



Ferntree Gully C.C.
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Blues E-News

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Welcome all. Week 2 of the cricket season was completed on the weekend with all grades playing a one day game. It was the first week of cricket for our 5ths and 6ths whilst the top four grades were playing round No 2. Although finding the number of players to fill six teams was a bit hard, the match committee dug in deep and found those 'recruits' who were waiting in the wings for a phone call to get their season underway. Our club prides its self on being able to field six senior teams each and every week and as Ferntree Gully is an older suburb we don't have the luxury of recruiting new players from new housing estates. Thus we really rely on all our current players trying to get their mates, relatives and anybody else they may know, down to the club. Over the years we have done that very well and I believe that is why we have such a good club, because we have good people trying to recruit good people into it. It's then a bonus if they're good cricketers and the club wins again.

If you look at the photo below, it shows just how true my words above are. This is the veterans 2nd XI Premiership team from last year. Every one of the blokes is a Gully boy through and through and have played together for a countless number of years from junior cricket right through to the veterans. Congratulations to all the Veterans on what was a great win and just reward for your efforts.



1st XI-

Ferntree Gully batted first in what was an extremely important game against our bogey team St.Johns Tecoma. The St.Johns ground was still small (it hadn't grown any during the off season!) quick and bumpy and it was a must for us to post a big score and put the St.Johns batsmen under pressure. Adrian Millard found some good form with 51 and together with Luke Bowyers solid 92 took the score to 9/237. With Dave Anstey struggling with a calf injury, it was left to a variety of bowlers to get through the overs. Ryan Handley & Craig 'Spider' Everitt both picked up two wickets and Milly bowled some 'slowies' to get his his first ever wicket at the gully. St.Johns finished the day all out for 176 and FTG recorded another good victory.

Man of the Match: Luke 'push ups' Bowyer

2nd XI-

The 2nd XI were looking for their first win for the season and were also playing St.Johns at the FTG ground. FTG batted first and after a slow start we pushed the score up to a competitive 147. Young Daniel Sharp opened the batting and showed just how to go about accumulating runs and scored a very impressive 43. Unfortunately our score was not quite enough and although Paul Dinnage with 3 wickets, Sam Sheedy and Wayne Duke with 2 wickets a piece toiled hard, St.Johns just go over the line in the last couple of overs and finished on 8/148. A win is definitely not far away for these boys and we all need to get behind them and encourage them to post their first victory.

Man of the Match: Daniel Sharp

3rd XI-

After posting a strong win last week, the 3rds were hoping to string a couple of wins together to get the season off to a flying start. Batting first against The Basin, FTG were in deep trouble being 2/0 in the first over but battled on to make 98, a score although not large, would be something for the bowlers to have a red hot go at.

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At 2/75 the game seemed lost until Beeky stepped up and took 4/12 to totally turn the game on its head. All of sudden The Basin were 7/79 and the game was there to be won. Unfortunately we couldn't quite hold our chances and The Basin were finally dismissed for 102. Although we've copped a loss here, it shows the character of the guys in the club to fight this one right out and hopefully get back on the winners list next week.
Man of the Match: Anthony Beekhuyzen

4th XI-

Two wins out of two for the 4ths as they came up against a young Upper Gully team this round. Playing at Dobson Park, FTG bowled first and had UFTG reeling at 7/46. Young off spinner Cameron Woods bowled beautifully to pick up a match winning 4 wickets before getting the opposition all out for 82. Remembering the close game last week and how they nearly threw it away, the FTG batsmen put their heads down and marched on to 3/90 to record another good win.
Man of the Match: Cameron Woods

5th XI

In their first game for the season and led by FTG legend Mario Catalano, the 5ths had high hopes to start the season off well against Lysterfield at Gilmour Park. FTG elected to bat first but struggled right through the innings being dismissed for only 80 runs with Peter Chamberlain contributing a gutsy 24. In return, Lysterfield made 4/120 to record an easy win. Hopefully with a few guys in the lower grades to come back into the team we can look to strengthen this team and look forward to winning enough games to get us into the finals.
Man of the Match: Peter Chamberlain

6ths

This was also the first game of the year for the 6ths who played a 'home' game against Bayswater at Upwey No 2 oval. With a few of our new players already having played a game in the fourths last week the boys were looking to stamp their authority in this grade. Daniel Szamanski did the damage with the ball taking 5/19 and with Ben Donovan picking up two wickets skittled the Bayswater line up for only 109. Under 17 player Leigh Hodgson did a great job behind the stumps and looks to have a bright future in the game (he also bowls very well). As we all know, funny things can happen in the lower grades and this game was no exception. After an exhilarating 13 overs FTG had passed Bayswater's score and were 0/124! Ben Donovan was obviously not that impressed with Daniel Szamanski's bowling effort and decided that he'd have a good go at the Man of the Match award by smashing 52no in the first 9 overs of the game including 5 very large sixes. Opening partner Ian Brownell also got amongst the onslaught carving out a similar 51no and bringing up his 50 with a big six. Well done to Rodney and the boys, a very enjoyable day that led onto a long night of celebration back at the rooms.
Man of the Match: Daniel Szamanski

