZEL, KARL – Member 031, Joined 1/8/01, Resign 1/6/04. 36 Career Shires Matches, 2nd Grade Grand Final 01/02, Executive Committee 01/02 – 03/04. Now umpiring SCA Grade Cricket in Panel 1 – Completed 135 matches as at end of 12/13

WILLIAMS, CHRIS – Member 117, Joined 13/9/08, Membership Current. 21 Career Shires Matches

WHEELER, GEOFF – Member 115, Joined 12/08/08, Membership Current. 106 Career Shires Matches, 3rd Grade Grand Final 09/10, 12/13, 4th Grade Grand Final 10/11

WHEELER, MIKE – Member 116, Joined 12/08/08, Membership Current. 119 Career Shires Matches, 2nd Grade Grand Final 12/13, 3rd Grade Grand Final 10/11, 11/12. 4th Grade Grand Final 09/10, Honorary Treasurer 10/11 to current.

WHITE, GRAEME – Member 182, Joined 30/11/12, Membership Current. 8 Career Shires Matches

WHITEHOUSE, BRUCE – Member 046, Joined 1/10/02, Resign 1/9/06, ReJoin 15/8/07. Membership Current, 77 Career Shires Matches, 2nd Grade Grand Final 07/08, 4th Grade Grand Final 08/09, Umpire of the Year Award 07/08, Also umpired 2 seasons of SCA Grade cricket (26 matches)

WHYTE, CRAIG – Member 120, Joined 28/9/08, Resign 2/8/09, Rejoin 1/9/12, Membership Current. 8 Career Shires Matches

WOOD, STUART – Member 132, Joined 12/8/09, Membership Current. 47 Career Shires Matches, Moved across to SCA Grade cricket in 12/13, currently on Panel 3. Number of matches in Grade cricket is currently 12 Executive Committee 10/11 to 11/12

YEEND, STUART – Member 032, Joined 1/08/01, Resign 1/9/02. 42 Career Shires Matches, 1st Grade Grand Final 01/02, Frank Gray Shield Grand Final 01/02. Previously umpired Grade cricket completing 91 matches up to 2000/01

YORK, PAUL – Member 161, Joined 13/9/10, Resign 1/11/11. 3 Career Shires Matches, Previously umpired Grade cricket completing 25 matches up to 07/08

YOUNAN, DANIEL – Member 047, Joined 1/8/02, Resign 1/6/07. 8 Career Shires Matches

YOUSAF, SALMAN – Member 113, Joined 7/8/08, Resign 1/9/12. 11 Career Shires Matches



Frank Gray Shield Grand Final. Chris Taylor and Stephen Blomfield give Warringah captain Tristan Rajah a few choice words after his players got a bit rowdy in the field



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