

BAR SPORTS

Bench & Bar v Solicitors Golf Match Report 2016

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Victorious again! For the second consecutive year the Bench & Bar golfing team (again led superbly by Justice Robert Hulme) was successful in defeating the solicitors in the annual Bench & Bar v Solicitors at Manly golf course on 28 January last. But only just. Of the 11 games played the Bench & Bar were victors in six and the solicitors five.

The result means that the mace of the late Sir Leslie Herron (suitably engraved to record the victory) will remain in the chambers of Justice Hulme (or perhaps the Bar Association rooms) for another year.

Congratulations to all members of the Bench and Bar who participated (whether victorious in their individual

games or not). As usual a wonderful dinner at the clubhouse ensued after the event to the obvious delight of all present.

Is a threepeat possible? We will find out in January 2017. Until then happy golfing.

Lady Bradman Cup Cricket

By W G Grace

There have been many memorable matches in this annual fixture between Eleven Wentworth (trading as Wentworth Wombats) and Edmund Barton Chambers over the last 26 years but perhaps none quite so memorable as the match held on Sunday, 17 April 2016 at the picturesque Bradman Oval. In scenes reminiscent of the tied tests at the Gabba in 1961 and in Madras in 1986, Richard Scruby (on loan from Tenth Floor Chambers and Vanessa Whittaker) punched a ball through covers and the despairing dive of the redoubtable Thos Hodgson for two to tie the scores on the final ball of the match.

Batting first, Edmund Barton had rattled along to a respectable total of 159 from 35 overs which, on a slightly wet outfield, was probably worth 180. The Wombat's bowling attack was led by red-headed, fire brand, Stephen Free, supplemented by the efforts of Brendan Lim (an emerging talent), the increasingly wily Greenwood SC, the masterly leg-spin of Durack SC, the steady, slow medium of Stephen Climpson and Malcolm Holmes QC's usual mixed bag of tricks. But perhaps the stars of Wombat's attack were two junior wombats in the shape of Henry



Pike and Tom Bell Bird, the former securing an early wicket with a spiraling catch to Pike SC at backward point and the latter securing the prized scalp of Foord as well as that of Jackman (Ian, not Hugh), both 'ring-ins' for Edmund Barton.

Behind the stumps for the Wombats was the resplendent John Ireland QC whose flexibility and reflexes continue to astonish. His son, Oliver, playing for Edmund Barton, was to give Hodgson much needed reliability when they took the field.

A memorable lunch was held between innings inside the Bradman Museum. Hodgson's initiative of providing copious quantities of white and red wine at

lunch appeared to have backfired as Bell SC and Pike SC put on 60 for the first wicket with the former falling for 29 and the latter reaching a retiring score of 30. Scruby contributed solidly including aforementioned last over glory whilst Greenwood SC and the two junior tyros got the scoreboard moving during the latter half of the innings. Free displayed a public lawyer's measured dissent on being given out stumped but past good behavior prevented any fine being imposed.

It was an excellent day out and, as we say every year, 'Cricket was the winner'.