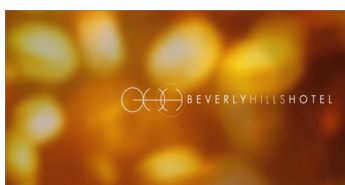




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'OFF THE WICKET'

The St George-Sutherland Women's Cricket Club Newsletter

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT TO THE FORE

One big focus of the Slayers last season, and continuing this season, is the development of our junior players. In the off season a working party was put together at the behest of the committee of management to help guide our steps in this area.

As such, we are excited to introduce a new scholarship for junior players at the Slayers. The Rene Farrell Scholarship will be awarded to two junior players each season who are playing in the grade competition despite their young age. The recipients of

the scholarships will have their fees paid for two seasons and will receive a voucher to be used for private coaching or equipment at Kingsgrove Sports. The Rene Farrell Scholarship has been made possible with the support of our new partnership with Club Rivers and we are thrilled to have their support as we look to continue junior development.

Naming the scholarship after Rene was a 'no-brainer' after Rene played her junior years with the Slayers and has since

gone on to be our first home grown international representative, playing 3 test matches, 44 ODIs and 54 T/20s for Australia. Rene said she was "very honoured" to have her name associated with the new scholarship.



This year's recipients are Taylah Knight and Mishal Shah. Congratulations girls!

MUSINGS OF THE PRESIDENT

It may or may not surprise you that I spend a lot of time thinking about our cricket club and in particular about how we can improve in our performance but also how the club delivers the experience of playing cricket to our players and their families. Lately, I've been thinking a lot about the notion of "buy in". It's the buzz word in any and every group these days, whether it is in business, within working teams or even in sporting clubs. And so I am led to think 'How do we get people in the current climate where we are all so busy and distracted to "buy in" to our little cricket club and not only take from the experience but in fact give to it?'

At the end of last season the club put out a survey to our players and supporters and overall the results and comments were quite pleasing. One pervasive issue that cropped up however was the low numbers of players attending training. I agree that it is very discouraging and does not allow for conditions that foster change

for the betterment of the team's and one's own skills and game. Trust me when I say that it is not a new issue and is one that many have banged their head against a brick wall over for many seasons. Do we drop players who don't attend training? The simple answer is no. There is not a 'critical mass' of players to allow this "luxury" in women's cricket that there is in the men's game where this policy is employed. Do we punish players who don't attend training? Again, the answer is no. We want to encourage players and their participation in the sport and not to mention as a team sport punishing one may in fact end up punishing the whole team. So how do we fix this issue? Personally, I am beginning to think the answer is players "buying in". So how do we achieve that "buy in" at the Slayers? I've seen little glimpses of it but it needs to permeate the whole club. Personally I think it begins with a shift in thinking.

Instead of thinking "What can the club give me?" but rather "What can I bring to the club and my team mates?" Instead of thinking "It won't matter if I don't attend that club function" but rather "If I don't go I will miss the opportunity to encourage my team mates." An excellent example of this came in pre-season when I was shocked to see a player turn up for a number of our pre-season sessions who lives a 3 hour drive away on the South Coast. What an enormous encouragement that was to see for those who were there. So my challenge this season to you all is to "buy in" to the Slayers; get excited about being part of this extraordinary club, marvel at the relationships being part of this wonderful game can bring you, build the Slayers culture and simply encourage one another at every opportunity. Perhaps I'm over thinking things, perhaps my musings are way off the mark but even if I'm wrong, it sounds like a club I want to continue to be a part of.

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SPONSOR NEWS

A new partnership has begun with Club Rivers jumping on board as a major sponsor of the Slayers! Specifically, Club Rivers are excited to support junior development within the club. Our junior girls' clinics will continue with their support and we are excited to venture into a new pathway with the Rene Farrell Scholarship being supported by Club Rivers.

Club Rivers has been our regular venue for the Slayers' end of season presentation night and it has always been an enjoyable experience. They are very supportive and

generous towards many local community groups and ventures and we are thrilled to join forces with them as we continue to strive to encourage grass roots cricket for girls in our area.

If you live in the area or are just passing by, be sure to drop into Club Rivers for a feed and water and tell them the Slayers sent you!



REMINDERS

Membership fees can be paid to any team manager or club treasurer Helen Williams at any time.

