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The Newsletter of the Woden Wanderers Cricket Club

The Phantom Speaks

Greetings fellow Wanderers,

Another huge Edition with four monster match reports. Well done to the writers for their efforts, particularly Pablo, who may have swallowed a dictionary just prior to penning his (which made it no more decipherable than usual to be honest).

The Prez has risen from his deathbed to provide us with details of this years Movember Gala Par-tay, that one extra week could make all the difference for some of us.

Great to hear of the keg already on the bar for Prezzo night, booze tends to lessen the pain of some of those interminable speeches.

My apologies for the lack of a *Wandering About* last week, the Phantom has been traveling all over the countryside, and that continues for the next couple of days (so please don't panic if you get an out of office reply Pabs), so just the 4th grade report in this issue from last weekend. Hopefully I can get back on track next week when there's no travel to worry about, just multiple Xmas parties.

Cheers, and good luck on the weekend,

The Phantom

From the Prez

What a great 2 weeks on the park! 4th and 1st grade both back in the winning circle with back to back wins and with 3rds now alone at the top of the table things are looking good.

Lets not forget 3 wins from 3 on the weekend and with 6's being awarded 6 points for the bye that's good enough for me to award a Keg at the presso night at the end of season!!!! Now gentlemen lets back that up this weekend and make it 2!

Fantastic effort by Greg Condon and Dave Zakharoff against ANU not only did the boys both score their first tons for the club they also posted a massive 218 run unbroken stand.

Rumours are true lads, the Mo will have to stay for 1 more week with the Movember judging and Gala party to be held on Sunday the 9th of December (.....see details on following page) For those of you who ordered them the Movember stubby holders have arrived – these beauties will be available for collection at the club on Saturday, just bring your \$\$\$.

Judges needed – calling all MO sista's judges required for this years most illustrious awards ceremony on December 9th, can interested parties please advise via email to president@wodenwandererscc.com

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The Prez

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MOVEMBER JUDGING AND BBQ.

Who will be judged this year's prestigious best MO on ground???

Can we have our first ever dual winner???

For a fun day of MOs, beers and Bowls be at the BOWLO on :

Sunday the 9th December from 11.00am.

**Prizes for Best Mo
 Best Costume
 Encouragement award.**

Cost \$10 per head (\$5 for Kids), covers Bowls and BBQ with any profits being donated straight to Movember.

Please RSVP to president@wodenwandererscc.com by Tuesday the 4th December 4th



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Club News

PM'S XI Tickets

Tickets are now for sale please see Caitlin or Marcus back at the Bowlo on Saturdays. Tickets are \$32.00 each. More details of the days' activities closer to the event.

Membership Fees

A gentle reminder that membership fees are now due.
These can be paid to your skippers or see Marcus back at the club on Saturdays.

Selections- Call for Player Availability

This season to make life a little easier for the Skippers we have set up a central email address for you to keep us updated with changes in your availability. selections@wodenwandererscc.com

At this stage we are asking for you to advise us of your availability for the first 4 weeks of the season. If you are unsure of any week that's OK just put that down in your email and advise closer to the date.

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Match Reports

Round 7 – 1st Grade

WWCC v Queanbeyan/Teachers @ Garran

After 3 losses in a row, 1st grade were desperately looking for a win to get back on track again, particularly against a side really struggling this year. Again we had a couple of late changes, including the captain missing for another week, so a few guys from 3rd grade were promoted for the match.

The Chad took on the captaincy duties again but lost the toss this week and we were put into the field first up. Pipey opened up the attack at one end and it took just 4 balls for him to break through getting an ex-Wanderer out for a golden duck after having a ridiculous swing first up and being caught behind by Dougie, who was back wearing the gloves this week. 1/1 after 1. Chad took up the attack at the other end and bowled really well and should have had a couple when Crazy dropped a massive sitter at mid-off (I blame the sun!) and a couple of half chances in the slips went down also. Nevertheless, they weren't scoring runs and Pipey was near unplayable at the other end. Pipes dismissed the other opener in the 7th over when Scotty Burrows took a great catch at point which looked for all money to be going way over his head... Qbn 2/22.

