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**PAT FULCO** — Brother of Gino Fulco  
**SYBIL WELLER** — Mother of Ruth Loiacono

Our thoughts are with Gino, Ruth and their families on their sad loss.

*From all the ANA Committee and members*

## Season 2009/10 Kicks Off .... with Major Changes On & Off the Field

In kicking off season 2009/10, Bentleigh ANA conducted its Annual General Meeting at the South Oakleigh Club on Wednesday, 24 June.

Since the club has hosted the AGM outside of the clubrooms, numbers in recent years have improved dramatically.

This year was no exception as almost 40 members arrived to witness the club's work during the off-season in preparation for the year ahead.

This AGM was of special significance due to the retirements of committee stalwarts and club legends in Cedric Jansz as President & John Smith as his deputy. With a combined total in excess of 70 years club experience, the club is somewhat facing a new dawn with the departure of such revered figures.

Long serving Treasurer Greg Pressey also stood down after managing the club's finances for more than a decade. Greg's commitment to the role assisted the club in growing its balance sheet to have one of the healthiest in the competition.

Other members to step down included Adam Mikkelsen, who will be focussing on his on-field commitments, and well-respected 'foot soldier' Stuart Craven.

The meeting announced new blood on the committee, including senior members in Bob Dolman & Rob Lawford. From the younger brigade, Glenn Wilson was voted in as well.

Most importantly the club voted in Alastair Richardson as its new President.

After being on the committee for only 12 months, Alastair has already had a major impact on the club, utilising his contacts in business & government in order to get things done to the benefit of the club.

Now as President, this will only be enhanced, and the club wishes him well.

Other role changes included existing Secretary Adam Kain also moving into the role of Vice President, and Anthony Gill taking on the important role as Treasurer. Existing committee members John Bacon & Gino Fulco will continue to donate their time on the committee as well.

On-field, the club announced the appointment of Adam Mikkelsen as Captain of the First Eleven, and Senior Coach of the Club for season 2009/10.

Adam presented his plans to the members for the coming season, as well as announcing his support team from a coaching perspective, including Assistant Coach Steve Ross, and specialist coaches in Tim Irving and Hamish Richardson.

The need to recruit quality players to assist in the development of our youth has been a priority, with some key signatures hoping to be obtained before round one.

The club is genuinely excited about the prospects of the coming season, with an unprecedented level of training resources for its members.

We look forward to seeing the club build on some great foundations set last year for the season ahead.

Adam Kain  
Secretary

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## COACHES CORNER

I would firstly like to thank the Executive Committee for their support and the confidence they have shown in me in not only this appointment, but during my tenure at the club.

My decision to apply for the 1st Eleven Captaincy and Club Coach role was borne out of a desire to take this club to the next level, something I believe is very achievable through a professional approach and an inclusive/enjoyable environment.

The coaching department's charter this year is to continue with a revamped High Performance Squad (HPS) model, as well as providing comprehensive coaching for those that are not part of same. We will continue with the cadetships which provide a pathway for those coming out of junior competition and into senior ranks. The specifics of these areas will be disclosed at a later date.

The Coaching Department this year will be made up of the following:

Adam Mikkelsen - Senior Coach  
 Steve Ross - Assistant Coach  
 Hamish Richardson - High Performance Squad Manager  
 Tim Irving - High Performance Squad Specialist Coach  
 Brad Dolman - High Performance Fitness Coach

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Steve Ross to the club. Steve has been appointed as Assistant Coach and will concentrate on all areas of the club, but mainly to provide one on one and group coaching for the players that fall outside of the squad. Steve has over 300 Senior 1st Eleven games experience behind him and will bring a fresh approach to the club.

Hamish and Tim bring an enormous amount of experience to the club and will be invaluable throughout the year. In order to close the gap on our competition it is imperative that we identify the areas that require improvement, whether it be technical, mental or structural, this is what Hamish and Tim will be concentrating on this year.

I am very excited and positive about the upcoming year.

Last year the club took 5 steps forward in respect to its commitment to training and preparation, as well as its decision to invest in its younger players, which I know will pay off in years to come. I am excited about these player's advancement and output for this year. James White, Bryce Jansz and Brad Lovell all had successful debut seasons in Longmuir Shield. Joel Gebert and Luke Morrison showed glimpses of their potential both scoring 200 + runs, and Brad Dolman announced himself as one of the top 5 all rounders in the competition. With the average age of these players at around 20 the club has an enviable base to launch itself from this year.

However, I also know that if a young side wants to be successful it needs to have a balance of age and experience. Therefore no one will be immune from being dropped or conversely being promoted. If the club wants to be successful it needs to have pressure coming from each subsequent grade, i.e. the 5ths putting pressure on the 4ths, 4ths on 3rds, 3rds on 2nds and 2nds on 1sts. Whether you're 16 years old, or over 40, the door to promotion will be open if you are executing the training and playing requirements set out by the coaching department.

