



**SA CRICKET
UMPIRES & SCORERS
ASSOCIATION**

STICKY WICKET

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OUR **MISSION** is to foster, facilitate and support cricket officials in South Australia

OUR **VISION** is to be the leading support network for cricket officials with regards to
inclusivity
diversity
culture

this newsletter includes

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From the President

Welcome to the first SACUSA newsletter. Your executive has decided to reproduce our own newsletter for all SACUSA members, this newsletter does not distract or replace the Match Official Newsletter that comes from SACA. The idea behind our own SACUSA newsletter is to keep our members up to date on all umpire's and scorer's information. The newsletter will involve some of the following:

- Message from an SACUSA executive of what your executive have been doing etc
- Umpires and Scorers stories and achievements
- Get to know an Umpire and/or Scorers
- A Scorers section – tips on Scoring etc
- An Umpiring section – PC / By-laws clarifications, tips on umpiring from preparation to game day etc
- Some light-hearted humour and fun – maybe from some games that umpires / scorers have officiated in.
- Social activities / events that are coming up.
- Plus, anything else our members would like to include.

This newsletter is for ALL members and contributions are more than welcome. If you would like to add something into the newsletter or have any suggestions, please e-mail our Editor-in-Chief Fahmid Ahmed.

Our new and exciting website is finished and looks amazing and we already launched the website in the last month.

We look forward to catching up with you all at our next general meeting on the 13th October at 7pm at KRO which will be followed by drinks and a light supper.

Thank you, once again, for all your support, commitment, and enthusiasm for cricket in SA and for your association.

All the best for the upcoming season.

Darran Swain
SACUSA President

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last SACUSA general meeting before the grand finals of season 2020-21



Bowling night of season 2020-21



Easter weekend President vs Vice-President cricket match and SACUSA family get-together of season 2020-21

Season 2020-2021

This 2020-2021 season is the new normal season due to the Covid-19 phenomena. Although we had a late start, including an interruption in the middle of the season due to lockdown, the season was successfully completed in April 2021.

This season was reasonably unusual regarding handling the ball by the umpires. We all had to adjust and change our regular day to day habits, such as shake hands. On top of that, the umpires did not carry players caps or hats or any other belongings due to Covid restrictions. In addition, this is the year when players are not allowed to shine the cricket balls with their saliva.

We had our general meetings and executive committee meetings, training sessions, and social events, bringing us together as a community. Our umpires had successfully officiated more than 400 games this season across different grades in the premier cricket and other SACA matches. In addition, our umpires officiated many matches of other associations. We had outstanding achievements in 2020-2021, including our umpires officiated in the BBL games and other national competitions. On top of that, our umpires played important roles in Cricket Australia and ICC.

Our committee, with the help of general SACUSA members, successfully organised many social events. This year's Easter weekend cricket match between the president vs Vice -President was a successful event with more than sixty participants, including family members. Our lawn ball night also had more than fifty participants with a fun and exciting evening. We also had a movie night and Dog's night this year.

We are introducing our SACUSA coin this season. However, our grand final umpires already received the coins for the grand final toss during the last season.

During the 2021-2022 season launch on the 29th August, we officially launched our new SACUSA website to facilitate umpires and scorers.

The link to our new website is:
<https://sacusa.org.au/>

The new website will be updated regularly by the committee. Moreover, this website is easy to navigate, structured, informative and interactive.

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SACUSA coin

Season 2020-2021

The website also contains every association playing conditions where the members will find various documents, including the official report by an umpire and the MCC laws. Members can also log in to My Cricket, MOS and Umpire / Scorer Development by clicking on the link. There is a FAQ on our website that will give anyone an answer to mostly asked questions, i.e. when do I get paid? When do I have to submit my availability? How do I enter my availability? In addition, the news section of the website will have all Match Official Newsletters and our SACUSA newsletter, photos of past events and all other news update for umpires and scorers.

It is also exciting to announce a new range of merchandise, new bags, polo shirts and jackets, and a rugby top. These are all done in Adelaide, and the turnaround date after the order is between two and three weeks. Members can find the merchandise under the SACUSA tab. If the members would like to purchase any merchandise, please fill out the form and order your merchandise. Our new range of merchandise, including a trolley bag, is now available.

