

# Wandering About

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## Crazy Talk...

Hey Wanderers! Welcome to another edition of your club's newsletter. As always, it's jam-packed with goodness and important information for everyone. Please make sure you have a good read of the things happening in and around the club over and beyond the Christmas break.

A quick wrap of the highlights include:

- Wanderers Christmas Party!
- Ladies' Picnic (yep, they're having another one!)
- Umpiring course nominations
- Millar Time's handy\* coaching tips

Last weekend the club put on its annual fund raiser BBQ which this year was held outside Magnet Mart in Woden. A **massive thanks** should go to **Rocket** for organising the supplies and everything else so well, and to all the guys who fronted up to help out on the day - it was greatly appreciated. The BBQ was a success and should help somewhat in our ambition of raising funds to build some nets for the club in the not-too-distant future.

I'd like to also take this opportunity to remind and encourage all **players, partners and kids to come back to the Bowlo after matches on Saturdays!** Rocket has been doing a great job putting on the BBQ each week with salads and other snazzy stuff, and is planning to ramp this up even more in the near future. So after the Saturday's play, bring yourself and your family down and grab a feed while laughing/clapping along as the captains make their "Call of the Card" from the day's matches. Remember, if you don't show up you aren't eligible to win Man of the Match honours, and you will also miss out on the badge draw for a meat tray! It's obviously the place to be Saturday evenings.

Oh, and we also play cricket. That's been going well too, with all sides still looking a chance for finals. Unfortunately you'll have to wait until next week to hear about some excellent lower-order hitting, a hat-trick and two "five-for"s. Remember to notify [selections@wodenwandererscc.com](mailto:selections@wodenwandererscc.com) of your upcoming availability, and to always perform brilliantly on match day ☺

Crazy  
(Josh Crase)

\* may be untrue

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## Prez Says...

Well can I say it's an absolute pleasure to be back in Aus and back amongst the Wanderers!! Despite the rumours, I did not in fact start the shut-down of the airport in Bangkok, even though I did fly into that airport the same day when a couple of thousand yellow shirts took over the place.

Nicole and I had a fantastic time while we were in Thailand and can thoroughly recommend going there to anyone. If only we'd been looked after by Australian businesses as well as we were by the Thai people throughout our stay! Many thanks to everyone who sent texts, emails and Facebook messages to see how we were doing.

We've just snuck past the halfway point in our 9th season and every team in the Club has a fantastic chance of making the finals this season and winning another premiership for the Club. Three teams are in the top 4 and 2 are only a few wins away from clawing their way back into the finals. I encourage everyone to get along to training each week to help each other improve. Have confidence in yourself and every player on your side and you'll be amazed at how the wins come together. Value your wicket when you're batting, and value their wicket when you're in the field. Above all else, enjoy being a Wanderer and playing with the best bunch of cricketers in the Canberra region!! There is no "I" in "team".

You may not have noticed but it's well and truly the start of the of the silly season and while I'm the first to say enjoy the festive season I can't encourage you enough to play safe on and off the field and return to the play again in 2009. Drive to stay alive if you're going to see family in other states and come back to the Wanderers family fresh in 2009.

Play well and play hard Wanderers!!!

Peter J Bowman  
aka The Pres

## Training

You don't want to spend your Christmas holidays thinking about that catch you dropped, so get down to **training**. It's held every **Wednesday 5:00pm** at **Duffy Oval** (Dixon Drive).

Our supercoach Paul Bunn ("Rabs") is doing a great job running things and is happy to help you in any aspect of your game.



OK I'll admit it - these guys look scary

## Umpires Course – Calling for Nominations

The Canberra City & Suburban Cricket Association is running some Level 1 Umpiring courses in January and February 2009. Your committee has decided this should be a really worthwhile venture and would like to send a couple of representatives from each of our teams, so they can come back and pass on their knowledge to the rest of the playing group.

So we are asking for nominations from any players who wish to participate. The club will cover the cost, so all you need to do is shoot off an email now to me at [josh.crase@gmail.com](mailto:josh.crase@gmail.com) and we will arrange the rest.

