



# NEWSLETTER

## WHEELERS SPIEL FROM THE PRESIDENT



Well into November and it's a great start with the top 3 grades out of the 4 men's teams in the top four with the 4<sup>th</sup> XI just outside.

1st came off a great outright win and the 2nds were disappointed that Footscray United were too scared to play on a wicket that was good except for a little wet patch. The season now is in full swing as all the lower elevens have completed their 6 one day games and they now step into the 2 day game format.

One of the most pleasing aspects has been the integration of the junior players playing turf cricket and performing very well. To date there has been 11 players from the under 17 and under 15 teams play in the turf teams and the added benefits is that the teams have performed well and won some very good games, with the 4<sup>th</sup> XI having a tie against Hoppers Crossing last game, which included our team playing 4 under 15 players, a great result. This can only benefit the club in the future.

Last Sunday saw the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI play a testimonial game in recognition of the service John Ross has contributed to our club as a player and Committee person, while unable to attend due to the fixturing of the 4<sup>th</sup> XI as well. I've been told it was sensational. We had a team of former great players get together to have fun and record a big win over Werribee Central. Plenty of spectators attended to ensure a memorable day.

Socially we have a big month ahead with Butts' supporter group function for the Sunday Roast, featuring former AFL player and now Manager Liam Pickering. We need all players to not only support the function but to bring family and friends along from outside the club. If we all brought one person along from outside the club it will fill the house up. Please support this function!

Western Spirit selections have finally concluded and we are proud to announce that Spotswood has 2 representatives Declan O'Brien and Jay Vine in this years tournament to be held between Jan 20th and Feb 2nd (Final) 2014.

Yours Truly, President John Wheeler.



FROM THE COACHES BOX

Round 3 has seen some fantastic team results as well as some great individual performances. After stumbling against Tullamarine the 1st XI has bounced back with an outright win collecting the 10 points much needed to keep us towards the pointy end of the ladder. Abhi, DB, Ross and Ed all spent some valuable time at the crease and look in good touch. All bowlers are contributing well with all having great spells at different times, notably Knighta, Moose, Tommy and Butts. Butts' hard work throughout pre-season was rewarded with an exceptional 5 wickets in the second innings!

All I can really say about the two's is that I hope that there are consequences' for Footscray's insipid unwillingness to play the game out. I hope this fires all the guys up to want to get back on the park and show how good we can be! Cougars form with that bat is certainly worth mentioning and great to see, definitely worth getting his own bat brand!!!

The Juniors continue to shine in the 3rds and 4ths which again is extremely exiting for not only those

boys , but for the future of the club. All sides are playing some really positive cricket with some great wins and close loses. A major reason why we are seeing some great performances is that the senior players in all grades are pushing the younger guys through and we need this to continue for us to prosper.

Lets all keep pushing for success. DICKO



2013/14 SPOTTY DUCK POND

Players batting 1 - 7 require a score over 20 to be removed off this list, batsmen 8 - 11 just need double figures to be removed. (1 duck removed per innings)



	Ash Robertson		Tony Schibeci		Matthew Short
	Braydn Schibeci		Mark Butler		Luke Salmond
	Stuart Stanford		Jason Butterfield		Harry Stanford
	Ross Horkings		Edwin Bryant		Dion Kratz
	Gordon Jennings		Tom Wray		Theo Bourtzis
			Tom Kirby		A. Christakakis

 Spotswood Cricket Club   
**Social Calendar 13/14**

Nov 10th J.Ross Testimonial	Nov 24th SUNDAY ROAST
Nov 30th LADIES DAY	
Dec 7th TRIVIA NIGHT	Feb 8th History of SCC Book Launch
Dec 21st XMAS Party	Feb 15th Pink Stumps Day
Feb 7th Presidents Lunch	Mar 1st Break Up Fancy Dress
Feb 16th MEGA DRAW	
April 5th Presentation Night	

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**COUGARS CORNER**



After popular demand Jeevesie is back for another crack.