Chad (0/24 from 6) must have decided the luck just wasn't going his way and threw the ball to Crazy to take over, who happened to take a wicket first ball when the batsman finally decided to have a nibble at one and was caught behind. Then just a few overs later he managed to hit the stumps to take our 4th wicket in the 18th over with Qbn on 49. Pipey bowled his 9 overs straight for 2/22 - at one stage he had 2/9 from 7. Scotty took the ball as his replacement and had the next wicket LBW in his first over. We took drinks soon after, in the 23rd over with the opposition 5/80 and looking precarious. Soon after drinks Scotty was given a rest (1/17 from 3) and Knuckles was given the ball as the number one 1st grade spinner. (Captains Note : Or maybe because Blake tore his Hammy in the previous over) After a first over which went for 15, he found some good line and length and with Crazy bowling tight at the other end, it was only a matter of time before we started to run through the rest of their batting lineup. Crazy (4/23 from 9) finished his spell with two wickets in his final over - another top catch by Scott and a speccy by Dougie diving in front of 1st slip, realising it wouldn't carry that far. Knuckles then took a well deserved wicket when Blake took a good catch at slip, after Dougie kindly "took the pace off it" on the way. Queanbeyan/Teachers had now gone from 5/117 to 8/117 and when Jarrod (2/9 from 2) came on to bowl it only took a few more overs to clean up the last two wickets... A catch to The Chad and a sharp caught-and-bowled by Jarrod finished off their innings for a modest total of 138.

Monners and Jarrod opened up the innings solidly. Both guys looked to be seeing them ok until Jarrod decided to try and smash the ball into one of the dark clouds nearby and was cleaned up for 4. This brought Jacko to the crease and he set about creating a solid partnership with Matty. These two lasted until the 10th over when Jacko was cleaned up for a well made 22 from 31 balls, hitting a few nice boundaries along the way. Wanderers 2/34 in the 11th over. Knuckles then made his way out to join Matty at number 4 and proceeded to scare the living crap out of us with a few wild swings at the first few deliveries before knuckling down (bad choice of phrase!) and getting his eye in. Matty didn't last much longer when he was out LBW for 9, but then Tex came in to join Knuckles and together these guys got our run rate moving along and took a lot of pressure off the rest of the batsmen to come. Tex

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played a few fantastic off-side shots (true!) and some magnificent hook shots, while Knuckles really found his timing and put the ball over the rope repeatedly also. These two (whom I believe may have batted together once or twice previously..) put on 51 runs for the 3rd wicket in the kind of middle order partnership that we had been searching for over the past few matches. But the party was ended when Tex hooked a full toss to the man on the deep square leg boundary, and as the no-ball call was not forthcoming, he departed for a stylish 27 off 25 balls. At this stage we were 4/87 and while we weren't too far off the target, the job had to be finished... and lately that hadn't been happening. Dougie came in next and joined Knuckles who was still firing at the other end and looked for all money like another half century was on the cards. Unfortunately Pete popped one high up in the air, after having smashed the previous ball for a big six down the ground, and was caught for 40 (from 35 balls). A great innings right when we needed it from the ex-prez, with what later turned out to be a possibly fractured wrist! This left Blake to join Dougie and eke out the final runs needed without much drama - just good sensible batting, and no further loss of wickets.

We made the required runs in the 32nd over for the loss of 5 wickets and notched up our 3rd win for the season. We are still sitting in 5th place on the ladder and looking forward to a round 1 rematch with Tuggeranong this weekend.