Further details can be found on the association website:

<http://ccsca.act.cricket.com.au/pageitem.aspx?id=19419&id2=1&eID=76&entityID=76>

## Baggy Yellow Caps – Place your order now!

Our President is putting in a new order for more of the club's fantastic baggy yellow Wanderers caps. If you would like to get yourself one, please email [president@wodenwandererscc.com](mailto:president@wodenwandererscc.com) now or at least before Round 11 (last round before Christmas). Cost is approximately \$40, depending on the size of our order. If you're not sure what size you are after... grab one off someone who already has one and try it on!

## Selections

To see where you're playing each week go to <http://www.wodenwandererscc.com/site2/pages/Selections/> Please ensure the selectors are fully informed of your availability. All players should have notified [selections@wodenwandererscc.com](mailto:selections@wodenwandererscc.com) of their availability up until Christmas. If this is not the case or circumstances change, please send an email to this address **now** (or as the beached whale would say, "ei-sep")!

## Christmas Party BBQ

This years Christmas party is going to be awesome! Make sure you let us know that you and your family are coming and will be there for the food, drinks, and dodgy game of cricket in the park. Oh, and you might get a cuddle from Santa of course!

<b>What:</b>	Woden Wanderers Christmas party BBQ
<b>Where:</b>	Pine Island, Tuggeranong
<b>When:</b>	Sunday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> from 11am
<b>Bring:</b>	Parents bringing children are encouraged to bring a small gift to be delivered by Santa.
<b>RSVP:</b>	<a href="mailto:josh.crase@gmail.com">josh.crase@gmail.com</a> as soon as possible! We need to know numbers asap for catering and other fun stuff like Santa pressies!

## Ladies' Picnic – The Sequel



This photo was clearly taken before 5pm

Wanderettes! Get your champagne drinking shoes polished and ready for action on Saturday 21 February for the second and final Ladies Travelling Picnic of the 2008/09 season. The cost is \$20 per ticket which covers champagne\*, lunch, champagne, cakes, champagne, cheeses, champagne, bus hire and did we mention - champagne. Kids and Non-drinkers tickets available for \$10/head. More information will be provided in January. For enquiries in the meantime or to book your seat early, please email Caitlin at:

[treasurer@wodenwandererscc.com](mailto:treasurer@wodenwandererscc.com).

\* may only be sparkling wine from somewhere in Australia

## Raffle

Everyone loves a raffle, especially with a cool first prize like **COLD HARD CASH!** Other prizes include a **Wanderers shirt signed by Adam Gilchrist**, and a **3 month membership to Alive Health & Fitness** (our fantastic new sponsor). There will be hundreds of tickets and we will be asking all of **YOU** to help flog them off to anyone and everyone and the people they know. Grab a few books and tell everyone about the prizes – it won't be hard to get rid of them. Stay tuned for more info!

## Contact Details

Here are the details of people you may need to contact at the club:

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	Rod Chancellor		
	Josh Crase		
	Gareth McAlister		
	Nick Millar		

## Millar Time Coaching Tips

by Nick Millar

(note:- the following advice is definitely NOT endorsed by the editors, the club's committee, the club's coach or anyone who knows anything about cricket in any way, shape or form. We might also suggest a quick check of Nick's recent stats before heeding his fantastic advice)

Due to my prowess in the field with both ball and bat, I often get asked for pointers and advice from people less fortunate than me in the ridiculously awesome skills department. After a recent flood of advice-seeking punters, I decided I should start a cricketing advice column for all to read, thus benefiting the club, and boosting results all around, I imagine.

