



Ferntree Gully C.C.
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Blues E-News

Edition 2

Well, here we are with less than one week to go before the first game already. Every year it feels as if the season is starting earlier but I feel that maybe we just leave things until a bit later as we all have many 'other' things to do.

On Sunday 28th September we played a game against St.Johns CC in the 'Sandown Sixes' 20/20 competition. We provided a team made up of our top two grades and they put together some guys who must play cricket (as they all had whites!) but I've no idea of what grades they played (but it would be pretty low). St Johns made 4/89 off 20 overs with all bowlers finding the right spots and backed up some overall good fielding. FTG took just 10 overs to finish the game with Spaulding, Millard and Bowyer taking the score very quickly to 1/95. This puts us into the second round of this event next Sunday (see Upcoming Social Events for more details). PS: if you see Spaulds, ask him how his 'catching' is going.

The season kicks off this Saturday 4th October for the Firsts through to the Fourths. They all play a one day game followed by a two day game the week after. The Fifts and Sixths (One day grades) will start their season on 11th October. Our numbers are rising and falling on a weekly basis but hopefully we should still be able to get the six teams up and running whilst remaining competitive each week. There is definitely a feeling of expectation at the moment as coach, Shane Richardson, puts the boys through his training regime. There is no doubting that Shane has got the boys knowing that he's in charge and how serious he is about making his mark at the club. He has a high sense of professionalism and has already earned the respect of all those who attended training and practice matches.

Our continued search for new players has led to former junior Ferntree Gully player Wayne Duke's return from playing at District club Hawthorn-Monash. Wayne left our club at the end of his final year in Under 16's as well as having played a handful of senior games in our 1sts which included opening the bowling. Wayne spent four years at District level working his way into the second XI and has now decided to return to the Gully to assist our club in it's chase for senior premiership success. Welcome back Wayne.

In a twist of fate, in the last Blues E-News edition we said farewell to Mark Teofilo and Ryan Handley. Without any pressure from the club, these two blokes have now decided to stay at Ferntree Gully this season. Again, we welcome the fact that they're back and I'm sure they will both have a large part to play in the club's success this season. Good choice guys and good luck for the season. Others to return are the Brewster boys, Clint and Warren and they've brought two mates along to play. Great to have them back as they've been sorely missed over the years.

What has become evident this season to date is the number of past players that have returned to the club to play. We've always prided ourselves in having a great club where people want to come and play and enjoy themselves. When we see the calibre of people that are returning to play cricket at Ferntree Gully we know that what we're doing is right and on field success is not far away. Great People = A Great Club = Ferntree Gully CC

Knox Tavern Cup

Round 1	FTG Vs St.Johns/Tec	at FTG	One day game
Round 2	FTG Vs UFTG	at FTG	Two day game

DeCoite Shield

Round 1	FTG Vs AuraVale	Away	One day game
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Round 2 FTG Vs Knox Gardens Away Two day game

Around the Club (Upcoming Social Events)

This Sunday 5th October (yes, the day after the first game), we have another 20/20 game. As yet, we're not sure who we're playing or where, but if we win this game we will play the winner of the series in the Yarra Valley Association.

The Social Calender is still being finalised and should be available by the next Blues E-News edition. In the immediate term though we would like to have a small celebration in respect of the passing of our club icon, Bob DeCoite. This Saturday, all players in all teams shall wear black arm bands and there will be a minutes silence prior to the starting of each game. We would like to invite all past and present members, Life Members and supporters back to the rooms after the games for a drink to reflect on Bob's massive contribution to our great club.

Don't forget 'Secret Mens Stuff '08' organised by our own Steve Barrington is happening this Friday night. It should be a great night packed with fun, activities, talks and information on 'what it is to be a healthy male today'. For further information contact Steve on 8711 8677 or foothills@optusnet.com.au

Secret Men's Stuff '08

Friday 3rd October @ 7.30pm FTGCC Clubrooms
Drinks at bar prices
Special Guest: Merv Hughes/ Comedian
Tickets: \$10 at the door

Remembering Bob DeCoite

Saturday 4th October
6.00 pm – Straight after the game

20/20 Game - Round 2 'Sandown Sixes'

Sunday 5th October @ 1.00 pm
Venue: TBC Opponents: TBC

Go Toppo- Version 2!

Well, after having invited you all down to watch young gun Michael Topp play senior cricket at Ferntree Gully, you'll now have to check where District club Ringwood is playing as Michael has decided to give it a go on turf. This will hopefully help Michael achieve his current goal of being selected to play in the Victorian U'17's team. We wish Michael all the best for his very bright future and we look forward to watching his progress at Ringwood over the coming season. Michael will still be playing U'17's at Ferntree Gully, so get down there nice and early and support him (and the rest of the 17's).

Gone Missing!

Has anybody seen John Franchi??? It seems as though John has vanished and any further information on his whereabouts would be much appreciated. Last seen at the MCG watching footy with Dean Glare it's assumed he's been taken captive by the other species and not yet released.

Captains -

Most of the Captains have been sorted for the coming season with only the seconds and fifths to be confirmed.

1sts - Shane Richardson

2nds - TBC

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3rd's - Michael Reed
4th's - Rob Seviour
5th's - TBC
6th's - Rodney Salan

'Hall of Famers'

Congratulations go out to Ferntree Gully sporting champion Greg Mastertoun who was recently inducted into the Ferntree Gully Football Club 'Hall of Fame'. Others from the cricket club to also be inducted were Tony 'Fred' Goldsmith and the late Bob DeCoite. Congratulations guys, a great effort and reward for your unquestionable support for the sporting community.