Last year's decision to promote the juniors will be the driving factor for this club's future success, but this year everyone will have to earn their spot.

Training commences on the 22nd July 2009 at 7:30pm at the Monash University High Performance Sport Centre (HPSC), located at 13 Duerdin Street, Clayton. The full training schedule is available on the ANA website [bentleighana.com](http://bentleighana.com).

**If you cannot attend any training please call Tim Irving (chairman of selectors) on 0421 341 757.**

To all those playing footy for Bentleigh FC, good luck and let's hope a flag will be waiting for you come September.

All the best

Adam Mikkelsen  
 captain/coach

### 2009/10 PRE-SEASON

Pre-season training for  
**ANA's 80<sup>th</sup> Year**  
 will start on  
 Wednesday 22 July  
 at the  
 Monash University  
 High Performance Sport Centre,  
 3 Duerdin St, Clayton.

The full training schedule is available  
 on the ANA website  
[bentleighana.com](http://bentleighana.com)

### Junior Registration

**U17s, U16s, U14s, U12s  
 & Milo in2 Cricket.**

BANACC is holding its Junior Registration day

Our registration day is fast approaching  
 so keep the date free:

Date: Saturday 8th August  
 Location: King George Reserve  
 Time: 10am to 12noon (incl. BBQ)

For more info contact Rob Lawford on 0423 776 047  
 or at [juniors@bentleighana.com](mailto:juniors@bentleighana.com)



## OFF THE LONG RUN

By Russell Holmesby

By its nature cricket is a game where statistics reflect individual performance within the team framework.

It may be because of his footy background that John Smith has always looked for the way a player fits into the team structure as much as runs scored and wickets taken. It was that way when he captained ANA's seconds and it was a philosophy he tried to emphasise in his role as chairman of selectors.

His journey with ANA started when he was 11 years old alongside Graeme Johnson, at a time when Cedric Jansz and John Bacon were a year above. He has been a committeeman for 17 years in total.



John played 20-odd games for the 'Ones' in an era when the fierceness of competition in the top grade was reflected right down the various levels with probably more intensity than today.

As a kid working on the scorebooks with Darren Haw for the senior teams he got an understanding of what tough cricket was about as he watched John Sanders, Jim March and co go about their business.

*"In cricket terms, ANA was a very hard-nosed team. Cedric was just starting out and he was like that, even as a kid. We wouldn't be backing down to anyone."*

Under nine years of his captaincy, ANA's seconds built a reputation for playing unrelenting cricket from Ball 1.

There were premierships along the way and many young cricketers learned the ropes which equipped them to go onto the firsts.

John has always had a keen eye for character in a cricketer and he recalls how Andy Lee's first game in the seconds featured a defiant batting effort in the lower order, as an example of a cricketer who even at the age of 17 showed the extra ingredients.



*"You see a lot of cricketers at various clubs who are more individuals and worried about themselves more than anything else. A 'football bloke' for example, would get off strike with a leg bye to let the other bloke have a chance to reach his hundred whereas the individual bloke might be thinking about hitting a four."*

As chairman of selectors he has had to preside over often stubborn captains who wouldn't budge, but it did have its lighter moments.

*"You could be in there for what seemed like hours arguing over one person, and then come Saturday they ring up and say they can't play. Meanwhile lifelong friendships between people had been strained!"*

He said that part of the job was compromise – not an easy thing to do when it meant leaving long-time mates out of finals teams.

He knows what it is like – as a player he played the whole season, including a semi final only to be dropped for his mate Johnno to be re-included after missing the semi.

At any level, people have committed five months towards playing in a team. He says that players who have been dropped deserve to be told why.

*"Most times there is not much between the bloke that gets in and the one who misses out."*



Finals scenarios always throw up the dilemma of playing blokes from a higher grade who may be qualified, as against sticking with the combination that has been there all the way.

*"More so in the fielding set-up. Once you start tinkering with it, you can blow it up."*

Towards the end of his playing career, John was traditionally unavailable during the Spring Carnival and his love of racing started when he was a young tacker and a family friend – leading trainer Kelly Chapman encouraged him to be involved.

He would help out at the stables on a Sunday and his love for the turf continues to this day.

Now that he has retired from official posts at the club he will still be around to support where he can, and admits it will be good to enjoy the social side without keeping an eye on whether the fridge is stocked and all the other functions of the club are operating OK.

He's happy that a new look committee has taken over and likes the energy that they have brought to the table.

He doesn't say it, but you get the impression that the most important thing to him is that the club needs to maintain that hard edge.

And that is a large part of John Smith's legacy.