Man of the Match: Josh "Crazy" Crase, 4/26 from 9 overs

Round 7 – 4th Grade

WWCC v Jerra Wizards (Phantom's Note: Jerra = Karabar West)

We played the Jerra Wizards who were fresh off a big win, but the skipper immediately put them back in their box by once again winning the toss and batting, sending the opposition out in sunny & hot conditions. Opening were Batesy & Dubya and confidence was high.....for about 2 balls before Dubya was tragically run out without facing. Next in was Fred who pre match had rolled the dice for a 3, thus determining his batting position. The next few overs were a combination of Fred swinging wildly without success, and Batesy lofting anything on his hip to the boundary and beyond. Batesy eventually succumbed to boredom and was caught on the square boundary for 42 with the score on 55, while no one can begrudge him a fine innings it was also a century gone begging. The skipper then joined Fred and barely had time to utter the phrase "pies" before he unluckily played one on to the stumps to go for 1.

Hightower joined Fred and the partnership was going well until umpire Will Long was given his marching orders for having a different interpretation of the LBW rule. Apparently appealing rigorously should over rule any other law like pitching outside leg, or getting hit outside the line playing a shot. The skipper then wandered out to umpire at the same time that Hightower went for 15, the score 4 for 88 at drinks. Bettsy was next to go for 1 (out LBW) but not before managing to survive 2 huge appeals for LBW and a caught behind. The fact that he hit the cover off the ball in both the previous LBW shouts and DID NOT hit the caught behind somehow did not cut it with the other team. Clint was next in and hit the ball sweetly for 18 combining in a good partnership with the "boundary or nothing" Fred. Fred eventually succumbed for an entertaining 42 to leave us 6 for 139. Clint went next, followed shortly after by both Gazza and Adrian "Albatross" Ellis both for 5 to leave us now teetering at 9 for 153. Will Long arrived at the crease to face a hat trick ball, dutifully saw that out and then in

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partnership with the Herminator combined to smash them to all parts, both men remaining not out on 17, the score 9 for 187 off 45.

Time for some chin music. Fred opened proceedings with his regulation sharp short stuff, and to the opposition skippers credit he did manage to hit one in front of square (he was backing up from a big ton). The Herminator struck first in his second over bowling the other opener before copping a bit of stick in one over from the big hitting captain. Fred then fixed that issue up having him brilliantly caught by Gaz on the hook shot to a short ball. A brilliant assist from Dubya in the outer having hit the bloke on the calf and dropping him like a stone the ball before. Of course getting this wicket only encouraged Fred to bowl even shorter, and with immediate dividends :-) having the next bloke glove a hook shot to Clint behind the stumps, suddenly they were reeling at 3 for 38. Bowlers were then changed, Fred had claimed 2-24 off his six and never once looked like using the batsman's half of the pitch. Will Long then chimed in next clean bowling a bloke and generally bowled impeccably with pronounced swing to finish with 1-6 off three overs. Gaz at the other end was looking likely each ball and finally got his reward with a sharp chance at 1st slip nonchalantly taken by the skipper, score now 5 for 68. Still ringing the changes the Albatross came on and put on a clinic getting some to move, and some which got steeping bounce. He bowled 2 blokes and had one caught off an unplayable ball at gully by Hightower to finish with 3-22 off 4. The Herminator was then employed at the other end to clean up the tail which he did in style bowling 2 more blokes to finish 3 for 30 off six overs. Jerra all out for 99 and a comfortable win by the good guys who now boast I would say the equal of any bowling attack in the grade. Certainly the most aggressive!! You face us and you're getting a bouncer make no mistake!

Round 8 – 4th Grade

WWCC v Academics

Fellow Wanderers, Dubyah here again with another dud of a match report.

We were in a rather unusual position when Troy actually lost the toss and we were sent in to field. Our 12th man, Andrew Allen, was promoted to the starting 11 due to a no show by Joel.

Fiery Fred and the Hermanator opened up the bowling, with Fred bowling the usual short pitched thunderbolts (the first one sailing 3 feet above the batters head) and the Hermanator bowling really tight to take a wicket and then a boundary in his first over and another wicket in his 4th over.