So remember kids, listen to my advice, and any time can be Millar Time :)

### Lesson 1: Things that are a waste of time.

Some of you may have noticed that cricket is a long game. I hate to say it, but sometimes it can be a little boring (especially when Boxy is batting). Thus, I have conceived of a way to make the game drag less: by getting rid of some of the games more recalcitrant elements. Thusly, here is my top 10 things that are a waste of everyone's precious time:

- Blocking
- Legside fields
- Leg spin
- Left-handers
- Slip fieldsmen in sixth grade (Monners' note: and the other five grades...)
- Thigh pads
- Opening batsmen
- Marcus Bowman
- Playing cricket at Gowrie
- Asking me how I did on the weekend (just presume I did awesome)

**Lesson 2: Tips on batting (aka - making runs the easy way.)**

A few weeks ago a kid by the name of Adam Stewart came up to me and said something like “Nick, I'm struggling a bit with the bat of late and I see you have an awesome technique, can you give me any advice on how to score really big runs?” Instantly I agreed that yes, I did indeed have an awesome technique. Then as soon as I'd finished telling him how much better than him I am, I gave him the following 10 tips for successful batting, and almost guaranteed massive scores. Now the kid has back-to-back 50s and who knows... follow these tips yourself and maybe soon you will too (unless you face my bowling, in which case you'll probably struggle to see the ball - which isn't as much of a prerequisite for batting as you may think...)

- Always talk yourself up
- Tell the bowler how poo he is
- $6 \times 9 = 54$
- Cross-bat shots = runs
- Attack the spinners. Spinners think they are cool and need to feel the brute force of reality.
- Behind the stumps = free runs (i.e. the spoon shot is your friend)
- Swing from the arse - the harder you swing, the better you look
- Footwork is for chumps
- The reverse sweep is awesome!
- Getting off the mark is of the utmost importance - when you're on 0, wherever you hit the ball there IS a run there....

So just remember these tips when you hit the pitch on the weekend and I'm sure you'll all be winners (except Crase).

## A word from our sponsors...



The **West Deakin Hellenic Bowling Club** has been the home of the Woden Wanderers Cricket Club since the 2004/2005 season. After games on Saturdays, players of all grades retire to the "Bowlo" to swap fishing tales from the day's play over a couple of beers. Every week the captains deliver a "Call of the Card", a barbecue is held and those present go into the draw for a meat tray.



**Compuware Corporation** provides software and IT services that help you maximise the value of your technology investments. They have been valued sponsors of the Woden Wanderers Cricket Club for five years. The ongoing support that Compuware provides has helped the Wanderers to their first championship, and we look forward to a long relationship that brings more success to both organisations.



**Alive Health and Fitness** has now amalgamated with Bodyworks Health Clubs to provide Wanderers members with access to six top-class facilities across Canberra. Any active Wanderers member is entitled to the Alive Health & Fitness sports club membership. This membership comes at a reduced rate of \$29 per fortnight and a reduced joining fee of \$49.50.



**5 Star Cricket** is Canberra's local specialist in cricketing equipment, providing quality equipment made for cricketers of all abilities. As specialists they are able to provide the equipment and quality advice on how to best maintain your top gear. The shopfront is located at 4/9 Townsville Street, Fyshwick.

**Kingston Butchery** provides the meat trays for the badge draws after games each Saturday. If you spend \$40 or more at the Kingston Butchery this season you will get 20% off the purchase price. We recommend any of Jody's prize-winning sausages, with his marinated roasts and steaks fantastic for any occasion.



**Weston Indoor Sports**  
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**Weston Indoor Sports Club** offer indoor cricket, access to a cricket bowling machine, netball, volleyball and soccer for people of all ages and all sporting levels. You'll find plenty of Wanderers at Weston Indoor Sports in teams such as the Polar Bears and the Partridge Famulee Sporting Club on Tuesday nights.

The **Civic Merry-Go-Round** is run by a new Wanderer to the club, James Penny. He has generously donated some vouchers valid for 10 free rides on the Merry-Go-Round. If you are interested in collecting one of these vouchers, whether for yourself or someone of a more appropriate age, send an email to [president@wodenwandererscc.com](mailto:president@wodenwandererscc.com). Be warned that supplies are limited, so get in early to avoid disappointment.



The merry-go-round in Civic