Word for the month is **“JEEVED”**

*Sl.* to be cheated; to be taken advantage of; to be mistreated; to be wrongly dismissed; to be shafted.

Have you been **JEEVED** ????

Well, let me tell you. After a shocking start to the season with a Golden Duck. The Cougar found some form on the launch day of his Cougar250 players edition bat, making 61. Cougar was then set for a big day against Footscray Marshmallow UTD, but he was to be JEEVED on 3 occasions. Smashing a 6 over the bowlers head, umpire Fitzgerald signalled 4. Hitting one onto the pads and running a single was given as leg byes. Whilst on 48, batting on leg and 1/2 ft outside the crease, the cougar was hit on the knee roll and given out by umpire Fitzgerald who was rolling his rocks for a minute before making his decision. Cougar was truly JEEVED.

**COUGAR'S SOAP BOX**



Teddy Bears are Soft, 30 cent cones are Soft, Cranny's hands are Soft and Frobbas Stools over the last week were very very very soft. But in all my time playing cricket I have never met a softer opposition than that on Saturday. Nobody forces you to play cricket, we choose to sacrifice our Saturdays to be with our mates and challenge ourselves to become better cricketers. If you're prepared to talk a good game, well, at least MAN UP and try play the freaking thing. Give yourself every chance to get something out of it, Never give in, Never let down. My good mate Neville Bartos got Twitter trending and had 1200 re-tweets for his rants about the game. Good on him I say. check his handle @spotty

**SCC 3RD'S GRAND FINAL MAR 2008**



NO. 8 N.BARTOL not out 250  
Overs bowled 7.5 2/17 SCC team score 7/564



## John Ross Testimonial

It is not often that you will have 8 team of the decade recipients, 6 1<sup>st</sup> XI premiership players, 4 1<sup>st</sup> XI captains, 5 district cricketers and 1 state representative all in the same Spotswood team, let alone a 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, but this is the sight visitors to McLean Reserve were greeted with last Sunday.

These men were rounded up to celebrate the career of one of Spotswood's favourite sons, John Ross. Under menacing skies, Werribee Centrals won the toss and chose to bat, and Rossy was handed the new ball for the day. His threatening pace may have been lacking from years past but he reached deep in the trick bag to constantly trouble the opposition, although ultimately without luck as he finished with the figures of 0/24 off his 8 overs. Taking a break from spring carnival festivities, Matt Leddin must have thought he was still skipper as Captain Araldite made a reappearance to claim 2 wickets to be paired with the evergreen Scott Fitzgerald's 2. Some lackluster early fielding was soon rectified by a brilliant run-out from backward point by Tom Langlands, then not to be outdone, former premiership captain / Jiminy Cricket lookalike Dion Kratz took a tumbling catch at mid off to help restrict the opposition to 8/144 from their 36 overs. No thanks to notorious dog walker Tom Grange, whose 0/9 off 1 over was his only contribution of the day.

With the Kratz laundry flooding, '2 Dogs' had to open the innings with completely borrowed kit, including flamboyant green pads. With an expectant crowd watching on hoping for fireworks, they weren't disappointed; however it was due to Kratz's off stump cartwheeling away after being bowled for 0. Enter serial cupid Matt Leddin to join Nathan Broster, the 2 peeled off an unbroken 137 run stand that was the epitome of class and showed the 1<sup>st</sup> XI top order what can be done with time at the crease at our home ground. Leddin, forever the gentleman, retired on 68\* to give former club champion / coach / captain / karaoke star / boat stealer Paul Broster a chance to bat with his brother for the first time in their respective careers. Belying their rust, the brothers took the team past the winning margin and looked set to provide some highlights, however Paul perished for 12, which brought the man of the hour to the crease.