Will and Sundar took over the bowling, with Will clean bowling the better first ball and going for a 6 off his 6th ball, a lazy poke over the point boundary. Sundar was bowling well to pick up a wicket in his 3rd over. After 13 overs they were 4/44.

Academics weren't getting many singles, but they kept the score moving with the occasional boundary. Luckily the wickets kept coming as well. A very unimpressive batter with dreadlocks (or really dirty long hair) swung and missed a million times, and when he did get bat to ball it was either runs or a dropped catch. Will struck again in his 4th over, 6th and 8th over to finish with 4/45. Sundar bowled well to finish with 1/22.

Some excellent bowling from Adrian Ellis was punctuated with a heap of dot balls, some arsey boundaries, a maiden and a wicket to have 1/38. A complete dud was brought on for 2 overs 0/18 to

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prove that shit doesn't always get wickets. I was taken off so Adam could pick up a wicket, another dropped catch off his bowling and a tidy 1/11 off 3 overs.

The Hermanator finished off his overs with lots of dots, to end up 2/12 off 9 overs. Fred finished off the innings with 0/23 off 5, and Academics were 9/176.

This weeks roll of the dice went to Will, and after a contentious result which was called as a "one", Will and Fred padded up and opened the innings. Fred waited 3 balls for his first boundary, a sign of things to come. Will dotted it up at the other end, and looked right at home getting 3 runs before being clean bowled by a guy who was swinging the ball in a mile.

Next in was Andrew Allen who was dispatched for 1 after a half dozen balls, caught behind. Adam decided to keep Fred company in the middle for a while, the boys keeping the score ticking over with singles and regular boundaries. The boys put on a 50 partnership, before Adam was fired by Will caught in the slips after he hit the pitch too hard with the bat. At 3/62, things were going nicely. Bettsy joined Fred in the middle before a complete stitchup, or was it an insane single call by Fred, that saw Bettsy run out for a 3 ball quacker. At least you faced one, Bettsy.

Assured by the Captain that I was due for some runs, I was halfway to the pitch before realising I had left handed gloves. Oh well, surely my batting can't get any worse. So lots of cross bat shots by both of us resulted in 20 runs before Fred was finally out LBW for a fine 46. (42 last week... you're due for a fiddy this week, Fred). El Capitan the master of the dot ball decided to come out and help me stink up the joint, and after 3 dropped catches, I was finally caught on 13. Score 6/94 after 25 overs.

Hersch and Troy kept the score ticking over with plenty of dots in between, before Hersch's "broken" bat had him caught out for 11, with the score on 119 after 33 overs.

Then out to the crease walked Sundar. Fresh from a 50 down in Melb for some other club, Sundar had one thing in mind. A crowd of Wanderers had gathered after 1sts and 3rds had both finished victorious. And the cheers were loud as Sundar smashed the ball to all parts of the ground. Troy continued to dot it up while Sundar punished the bowling attack. In a partnership of 56, Sundar finally fell for 32, with sundries on about 15 and Troy not many.

At 8/175 we required one run for victory, and after 2 dots, the ball was Hermanated to the boundary for a 4. Wanderers win with 2 wickets and 4 overs to spare. Troy not out on 22, Sundries on 26.

With victories to all grades... the Prez better make good with the keg!! (*Phantom's Note:* He's already talking it up, so signs are good)

Go you Wanderers, Go you good things!!

Dubyah!

Round 7 – 6th Grade

WWCC v Panthers @ Duffae

The venue was Duffae, where many a primordial battle has taken place. Much like the upcoming election, some were confident, some were a bit unsure.

The Woden Wanderers' Captain was a man who had been through his fair share of misfortunes. He had seen it all before. Games that were never in the balance, just there for the taking, would suddenly

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become insurmountable challenges. Despondency prevailed. He had not been able to Captain in the last game due to his involvement in so many other sporting adventures. He had been told that some of his players had put less than 100% effort on the field. This captain does not tolerate poor effort. He is fair but, he expects a lot from his team.

