

Cricket: Bar Routs Solicitors (Just)

On Sunday the 11th March, 1990 the Bar played a NSW Law Society XI at the magnificent North Sydney Oval. This game had been a regular fixture in the Bar cricket calendar; however, it lapsed approximately 5 years ago at a time when the cricketing force of the solicitors' team was overwhelming.

With the assistance of some "new talent", namely, Rod Foord, John Harris, Robert Weber, Greg Levick, Simon Burchett and Robert Dubler, the Bar took up the challenge.

The solicitors were restricted to 165 runs for 9 wickets off their allotted 40 overs due to tight bowling by King (2/22), Webb (1/26 off 6), Sandrasegra (1/30 off 8), Foord (0/23 off 7) and Peter Naughtin (1/88 off 6) and Levick (3/11 off 3).

The Bar batted and found itself slightly behind the target set after 3 early run outs. John Harris meanwhile made 60 runs. He was joined at the wicket by Rod Foord. Unfortunately Harris was bowled and Foord was joined by Greg Laughton. In the last over 7 runs were required and when Foord was also run out for 52 on the 3rd last ball, 3 runs were required for a win and 2 for a draw. Laughton was facing and completely missed the next ball. On the last ball of good length, pitched outside off stump, Laughton played a shot which he had saved for the occasion - some British commentators would describe it as 'a swat to couch shot corner'* and with only one bounce reached the boundary and thus won the game thereby returning prestige to the Bar who had not beaten the solicitors since 1983. □ Peter Maiden

** This is not a typesetting error. The first reader who identifies any reputable British cricket commentator who has so described a shot (supported by proper evidence) gets a free ticket to the next Bar-Solicitors Cricket Match.*

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The Bar was represented by Peter Gray and Dennis Flaherty, who found themselves somewhat out-numbered as the competition is one for teams of eight. However, the solicitors were similarly placed, and so Roger Williams and Dennis Hill made up an agreeable legal foursome.

The Killara course was in benign mood, earthworks reducing the length of several holes dramatically. As a result, scores were flattering and the Bar duo came within a whisker of carrying off the best 4-ball, their 48 points succumbing only a

countback.

The overall honours went to the dentists, from the vets and the surveyors. A most enjoyable dinner at the clubhouse concluded the day. It is to be hoped that 1990 sees a larger turnout from the Bar. □ Peter Gray

The Great Bar Squash Competition

The inaugural Great Bar Squash Competition was played at the University and Schools Club during the winter and spring of 1989.

The competition was an inter-floor competition, open to all floors who could entice at least three members to play.

The following floors were represented - 8 Wentworth (P. Taylor, P. Blacket, P. Greenwood and J. Gleeson), 8 Windeyer (C. Loveday, J. Bryson, G. Newport, M. Evans), 13 Selborne (J. Thomson, T. Barrett, J. Marshall, D. Casperson), 4 Selborne (N. Cowdrey QC, G. Mackey, K. Morrissey, R. Montgomery) and 16 Wardell (D. Wilkins, M. De Lizio, B. Donnelly).

A Round Robin competition was played, with each team playing each other team on two occasions. Regrettably, the Wardell team had to drop out of the competition due to the members' other commitments.

The Grand Final, between 8 Wentworth and 8 Windeyer, produced one of the most exciting matches ever seen at the University and Schools Club. Loveday (8 Windeyer) and Gleeson (8 Wentworth) toiled for what seemed like hours before Loveday finally had his way. But it was all to no avail and 8 Wentworth clinched the series with a victory by Taylor over Newport and a victory by Greenwood over the absent Bryson.

The series was, at all times, played with excellent spirit. Players who struck other players always apologised and the players who were struck always got even.

A perpetual trophy was donated and presented by His Honour Judge McCredie, himself no slouch on the squash court (or the tennis court, or the District Court).

The President, O'Keefe QC, reminded us of the value of such social activities in facilitating our professional dealings with one another and enhancing the community at the Bar. Coombs QC threatened to participate in the competition once his knee is in proper condition. Such a threat is not to be taken lightly and the existing competitors wish John a long recovery.

Tony Reynolds attended to the running of the competition and kindly donated a Best and Fairest trophy which was carried away by Jim Thomson (13 Wentworth). □ P.H. Greenwood



A good shot of Officer of the Day Wheelahan QC presenting the Gruff Crawford Memorial Panache Trophy.