In addition, this year, SACUSA organised a photoshoot with all our umpires during one of the general meetings with our SACUSA shirt on for the first time. And SACUSA has plans to continue this type of photoshoot every two years with all the members with SACUSA shirts.

Our major event: SACUSA night was a successful event at the SAGE hotel this year. We had 97 participants in that event. The majority of the members have attended the programme and some of them with their spouses and families. This year, the Bradman and Rolton medal event was short due to Covid restrictions organised by SACA at the Adelaide Oval with way fewer participants than in previous years.

This is September 2021, and We are about to start our new season 2021-22 soon. And, the executive committee has plans for the whole season to foster, facilitate and develop our umpires through formal training, workshops and meetings. The upcoming year also has lots of events, including which will be notified via website, social media and email correspondences.

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Bradman and Rolton Medel event of season 2020-21



Match official seminar, season 2021-22

Upcoming Events

Thursday **October 7th** – Pre-season catch up – Mile End Hotel 6pm

Wednesday **October 13th** – SACUSA monthly meeting – KRO – 6pm for dinner, 7pm for meeting

Thursday **November 4th** – Dogs Night at Angle Park – please see or e-mail Shane Roberts shane.roberts.adl@gmail.com if you would like to go by 28/10/21.

2020/2021 SACUSA Award Winners

Tony Crafter Award:

SACUSA Panel 1 Umpire Of The Year:

Darran Swain

Max O'Connell Award:

SACUSA Panel 2 Umpire Of The Year:

Konrad Date

Steve Davis/Daryl Harper Award:

SACUSA Panel 3 & Development Squad

Umpire Of The Year:

Duminda Kottahachchi

Mel McInnes Award:

SACUSA Panel 4 Umpire Of The Year:

Terry Murch

Colin Egar Award:

SACUSA 1st Year (Panel 5) Umpire Of The Year:

Jonathon De Conno

Buckett/Hammond Scorers Award:

Sheryl Bevan – Port Adelaide Cricket Club

Joyce McMenemy Award:

Kristen Thomas

Peter Weeks Community Umpire of the Year Award:

Hugh Fidge – Murray Towns Cricket Association

John Wilson Memorial Trophy 2019/2020:

Kim Perrin

John Wilson Memorial Trophy 2020/2021:

Bob Eldridge



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service award winners on the presentation night of season 2020-2021



Joyce McMenemy Award: Kristen Thomas of season 2020-21



Buckett/Hammond Scorers Award: Sheryl Bevan of season 2020-21

2020/2021 SACUSA Award Winners

2020 / 2021 Grand Final Umpires Recognition

1st Grade:

Umpires: Eloise Sheridan / Craig Thomas
Scorers: Gus Bhaskarraaj / Anthony Rogers

2nd Grade:

Umpires: Darran Swain / Luke Uthenwoltd
Scorers: Bruce Chapman / Nick Moschetta

3rd Grade:

Umpires: Adrian Drosd / Harry Singh
Scorers: Ian Milne / Thomas Woodcock

4th Grade:

Umpires: James Cushway / Tim Hart
Scorers: Aaron Dohse / Garry Kuchta

T20 Men's 1st Grade:

Umpires: Darran Swain / Adrian Drosd
Scorers: Gus Bhaskarraaj / Anthony Rogers

One Day Cup:

Umpires: Dhaval Bhatt / Michael Williamson
Scorers: Anthony Rogers / Gus Bhaskarraaj

Women's 1st Grade:

Umpires: Dhaval Bhatt / Michael Williamson
Scorers: Mark Harris / David Kemp

Women's 2nd Grade:

Umpires: Jamaldeen Shakoardeen
/ Konrad Date

Scorers: Alexander Smith / Paul Seccafien

T20 Women's 1st Grade:

Umpires: Darran Swain / Konrad Date
Scorers: Kate Murphy

T20 Women's 2nd Grade:

Umpires: Colin Shearing
/ Supratim Bhattacharya
Scorers: Alexander Smith / Paul Seccafien

Under 18 Shield:

