Firstly, I would like to thank you all for your continued support of our club and the on-field direction that the committee and members have chosen to take the club; Women's Cricket, a possible future Junior Program and teams in alternative formats, whilst strengthening our Men’s sides.

As you are aware, 2019/20 was earmarked for our club’s expansion into Women's Cricket. We continued to have exposure and the support of our associated Football and Soccer Clubs. We received significant encouragement and interest amongst the playing and support membership. Our social media engagements were the most widespread for our club. However, the support and encouragement, far outweighed the commitment. It was unfortunate that we were unable to recruit sufficient numbers to continue with our nomination and, as such, the women’s team did not eventuate.

We continue in our committed to establishing the team next summer. We will look to further avenues in attempt to recruit the required numbers of Women’s Cricketers for 2020/21.

Scott Brown
President
PVCC
NOT THE START WE WANTED

On a lovely Spring day, fresh off last year’s premiership win, the first game of the 19/20 season was here and everyone was looking forward to returning to the field.

Ian won the toss and decided to get things going with batting first. Tim Hodson and Ian opened the batting. Both looking scratchy as they got their eye in, Ian managed to make his second score a very handy 6. They were bowling tight before Hodson flicked one to square leg getting out for 27. Mick Spry moved to the crease and he and Ian saw through to the 20 over mark where we were 1/60. After drinks Mick tried to push the run rate along but lost his wicket in doing so getting caught for 25. Ian was then caught behind shortly after for 38. From here we lost 5 quick wickets in the pursuit for runs before Jacko and Burgo put on a 24 run partnership towards the end of the innings. Leaving us with a score of 9/144 at the end of the 40 overs.

Opening with Yada and Burgo they kept scoring to a minimum and by mixing the bowling up a little, Burgo took the first break through in the 7th over with a nice little catch at point by Jacko. A few balls later the ball was hit to mid-on where Pierrot fielded the ball cleanly and aiming at one stump managed a pearler direct hit, leaving the batsman a metre short of the crease. They were 2/57 at the 20 over mark. We bowled for the next 10 overs without much luck while they continued to nut away at the score. We bought in some new blood with Eddy on which gave us the reward we were seeking by breaking the first batter in the partnership which kept us in the game. Yada came on at the other end and got out the other batsman. From there they lost 4/10 runs before they managed to chase down our score with 3 overs to spare.

It was a good steady start with the bat even though everyone was a bit scratchy and slow. Bowling was tight but didn't quite have enough runs on the board to defend, just had to break that one partnership a little earlier and we would have had the game in the bag. A close game to go down by in the first round but a lot of promise shown for the season ahead. Well done everyone!

Ably led by Scott “Brownie” Brown, a team of rag-tag old boys labelled Para Vista Ol’ Goats, competed in the XVII Australian Masters Games, 2019 at the immaculate Park #25. These grounds are the domain of district cricket and carpet like outfields, flat turf pitches, with Karen Rolton Oval as the backdrop. It really was a perfect place to play cricket.

Thankfully for us old boys, the games were 8 a side – 16 over matches, so the toll on the body wasn't too hard……until day 3 that is!

Playing in the over 40’s Division saw us competing against teams from across the country. The atmosphere was jovial whilst being competitive. We didn't have a lot of success, mostly in part due the handicap system, which saw us at a disadvantage most of the time. An average age of 43 saw us giving away runs most of the time, 80 runs against the old boys from NSW, Qld and Tassie! Chasing 203 for the win in 16 overs? Not much of a chance there!

We did win one game and the team gelled really well and after the days play, we did spend several afternoons lubricating our sore joints at The Archer, a very welcome club sponsor!

Talk is already underway for the next Masters games in 2 years, but it will take that long for some of us to recover!

Michael Sheppard

Batting:
Marc Cossens: 160 Runs @ 40. Top score 53*.
Adrian Wright: 86 runs @ 14.3. Top score 39*.
Michael Sheppard: 68 Runs @ 11.33, Top score 24.
Jonathan MacKenzie: 58 runs @ 19.33. Top score 27*.
Anthony Donnon: 57 runs @14.25. Top Score 28*.

Bowling:
Roger Wilkins: 4 wickets @ 20.7. Best 1/10.
Adrian Wright: 4 wickets @ 23.7. Best 1/12.
Scott Brown: 3 wickets @ 42.6. Best 1/13.
Sanjay Kewlani: 2 wickets @ 26.5. Best 1/5.
Jonathan MacKenzie: 2 wickets @ 38.5. Best 1/17.
A TOUGH OPENING

Players gathered, the skies clear, and white clothing as far as the eye could see – cricket season 2019/20 was here. There were new players, old players, and returning players to the club in the offseason, and it was a vastly different side that took to the field in the first match for the Para Vista B’s, to be played against new side Brahma Lodge in the LO2 grade. Winning the toss first time (it took 8 games last year), Brenton Starke elected to bat first, and Gopi Bhujbal and fill in Ali Mohammad strode out to the middle to start proceedings.