And so, it was that on an otherwise uneventful day, with the sun shining and the temperature soaring, this giant of the game invited his opposite to call the toss of the coin. He was a feeble man, this Panthers' Captain. Somewhat unsure of himself, he chose to portray the demeanour of a tough guy to hide his inadequacies. As the silvery object, which people have been heard to refer to as 'coinage' was thrust towards the sky, a strange thing happened. It somehow reached a point where for but a moment in time, it appeared to hover. It then descended back to earth, in a seemingly unwarranted effort to remain steadfast within the bounds of this world. The Panthers' Captain had called 'tails'. Our hero was duly rewarded, for it is not he who hesitates making his call but, he who tosses the coin with panache and expectation who must prevail. And, once again, Captain Pablo won the toss. To the victor the spoils, he thought. So, without hesitation, with a glint in his eye, he emasculated the fateful words: "We'll have a bat, thanks mate". And with those simple words, uttered many times before by lesser men, the affray was upon us.

The scene was set, the opposing team, Panthers, had been beaten before. They could be beaten again. Watching the Wanderers getting ready to battle, was both admirable and entrancing. For, with only a few instructions to his opening batsmen, amounting to the requirement to value ones wicket and put on a good show, you could swear that you could hear the roar of the crowd as the guttural sounds of the Gladiators echoed through the corridors of the Coliseum. And as Gladiatores, they strode out onto the arena, David E. and Andrew A. David had the trust of his Captain. Andrew was an unknown quantity but, you could see the fire in his eyes.

Captain Pablo allowed David to take guard, whilst holding back the furious beast that was the Panthers bowler. When ready, he finally acceded to the bowler's demand to henceforth and without regret, deliver the leathery munition which his Captain had supplied him with. He meant to injure the Wanderers' pride by taking David's wicket. But, David did not take a step back. One could almost smell the fear emanating from the bowler, when he saw that David was unconcerned by his spurious delivery. He was mystified. What kind of men are these that take no fear from my attempt to snare their wicket? Whence shall I corrupt these so called Wanderers by demolishing their castles and pointing to the boundary whilst my team mates dance around jubilant in my glory?

Act II.

Dave and Andrew put on a good stand. They managed to get to the 5th over without having lost a wicket and, having managed to move the score to a reasonable 17 runs, before Dave succumbed. It was not the opening bowler but, rather the second fiddle whom had managed to have David caught for 8. Jonathan joined Andrew and together they put on another 17 runs when Andrew was bowled for a respectable 12. Enter Jeremy F. This man was on a triple duck with the chance of a quadruple which basically meant that he'd have to run around the paddock totally nude. Not a hair on his body. First ball was a dot. Second ball was edged to the slips cordon and the Panthers keeper made a valiant effort to grab that ball. The Wanderers cheered. The otherwise straightforward catch was dropped and Jeremy got off the strike with a single. The Wanderers jeered. Jeremy had put on 19 runs of his own to bring the score to 69 with young Turkish when he was caught.

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So, the Wanderers' Captain marched onto the pitch, his opposite acknowledged him and his team mates clapped in awe as this man took charge. They had heard of this Captain's heroics. How he had helped demolish last year's Panthers by facing 39 overs and hitting a four off a straight drive through mid-on with the first ball of the last over. He remained unbeaten on 53, the Wanderers had won. The legend began.

The Wanderers captain excelled at many things. Not only was he a superb athlete, but he also had a strong analytical mind. He had observed that the Wanderers' score had been doubling up as the wickets fell. Like the grains of rice on a chess board, they went 17,34,69 (a good number no doubt, but 68 would have fitted better with this trend). So he was expecting that the next wicket would not fall until at least 136 runs had been scored. The cricket gods laughed in his face for, once again he was foiled by a mathematical impossibility. The score did not double but, remained on 69. His mind raced through his knowledge of quantum mechanics and he included the exponential gravity effected by the current position of the Sun to explain this anomaly. But, in the end he had to accept that there are mysteries in this life that not even he could explain.