BULLETIN BOARD

December	Club Christmas Party
January	Back To Slayers Day
February	Slayers Trivia Night
April	Slayers Easter Camping
TBA	Slayers Annual Awards Presentation Night

Did you know that the Slayers are a Sun Smart Club? So don't forget to slip, slop, slap this summer.

Choppy's Fortune Cookie

"If you eat something and nobody sees you eat it, it has no calories."



CHITTY CHAT!

"Oh Mickey you're so fine..." (sing it with me)! This season the Slayers are excited to welcome back one of their long time players, Mikaela Fallins, who has returned after living in Japan for the past couple of seasons. It's good to have you back old friend.

The off-season saw one of our Slayers players migrate South. Emily Mifsud, last years leading wicket taker in 1st grade, was offered the opportunity to join the Tasmanian Women's training squad and moved to the Apple Isle in search of greater opportunities. We wish Emily all the best!

SPOTTED: Sophie Heath at Hurstville Oval fielding for the NSW Breakers in a recent trial match.

What a way to kick off the season for our brother clubs with a plethora of players turning out for round one of the men's Premier Grade Cricket. Steve Smith returned for Sutho alongside Shane Watson, while Josh Hazelwood pulled on the creams for St. George.

Thank you to everyone who filled out the club survey at the end of last season. Your responses have been very encouraging, not to mention helpful and the committee are endeavouring to use this to guide our future directions.

JONTY'S SURVIVAL TIPS

With great weather upon us, we're getting outdoors for more than cricket games, and heading out and about on bikes, on hikes and treks in general. Do you know about the Emergency Plus app?

If you're wandering the great outdoors, mountain biking, seeking out secret swimming holes in the hills etc, and there's an emergency, the Emergency Plus app is a great way to tell emergency services exactly where you are. It gives you a street address, or if you're in the middle of nowhere, it gives coordinates that you can relay to the Triple 000 call taker.

Download it today—it's free!



The St George-Sutherland Women's Cricket Club Newsletter

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The St George-Sutherland Women's Cricket Club, also known as Club Slayers, was established in 2002. It is a non-profit community service that represents the interests and aspirations of females who love cricket. This is achieved by providing our members the opportunity to participate both recreationally and competitively. We compete in the Sydney Cricket Associations Women's Competition and play on a home and away rotation on Saturday or Sunday afternoons during the summer. Although cricket is our primary operation, we also operate as a social club where non-playing members can enjoy many other social activities.. One of the Club Slayers goals is to strengthen the interests, awareness and participation in cricket within the southern districts of Sydney. If you would like to get involved with a club as a player, supporter, sponsor or volunteer contact us now for more information. We will endeavor to help you find something suitable.

GETTING TO KNOW... LUCY ARMITAGE

Nickname: is NOT Ancho (suggestions welcome)

Years with the Slayers: 4

Grade played: 3rds

Star Sign: Aries

Occupation: Biomedical Engineer

Brothers/sisters: 1 sister



Pets: No, but I am a professional house/pet sitter (hit me up if anyone needs one)

Interests/Collections: Interested in not collecting collections

Grew up at: near Gordon, I know I know, don't hold it against me, I don't play for them...

Childhood hero: Adam Gilchrist

Person most admired now: Li Lin Chin (#primechinister)

Superstitious behaviour: No, not into it

Other sports I've played: golf, hockey, softball, soccer, oz tag

Fave book: The Alchemist

Fave TV show: Grand Designs

Fave movie: The Shawshank Redemption

Fave Actor: Don't know, not good at knowing actors

Fave band: The Beatles

Fave food: Japanese, specifically any type of Don

Fave website: Don't have one

Fave App: Weatherzone

Place I would most like to visit: Antarctica

In a fire I would save: My tent

With 1 million dollars I would buy: Half a unit in Sydney

I really suck at: Bowling (cricket and 10 pin)

I'm really good at: Talking rubbish

When I was little I thought: that grown ups knew everything

If I could invite 3 people to dinner they would be: Ernest Shackleton, Eddie Mabo, Kay Cottee

Is the glass half full or half empty: see below

A short joke that I always laugh at: "An optimist will tell you the glass is half-full; the pessimist, half-empty; and the engineer will tell you the glass is twice the size it needs to be"



KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T?

Are you a budding journalist or just know something we don't? We would love to hear from you!

If you have any stories, pictures, or bloopers to share, or you would like to do someone in for our "Getting to Know..." segment please get in contact with Ed I. Torr at clubslayers@yahoo.com.au.

Ed I. Tor - signing off