Looking for a good start, the innings was quickly on the back foot when Ali was struck on the pad's dead in front for no score, followed quickly after by Gopi who was yorked and lost his middle pole. When Eggs Ben Gardner (1) was caught at mid-off a couple of overs later after emulating his best tennis serve, the Double Blues were in all sorts of trouble at 3/1 after just 4 overs. A sh Martin and Jakir Mulla were tasked with trying to salvage the innings, and some quick counter attacking from Ash pushed the field a bit deeper and relieved some pressure. Jakir was doing a sterling job in support and was unlucky to be the next batsman out, bowled after an inside edge rolled onto his foot, and then barely touched the off stump. A sneeze was heard from 2 suburbs away and the force of both combined was enough for the bail to dislodge, Jakir walking back for a solid 2 which was much better than the stats show.

Norm Tonkin joined Ash at the crease and showed that despite not having touched a bat for almost 12 months, he had lost none of his skill and talent and the two started to build a partnership, Ash continuing to punish the bad balls and Norm playing effortlessly along the ground. They combined for a 34 run partnership that was really starting to restore the innings when Ash unfortunately top edged a ball from a spinner, caught and bowled for a well-made 33, the score 5/55. Newcomer Jono Perugini was in at #7, but despite connecting with all 3 balls he faced, he found the short cover fielder and was out for zero, and Noor Ali joined him a few balls later after picking out fine leg with a pull shot, Para Vista collapsing to 7/55 after just 18 overs.

Brenton Starke joined Norm in the middle hoping to try and get to a respectful score, and against some indifferent bowling, the scoreboard moved along until Norm tried one drive too many, getting a toe edge through to the keeper to be out for 14. Roger Wilkins entered and tried his best to hold up an end while Starke decided to try and score as many as possible as quickly as possible, and Roger even middled himself a pull shot for four during his stay before he was stranded 46 short of a maiden half century when his captain went for one shot too many and was caught for 27. Without and 11th player due to unforeseen circumstances, the Para Vista innings closed there, all out for 95 in only 26.2 overs.

After some refreshments and a light afternoon tea, the Double Blues were eager to get into the field to see what inroads they could make to the Brahma batting line-up. Tasked with the new ball were Ash Martin and Norm Tonkin. Ash's first over was a bit rough, but he soon found his rhythm and started to generate good pace, beating the bat on numerous occasions and hurrying both batsmen. Norm (0/42 off 3) attempted to use his experience and guile but found himself against an opening batsman who was intent on killing any birds that lived in the trees behind cow corner. It didn't matter where the ball was delivered or how many fielders were there to catch him out, he kept swinging hard and connected many times to send the ball to and over the boundary while his partner at the other end was happy to play a supporting role. After 8 overs, the Brahma Lodge score had raced to 0/64, and Noor Ali took the ball to bowl his out-swinging skidders. He too beat the bat of one opener and was set upon by the other, but the latter finally didn't get hold of one and was well caught on the mid-on boundary by Gopi, the score by then 1/81. Noor (1/20 off 4) continued to bowl well, as did Ash (0/23 off 7) in the dying stages of the match. Jono Perugini (0/9 off 1) was thrown the ball for some match experience, almost getting his hands on a return catch, but Brahma Lodge made light work of the run chase reaching their target from just 15 overs.

It was a tough start to the season for the B-grade side, but it was also pleasing to see that the voice in the field, even when runs were flowing, never waned and the support for each other was always there. There were lessons learnt by new and old players alike, and hopefully with some returning players mixing in, the B's can now regroup for their next match next Saturday.
First Win Under The Belt

A chilly day confronted Para Vista’s A-Grade side for their first home match of Season 2019-20, versus Central United B at Edward Smith Reserve. For the second time in as many weeks, the skipper in a skivvy, Ian Martin, won the toss and elected to bat, sprinting back to the shed to pad up with his great mate Tim Hodson. Sadly, Ian’s stay at the crease would be abbreviated by a prolonged, albeit successful, LBW appeal, leaving Micky Spry at number three to rebuild early for the home side.

Spry and Hodson were more than equal to the task, batting watchfully and regularly rotating the strike to build a healthy 64-run partnership for the second wicket. When Spry was cleaned up for 32, Aaron Timm stepped in for his first hit of the season, complete with his Adidas vest and a pocket full of tissues. Another half-century partnership ensued, as Tim and Timm took advantage of a couple of dropped catches in the field to push Para Vista well into three figures.

Hodson brought up his own half century with an almighty six into the carpark on the eastern side, but that’s just about all he could muster, coughing up a sharply taken caught and bowled chance to have him heading back to the pavilion on 52. Trent Mattner marched in at five and kept a steady hand through the middle overs as Timm danced, pulled, chatted and blew his nose all the way to a brilliant fifty.

As the pointy end of the innings approached, Mattner was knocked over trying to get the scoreboard ticking over and was replaced by another loyal MM Electrical Salisbury customer, Eddie Napoli, who was in a typical Eddie Napoli mood. From ball one E-Naps tried to belt the cover off everything and he just about did, peeling off a flurry of boundaries and sixes as his raced to 40 in a flash. The acceleration all but broke the back of the Central United attack, Para Vista posting 7/230 from their 40 overs.