Umpires: Darran Swain / Tim Hart
Scorers: Sheryl Bevan

Under 16 Red:

Umpires: Mary Waldron / Sumit Sindhu
Scorers: Justin Koukourou / David Raphael

Under 16 White:

Umpires: Colin Shearing / John Nemcic
Scorers: Adam Summerton / Neil Ricketts

Under 14 Red:

Umpires: Milind Gawde / Kumar Chandrakumar

Under 14 White:

Umpires: Fahmid Ahmed / Paul Welbourn

Ray Sutton Shield:

Umpires: Peter Laidler / Steven Duke

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SACUSA umpires and scorers in action during season 2020-21



SACUSA umpire in action during season 2020-21



SACUSA umpire in action during season 2020-21

My WBBL06

Eloise Sheridan

I was fortunate to be selected as part of the second group of match officials in the WBBL06 hub at Sydney Olympic Park in November 2020. Travelling from a Covid safe zone in Adelaide to somewhat of a hot spot in Sydney was surreal, but Cricket Australia ensured all precautions were taken and I was lucky to be quite separate on my flight from other passengers in what was my first since travelling to Melbourne for the Women's T20 World Cup final in March. Requirements to enter the hub were also cautious, and I was temperature and Covid tested on arrival and not allowed to mingle with others until my negative result. The hub life was really well thought out, although it was clear that those who had been there since the beginning of the tournament were becoming tired with the monotonous daily routine. We were able to go for walks outside of the two hotel complex and there were not many people around Olympic Park at the time, which made social distancing quite straightforward. It was also possible to walk down to the nearby mangroves and national park area, which often made for interesting conversations amongst the match officials and kept everyone sane, rather than being stuck solely within the hub itself. Some gym visits were also possible, although NRL Origin matches and the Covid outbreak in Adelaide meant there were some pauses. Despite being in Sydney for 11 days when the Adelaide outbreak occurred, myself and a few others in the hub were locked back down in our rooms and re-tested. Fortunately, I was able to come out of that lockdown fairly quickly once it was realised I had been isolating prior to my departure from Adelaide, which meant I had essentially done my 14 days already.

It wasn't long after that experience that I was informed that I had been selected to stay on an extra week as part of the group of match officials for the finals series. I knew I had had a strong tournament, but this opportunity was still very exciting as it was my first in a national tournament. After enjoying the first semi-final as 4th umpire, I stood on field with National Panel Umpire Tony Wilds in the second semi-final between Sydney Thunder and Brisbane Heat at North Sydney Oval. It was great having a home crowd and for a moment there it seemed like the Heat might chase down the Thunder's 143 when Laura Kimmince started hitting out. However, the Thunder fought back and managed to hold on to make the final. It was a great experience to stand with Tony, who has a very calm demeanour on field.

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There were then two days before the final, during which I was told I was selected to stand on field in that match with Claire Polosak. This marked the first time two female umpires were on field in a national final, which was an incredible honour and completely unexpected for me. I was happy just being in the finals group of match officials and had assumed I would be 4th for the final given the calibre of those around me! Having Shabnim Ismail open the bowling at my end was incredible and I had a front row seat to one of the finest fast bowling spells in WBBL history. I also had my first experience of 'umpire cam', which after getting used to the additional weight was not noticeable. Although the contest wasn't quite what the final was hoping for, we were both tested in our decision making and felt part of the game throughout. On our return to the hub, it was mostly quiet with officials and support staff enjoying some well deserved down time and it was wonderful to be congratulated by Thunder young gun Pheobe Litchfield, who took the time out of celebrations to comment how inspiring it was to have two female umpires in the final. It was early to bed for me as I had the early flight home, although I am told the Thunder were awake long enough to welcome the sunrise! I thoroughly enjoyed the hub experience, although I am not sure if it is something I would want to do too often if avoidable.

Service Awards

100 games:

Stephan Lessing
John Nemcic
Mary Waldron
Paul Welbourn

200 games:

Bruce Fell
Robert Stone
Darran Swain
Michael Williamson

300 games:

Kumar Chandrakumar
Rob Noble

400 games:

Ed Branson

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