Around the 'Comp'

With the 2008/09 summer upon us things at the Association level have been hectic for the past few months or so as the three immediate local councils determine their respective maintenance programs and 'summer grasses' plantings for the next few weeks...

Major proposed works in the City of Knox will remove The Basin #1 Oval and King's Park #1 Oval (at least until Xmas) from the fixture, with both clubs using their second ground for 1st and 2nd XI Home games. Meanwhile, major works proposed by the Yarra Ranges Council which would further affect fixturing, included overhauls of Belgrave Reserve, South Belgrave Reserve and the Thompson Oval at Upwey.

It is expected that works on South Belgrave Reserve will interrupt the season for October and possibly some of November, while Thompson Oval works are scheduled to get underway in November and may prevent its use for the remainder of the season.

According to both councils, the 'summer grass' program proposed for these ovals is only the tip of the iceberg with plans already in hand to 'upgrade' most major facilities with 'summer grass plantings' already on the radar for 2009 and beyond (assuming water availability). While this is encouraging for the overall maintenance of playing fields it places considerable pressure on the FTGDCA and the clubs as we seek to retain Saturday cricket playing dates.

Initial affiliations give an indication that the clubs have lifted the number of teams above last years levels, however with less facilities available to host them, it appears likely that Sunday cricket in the lower Grades is inevitable.

Finally and in a shift towards assisting the battle weary players, the FTGDCA has decided to fixture its Round 11 Knox Tavern Cup match on Sat Feb 14th, with the match concluding on Sunday Feb 22nd. This additional day is being introduced as a way to allow the returning Country Week players and extra day to get over the aches and pains of a long (and hopefully) successful 2009 Country Week.

For the fixtures for Knox Tavern Cup and DeCoite Shield grades go to <http://ftgdca.cricketvictoria.com.au/>

Steve Flemming – FTGDCA Match & Reg Sec

Junior News

All junior teams bar the U'11's and 'In2Cricket' (formerly known as Milo) have now started training for the 2008 season. The Under 17's are eagerly looking for another couple of players to be able to fill their two sides for this season. Please contact Junior President Peter Chamberlain if you know of anyone that may be interested.

Peter has also been working hard to ensure that the junior club 'looks the goods' this season, both on and off the field. We'd like for as many parents as possible to be fitted out with 'club apparel' this season so that we can add that extra edge of professionalism to our club that has been missing. With new club jackets and social

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shirts, there's no reason why all parents/ families can't look the part while watching their sons play cricket.

We're also still looking for a couple of coaches in Under 12's and 11's. If you can help out somehow please let Peter know urgently

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CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS

2008/09 marks the 126th anniversary of the first recorded match played in the area now known as Ferntree Gully. The match was played between a Scoresby/Ferntree Gully combined team and Springvale in October 1882, at a locality believed to have been at the rear of the 'Middle Hotel' – where the car park is now...

BATTING

● Wayne Pretty	7	Runs to achieve 5,000 Club Runs
● Ash Henry	41	Runs to achieve 5,000 Club Runs
● Greg Mastertoun	43	Runs to achieve 4,000 Club Runs
● Simon Spaulding	35	Runs to achieve 3,000 1 st XI Runs
● Kevin O'Byrne	1	Run to achieve 2,500 Club Runs

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FOR THE RECORD – THE BIGGEST WINS

BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN BY AN INNINGS					
XI	Winning Margin	Season	FTGCC	Opponent	Score
1 st XI	Inn & 202 Runs	1933/34	7/260	Upwey Tecoma	53 & 5
2 nd XI	Inn & 190 Runs	1977/78	4/258 Dec.	South Belgrave	44 & 24
3 rd XI	Inn & 106 Runs	1969/70	9/212	Upwey Tecoma	68 & 38
4 th XI	Inn & 198 Runs	1988/89	345	Monbulk	82 & 65
5 th XI	Inn & 230 Runs	1984/85	9/344	Tecoma	74 & 40
6 th XI	Inn & 130 Runs	1992/93	8/320	Mountain Gate	68 & 122
BIGGEST WINNING MARGIN BY RUNS					
XI	Winning Margin	Season	FTGCC	Opponent	Score
1 st XI	321 Runs	1992/93	5/455	Mountain Gate	134
2 nd XI	359 Runs	2007/08	8/422	Johnson Park	63
3 rd XI	207 Runs	1991/92	6/328	Upwey Tecoma	121
4 th XI	210 Runs	1995/96	6/244	Norwood	34 & 3/92
5 th XI	209 Runs	1985/86	9/350	Menzies Creek	141 & 7/166
6 th XI	174 Runs	1979/80	204 & 215	Boronia Sports (G/F)	160 & 85

The 2nd XI effort in the final round last season is the biggest winning effort (by a run margin) in club history

Committee

The committee for the season 2008/09 is:

President: Graham Salan
Vice President: Greg Mastertoun
Secretary: Graham Toogood
Treasurer: Wayne Pretty
Committee: D.Glare B.Wells
 M.McLean R.Faragher
 R.Sevior M.Black

Blues News!!

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

Graham Salan
Ferntree Gully CC
Senior President

Good Luck for the first game this Saturday.

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