Aaron Burgess and Jarec Zachoryj opened the bowling for the home side but couldn’t find a breakthrough. Jarec’s bowling was beautiful, but Burgo’s was a case of trash and treasure, a bunch of wayward short deliveries finding their way to the boundary, whilst the nuts that were on target were invariably edged through or over the slips. Micky Spry replaced Burgess and clamped down on the run scoring, aided in a large part by Tim Wilson’s right-arm googlies from the other end. The first twenty overs flew past, Central United heading to the drinks break at 0/51 and a long way from home.

When Spry left early to head to a function (these one day matches seem to finish really late), Jason Jackowiak came on at the southern end and ripped the heart out of the Central United top order, first getting rid of the two opening batters, and then removing the opposition number four and five, to gift him figures of eight overs, four maidens, four wickets for twelve runs in what was a scintillating spell.

With the game all but done and dusted, Ian Martin snared the opportunity to experiment with the ball. Tim Hodson (1/16) clean bowled the Central United number three, and when Wilson was brought on for a second spell, he clean bowled the opposition number seven, with a ball that appeared to bounce twice before hitting the stumps. Pierrot Peov also relished the opportunity to roll the arm over, providing Trent Mattner with a stumping chance that was duly taken – Central United limping to 8/106 from their 40 overs.
On a windy day, Skipper Brenton Starke once again lost the toss and was sent into bowl. Things did not go to plan early as we took the field missing three fielders who arrived after the first over had been bowled.

After a slightly wayward start, Ash Martin (4/23 off 7) quickly settled into a rhythm with Starkey (0/1 off 4) at the other end keeping a tight line and length. Vista would have to wait 8 overs before Ash broke through for his first, with the batsman gloving it through to Eggs who accepted it gleefully. 1 should have brought 2 when the number 3 skied a catch which was nearly taken on a juggle. It would prove to be a costly chance as the pair put on a big partnership with the Skipper throwing the ball to Noor (0/14 off 5) and Yogesh "Yogi" Dange (0/32 off 5) who went about trying to restrict runs. After dropping multiple catches, Noor in the deep would prove to be our salvation, taking a brilliant catch above his head to see Roger go kaboom with 1/34 off his 8 as he and Gummy took the pace off the ball and Craigmore had no answers.

Gummy would bring the next breakthrough having the established batsman stumped by Eggs. This triggered a collapse that Ash largely cashed in on, taking three wickets including shattering a stump while Noor claimed a direct hit runout to take Craigmore from 2/112 to 7/163 at the end of their innings. The collapse makes the dropped catches all the more frustrating as Craigmore did not have much batting after their top 3. A score of 163 seemed achievable if we scored regularly and kept wickets in hand.

The opening pair of Gopi (22) and Gummy (24) began according to plan, with the both batsmen playing some beautiful shots for a stand of 49 which was prematurely broken when Gopi was fired LBW for one he apparently hit. He was joined in the shed next over by Gummy who skied a pull shot. Eggs (47) at number 3 saw the need to prevent a devastating collapse like the previous week and dug in while Ash (1) and Jack (3) were both bowled by a young quick with his tail up. Dave Schreiber (13) came to the crease and he and Eggs set about resurrecting the innings. The pair got through to drinks and began a counterattack, however, their stand was broken when a ball found its way through Dave's defense's after a very patient stay at the crease. Jono came and went two balls later skying one to fall for a duck.

This brought Noor (10) to the crease and with runs needed quick and fast, he and Eggs began turning the strike over, but boundaries were hard to come by. Eggs eventually fell for a hard fought 47 and was livid to miss out on a 50. Starkey came out to bat and appeared Vista's last hope with 31 needed from 3 overs. Noor would follow Eggs back to the shed but played some lovely shots including a lofted square drive thing for 4 over point which defies all logic. The task would prove too large for Starkey (9*) in his 200th and Yogesh (6*) and we would go down by 14 runs. While it was a disappointing loss, there were some promising takeaways from the game with brilliant bowling spells from Ash, Roger, Gummy, Noor and Starkey while Jack and Yogesh showed that they will be reliable bowlers in the season ahead. We also batted the full 40 overs and made a competitive total of almost 150 and there were some good individual batting performances in a strong team game. We look forward to rolling Salisbury West on our home deck next week.

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**Saturday 9th November**

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Congratulations Brenton Starke on 200 Games

Thank you for all that you do to lead the team and club on and off the field. You have made many valuable contributions in your time at the club and it’s a pleasure to have had your skills and expertise around for that amount of time, hopefully with many more games to come!

Welcome to our new players

We would like to extend a big welcome to our new players for both A and B grade this season- Trent Mattner, James Page, Ali Mohammad, Jakir Mulla and Yogesh Dange.

We also have a couple of familiar faces returned- welcome back Aaron Burgess and Mick Spry.

It’s great to see you all around the club this season.

Meet Choppa the Destroyer of Wickets. Not sure anyone knew he could bowl that fast! Keep up that pace and you’ll have a smashing good season Ash!
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