

Bellanto QC. The Legal Eagles were eliminated in the first round, going down 4-1 to the Victorian "Bar None" team and 3-1 to the Victorian solicitors' team. Not surprisingly, no report of this event filtered through to Bar News and it was not until a crowing report of the event appeared in Victorian Bar News that the editor was even aware the event had taken place and conducted enquiries.

Peter Callaghan, until comparatively recently a member of our Bar and now a solicitor, reported that the match was organised through the initiative of the Victorian Bar and was timed to coincide with the cricket match between the New South Wales and Victorian Bars in Melbourne (another match which has not reached the Editor's ears until minutes before deadline, presumably because, again, the Victorian Bar defeated the New South Wales Bar).

Despite the minor involvement of the New South Wales Bar in the "Legal Eagles" team, their participation is described as "enthusiastic" and "prominent". Masterman QC is said to have been in one of his particularly talkative moods and to have made a most vocal contribution to all matches, including the matches between the two Victorian teams which resulted in a draw.

By way of background the "Legal Eagles" team was formed by, amongst others, Meares QC in the late 1950s and has played each season since then as the lowest grade team with Gordon Club. Apart from Meares QC it has included over the years Holland J., Barbour DCJ., Newton DCJ., Masterman QC, Gyles QC, Graham QC, Bellanto QC, Collins QC and G.H. Johnson. For many years until 1987 there were annual hockey matches between Bar and solicitors' teams with the Bar currently holding the Noonan Trophy, having retrieved it from the solicitors with a long awaited win in 1987. Unfortunately the Bar seems to have regarded this success as enabling it to retire from the fray and the Bar has been unable to put together a hockey team since then. It would be disappointing if this contest was allowed to lapse.

Anyone interested in forming part of a revived Bar Hockey Team should contact either Masterman QC or Bellanto QC. There are to be return matches against the Victorian Bar and the Law Institute in Sydney in 1991. It would be a good idea to get a team together in time to be able to field a Bar team totally against the Victorian Bar to avenge the recent defeat. □

Letter to the Sporting Editor

Dear Editor,

Re: Cricket: "Bar Routs Solicitors (Just)" and "a swat to couch shot corner" - Bar News Autumn 1990

I've not been a real cricketer but have been a cricket devotee most of my life-(I've seen a part of every Test played on S.C.G. since 1924).

Until a few years ago I was a player and later a spectator in the NSW Bar v. Queensland Bar matches played in Sydney and Brisbane.

My memory allows me to hear almost "instant replays" of the "mock" broadcasts of the England v. Australia tests of the early 1930s in which Charles Moses, Bernard Kerr (now both deceased) and Alan McGilvray participated. Before them Monty Noble and Johnny Moyes figured prominently in commentaries. Mel Morris (Victoria) was a well known voice during the bodyline days of 1932/33. Later (post war) Arthur Gilligan and Victor Richardson ("Arthur and Vic") were the "pathfinders" to a host of cricket commentators, from England and Australia, some of whom are heard to this day.

I've heard them all and seen most of them, but never, repeat never, have I heard anyone of them describe a shot as "a swat to couch shot corner"!!

In making this admission I regret I've sacrificed any chance of getting a free ticket to the next Bar v. Solicitors match.
"IT MUST HAVE BEEN A TYPESETTING ERROR".

Dudley Williams
6 June 1990

Cycling Day

The inaugural Legal Cycling Day was held on 6 May 1990 for family and friends of members of the Bar, Allen Allen & Hemsley, Mallesons Stephen Jaques and Frechill Hollingdale & Page in the Cattai area with a start at the historic Ebenezer Church. Approximately 130 enthusiasts participated. The long course was a testing 60 kilometres in warm conditions, while a shorter course over 16 kilometres was available for the less energetic. The Bar contributed 30 cyclists including clerks, family and friends and featuring a hard core of Austin, Cotman, Hastings, Loveday, O'Loughlin, Pembroke, Regattieri and Robson.

Those who could still sit down afterwards enjoyed a pleasant lunch provided by the citizens of Ebenezer in the attractive church grounds aptly adjacent to the graveyard.

The Clarence Street Cyclery generously provided a maintenance crew and donated a bicycle as a prize for a raffle, the proceeds of which went to the Spina Bifida Unit of the Children's Hospital.

Encouraged by the success of the day, the organisers have promised a re-run at about the same time next year.

□ Peter Hastings