To a rapturous ovation and wearing his familiar green helmet pockmarked with battle scars, it was a perfect setting for a day to remember. Getting off the mark with a blistering drive through the covers, the crowd had got its wish to see their man make some runs. After being dismissed for 15, it brought Langlands to the crease to join N. Broster. After some free flowing scoring, it was apparent that Nathan could bring up his maiden Spotswood ton, and with a trademark cut through backward point it was achieved. The crowd went wild in appreciation and as he enjoyed the moment he was joined in the middle by a member of the crowd who had imbibed in a few too many refreshments and had misplaced some of his equipment. After a quick embrace it was back to Nathan to enjoy his moment.

After the victory was wrapped up - with the Woodsmen posting a formidable 4/234 - it was time to enjoy a few amber ales and partake in the telling of many more tall stories. A fantastic day was had by all and the crowd in attendance shows in no small measure how much respect John Ross has earned around the club and a fitting spectacle was provided in honour of a great cricketer and even better bloke.

--- As Seen thru the eyes of one --  
---- M.Knight --





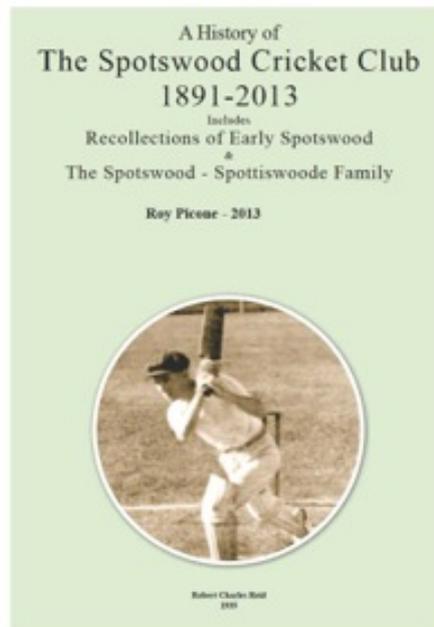
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# LOOK-ALIKES



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**American Dad**



**David Buysen**



**Yolo Rat**



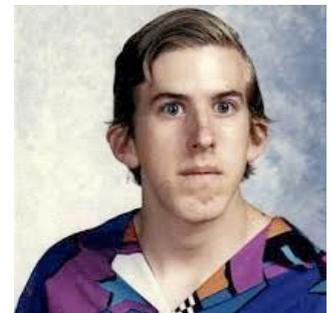
**Leigh Forbes**



**Jack Riewoldt**



**Tom Johnstone**



**Awkward Jim**



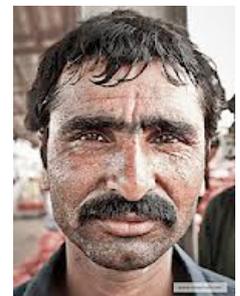
**Tom Moody**



**Matt Leddin**



**Paul John**



**Arial Chokes harka**



**Tom Grange**



**Pee Wee Herman**



**Paul John**



**Mustafa Johnsie**



**SPOTSWOOD CRICKET CLUB EVENTS**

Despite a couple of washouts and two impending Sunday games, a few dozen members and friends managed to make it to the club on Saturday night and were thoroughly entertained by singer-songwriter David Siriani. Dave is most notably known as the lead guitarist and vocalist from The Pass Outs (as heard on Triple-J) and spends most days training new band members as the music teacher at St. Monica's College in Epping. With songbook in hand and a couple of stolen amps, Dave pumped out covers reminiscent of any cover band in the country making the girls squeal with delight as he continually played their favourite song. Dave is sure to be back so please stay in touch with the comings and goings of the club so you don't miss out on the great times on offer

**Upcoming Fixture**

**Nov 16th & 23rd 2013**

**1st XI** Willy CYMS V Spotswood

**2nd XI** Spotswood V Willy CYMS

**3rd XI** Altona Nth V Spotswood

**4th XI** Spotswood V East Keilor

**Nov 16th 2013**

**5th XI** Sunshine Heights V Spotswood

**Nov 17th 2013 T20 Match**

**Ladies XI** Jacana V Spotswood

Craigieburn V Spotswood



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