Other Awards:

Presidents Pot – The sixths team for a great win

FTG Bowling Club Bistro Award- Anthony Beekhuyzen for wickets last game and this game

Junior News

Don't forget to get down nice and early Saturday mornings to support our kids. Results from Round 1:

U17's - Ferntree Gully 3/145 def Monbulk 7/92
U15's 1 - Ferntree Gully 7/96 lost to Knoxfield 9/100
U15's 2 - Ferntree Gully 3/117 def Bayswater 8/68
U13's - Ferntree Gully 4/86 def Upwey 74
U'12's - Ferntree Gully 32 lost to Lysterfield 5/60

Vets News

The Veterans teams started their campaign on Sunday with the Vets 1 side playing Knox, FTG about 5/190 and Knox about 8/115. Salan 41, Stephenson 34 Furno 3/9. Vets 2, now promoted to Division 4 played at Wantirna South, FTG made 4/168 to defeat Wantirna Sth 9/140 Rich Faragher got 39 and Jason Rohde took 4/18.

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Around the Club

Casino Night

31st October 7.30 sharp

Senior/ Junior/ Veterans/ Supporters/ Life Members/ Sponsors all invited

\$40 pp includes playing chips

This event is run by 'Blackjack Knights' a professional 'games' company. Come and play on full size Poker, Roulette and Blackjack tables. Professional croupiers. Lose your chips and 'buy back in' for \$10. Make the top 7 money winners for the night then play off in a final hand of Texas Hold'em Poker

Drinks at bar prices/ Finger Food included

Heaps of prizes throughout the night/ Winners trophies

So book your tickets for a great night of fun and entertainment & don't miss out on our first ever Casino Night. Pre-payment is essential. Please see Dean Glare or Graham Salan 0425 725 250 for tickets.

Our District Duo:

Further news on our two boys down playing in the District Cricket ranks. Michael Topp who is at Ringwood, played against Josh Henry (Hawthorn-Monash) in the 2nds on the weekend. As it happened, Michael was on hat-trick when he walked Josh to face the critical ball. Josh seen Michael off but only made four whilst Michael finished with 3 wickets and the win.

Michael is due to play in a Victorian Under 19 team against the visiting Sri Lankan U'19 team on Tuesday 13th October at the Harry Trot oval so if you have some spare time, pop on down and give him our support. Both boys are also trying out currently for the Outer Eastern U'18 team. Good luck guys.

Match Day Awards:

This season we have a couple of new sponsors who have kindly donated vouchers to be handed out to each team every game. Huge thanks to Ron at **Ferntree Gully Subway & John at Ultimate Pizza & Wraps** (located in the Boronia Shopping Centre at the north end near the mall entrance). Add our massive Man of the Match mugs to these awards and you can be assured that if you've done well during the match you're probably up for an award. The only catch is that you have to be at the clubrooms on Saturday night 7.00 when the awards & match reports are read out. Otherwise you will miss out.

Clubrooms:

As we have continued to develop the club, a high focus has been on the continued upgrade of the clubrooms. The football club now has a lot of historical photos and boards up and once we finalise our own photos the rooms will look second to none. At the end of last season the kitchen was totally upgraded by the council and during the football season the footy club undertook renovation works on the 'front' scorers room, turning it into the 'Premiers Room' where you can now go into for a better view of the game in more comfortable surroundings. The next things we're looking to undertake is new ceiling mounted Heating & Cooling units which we hope will be in shortly as well as a re-polishing of the timber floors. With our 3 plasma tv's in place, the cricket club is now a magnificent place to come to, whether it be for a social drink and chat or to play cricket for the whole summer. So come on down.

MILO In2Cricket Program:

The Club's MILO Have-A-Go program commences on 23rd October and runs until 19th February. Sessions start at 5:30 on Friday nights and will break for Christmas between 11th Dec and 29th Jan. The program is held at W.H. TEW Ferntree Gully Recreation Reserve, between Brenock Park Drive and Glenfern Road Ferntree Gully (enter off Glenfern Road)

Cost \$60

Coordinators: Michael Reed 0439 335 755
Paul Waters 0417 773 916

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Sponsors Update

As noted previously we have two new sponsors on board, **Ferntree Gully Subway** and **Ultimate Pizza & Wraps** in the Boronia Shopping Centre. Please try and remember to use these businesses (& all our other sponsors) as they're happy to hand over their hard earned money just so as we can have a better environment to play our cricket in.



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Committee

The Ferntree Gully Cricket Club committee for the season 2009/10 is:

President: Graham Salan
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Secretary: Graham Toogood
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If you have some news or items of interest that you would like to place in the Blues News, please send it to me via email on grahamdione@bigpond.com

Regards

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