So, Jonathan left, having scored a very nice 25. You could almost palpate the atmosphere as Jonathan thought to himself, "if only I had been able to stay around and help my Captain". But, it was too late. Joel A. strode onto the field with furious anger. Not long after, he left. Having scored 2 runs he was, amazingly, given LBW.

So, after a very good start, the Wanderers were back to their usual collective selves. When Captain Pablo was bowled by the first change bowler, whom he had felt very comfortable facing, he was on 11 and the Wanderers' score had reached 83. Sam H. was left behind to carry on and move the score past double figures. He was joined by Marcus B. whom promptly abandoned the steadfast Wolfman, caught for 2. Nick M. joined Sam and between them both they reached the coveted 100 mark before Sam too was caught for 6. Edward H. put on a good show but, he was given out, caught behind for 2. One run later, Nick was caught for 8, leaving Matt R. stranded on naught. Total score 103.

Act III

With only 103 runs to defend, some Wanderers doubted that they could have a win. After a bit of a pep talk from their Captain, they went out to restore some pride. Marcus B. opened and started proceedings with a classic Maiden over. Nick started his spell with a first ball wicket. Marcus delivered another volley of unplayable salad, and the Panther's managed to score 3 runs. Nick followed up with another first ball wicket. Enter the Panthers' Captain. Duly acknowledged, he was sent packing Caught Jonathan bowled Marcus. Marcus had been bowling extremely well without luck, until his 5th over when he finally got a wicket. His figures read 1 for 9 runs at that point. his final figures were 1 for 27 after 9.

First switch was Jeremy F. who had explained to his Captain that he could bowl reasonably fast but, without accuracy, or reasonably accurately but, without pace. Captain Pablo opted for accuracy. Matt R. took the first catch off Jeremy. It was a loopy pull towards square leg, but moving away towards mid-wicket. Matt made a reasonable effort of not moving his feet but, moving the upper part of his body towards the arch that the ball was following. Just as the ball was about to hit the ground, Matt scooped it up in the tips of his fingers, and promptly fell over. Brilliant catch. Next catch off Jeremy's bowling went to Boxyy, and last one went to the Captain himself. Jeremy finished with figures of 3 for 27, having bowled 6 overs.

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It should be noted that Rodney the Rocket (12th) Man had been supplying the Wanderers with water after every wicket fell. He had asked to spend some time on the field and he was taking every opportunity to fulfill his wishes.

The Panthers were 6 for 58 at drinks, having seen their last wicket fall with the score on 40. The Wanderers were confident but, not cocky. They knew that there was still a lot of work to be done out on the field. They had a quick break, and then went back on to finish the job.

Unfortunately, misfields crept in, dropped catches and a 'surely' run-out chance conspired against the Wanderers. The run-out chance is worth a mention. The batsman had been dropped at least a couple of times, and he'd been allowed to score more runs than he deserved through some unfortunate lapses in fielding. He pushed the ball down towards mid-on and took off like a rabbit. The non-striker yelled out 'no'. But, by this time Andrew A. had picked up the ball and was in the process of throwing it back to the keeper. Sam had all the time in the world, but he got too excited and grabbed at the ball, which hit the edge of his (by now) closed gloves, and knocked over the stumps, sans ball. The batsman eventually made his ground and went on to finish 40 not out.

At some point through Boxy's spell, he was hit on the ankle by a driven ball which had been hit fairly hard. Wanderers' Captain was concerned and especially so, when he remembered that his 12th Man said that he had done enough and headed home after drinks. Boxy asked to be allowed to continue bowling and this he did. He finished his 9 overs with an unlucky none for 14.

Wanderers Captain had a bowl. Two Maiden overs followed by two runs off his third one. Edward bowled two overs for 10.

The Panthers scored the winning runs with 4 wickets in hand.

Another match that could have been so much more than just another loss had slipped through the Woden Wanderers fingers. But, they had fun. Lots and lots of fun. They made a pact to meet again in two weeks time to face their adversaries and have another go at winning.