The ultimate clubman

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# A LESSON IN HISTORY

By Pics

## History of cricket .... Part 1

Cricket is a bat-and-ball team sport that is first documented as being played in southern England in the 16th century. By the end of the 18th century, cricket had developed to the point where it had become the national sport of England. The expansion of the British Empire led to cricket being played overseas and by the mid-19th century the first international matches were being held.

Today, the International Cricket Council has 104 members. The game has its greatest following in the Test playing countries of Australia, Bangladesh, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and the West Indies and is generally regarded as the second most popular spectator sport in the world.

No one knows when or where cricket began but there is a body of evidence, much of it circumstantial, that strongly suggests the game was devised during Saxon or Norman times by children living in the Weald, an area of dense woodlands and clearings in south-east England that lies across Kent and Sussex. In medieval times, the Weald was populated by small farming and metal-working communities. It is generally believed that cricket survived as a children's game for many centuries before it was increasingly taken up by adults around the beginning of the 17th century.

It is quite likely that cricket was devised by children and survived for many generations as essentially a children's game. Adult participation is unknown before the early 17th century. Possibly cricket was derived from bowls, assuming bowls is the older sport, by the intervention of a batsman trying to stop the ball from reaching its target by hitting it away. Playing on sheep-grazed land or in clearings, the original implements may have been a matted lump of sheep's wool (or even a stone or a small lump of wood) as the ball; a stick or a crook or another farm tool as the bat; and a stool or a tree stump or a gate (e.g., a wicket gate) as the wicket.

### *Derivation of the name of "cricket"*

A number of words are thought to be possible sources for the term "cricket". In the earliest known reference to the sport in 1598 (see below), it is called creckett. The name may have been derived from the Middle Dutch *krick(-e)*, meaning a stick; or the Old English *cricc* or *cryce* meaning a crutch or staff. Another possible source is the Middle Dutch word *krickstoel*, meaning a long low stool used for kneeling in church and which resembled the long low wicket with two stumps used in early cricket.

According to Heiner Gillmeister, a European language expert of Bonn University, "cricket" derives from the Middle Dutch *met de (krik ket)sen* (i.e., "with the stick chase"), which also suggests a Dutch connection in the game's origin. It is more likely that the terminology of cricket was based on words in use in south east England at the time and, given trade connections with the County of Flanders, especially in the 15th century when it belonged to the Duchy of Burgundy, many Middle Dutch words found their way into southern English dialects.

### *First definite reference*

John Derrick played creckett at The Royal Grammar School in Guildford. Despite many prior suggested references, the first definite reference to the game is found in a 1598 court case concerning dispute over a school's ownership of a plot of land. A 59-year old coroner, John Derrick, testified that he and his school friends had played creckett on the site fifty years earlier. The school was the Royal Grammar School, Guildford, and Mr Derrick's account proves beyond reasonable doubt that the game was being played in Surrey c.1550.

The first reference to it being played as an adult sport was in 1611, when two men in Sussex were prosecuted for playing cricket on Sunday instead of going to church. In the same year, a dictionary defines cricket as a boys' game and this suggests that adult participation was a recent development.

### *Early seventeenth century*

A number of references occur up to the English Civil War and these indicate that cricket had become an adult game contested by parish teams, but there is no evidence of county strength teams at this time. Equally, there is little evidence of the rampant gambling that characterised the game throughout the 18th century. It is generally believed, therefore, that village cricket had developed by the middle of the 17th century but that county cricket had not and that investment in the game had not begun.

### *The Commonwealth*

After the Civil War ended in 1648, the new Puritan government clamped down on "unlawful assemblies", in particular the more raucous sports such as football. Their laws also demanded a stricter observance of the Sabbath than there had been previously. As the Sabbath was the only free time available to the lower classes, cricket's popularity may have waned during the Commonwealth. Having said that, it did flourish in public fee-paying schools such as Winchester and St Paul's. There is no actual evidence that Oliver Cromwell's regime banned cricket specifically and there are references to it during the interregnum that suggest it was acceptable to the authorities providing it did not cause any "breach of the Sabbath".

### *Gambling and press coverage*

Cricket certainly thrived after the Restoration in 1660 and is believed to have first attracted gamblers making large bets at this time. In 1664, the "Cavalier" Parliament passed the Gaming Act 1664 which limited stakes to £100, although that was still a fortune at the time. Cricket had certainly become a significant gambling sport by the end of the 17th century. There is a newspaper report of a "great match" played in Sussex in 1697 which was 11-a-side and played for high stakes of 50 guineas a side.

With freedom of the press having been granted in 1696, cricket for the first time could be reported in the newspapers. But it was a long time before the newspaper industry adapted sufficiently to provide frequent, let alone comprehensive, coverage of the game. During the first half of the 18th century, press reports tended to focus on the betting rather than on the play.

Reference : [Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricket)