

Cricket

Bar v. Solicitors

The second of the revived annual cricket matches between the New South Wales Bar and the Law Society took place at North Sydney No. 2 Oval on 3rd March. The game was significant due to the debut for the Bar of a couple of second generation cricketers, Hughes Jnr. and Gyles Jnr.

After having the impertinence to win the same fixture last year, there was some apprehension in the Bar team that the solicitors may overreact by utilising their undoubted depth to field a team which would lead to an unequal contest. That turned out not to be the case, as the Bar eventually won reasonably comfortably by passing the solicitors' total of 184 with 3 overs to spare and 5 wickets in hand.

The solicitors batted first and commenced impressively with an opening stand of 77, although at a modest run rate due to steady bowling by Levick and Naughton. The Bar fielded enthusiastically and the solicitors' final score of 184 from 45 overs on a small ground was well within reach. Geoff Parker, also making his initial appearance for the Bar, bowled well and Hughes Jnr. opened the bowling with vigour but displayed a familiar trait by leaving the ground after 3 overs and returning later to conclude his bowling spell.

A superb innings of 76 by John Harris ensured that the Bar was always likely to reach the target set by the solicitors. With steady support from Burchett, Harris figured in an opening partnership of 83 and was finally out with the score at 106, of which he had contributed 76. Collins QC, with a fine 62 n.o. then steered the Bar to victory. After being heard to enquire of the captain whether, due to the alleged debilitating effects of nerve irritation at L3/4, he should hit out or occupy an end, he obviously chose the former by threatening motorists on the adjoining expressway with a series of huge sixes. Parker eventually hit consecutive fours to score the winning runs with 3 overs to spare.

New South Wales Bar v. Victorian Bar

The annual match against the Victorian Bar took place at Acron Oval, St. Ives, on 10 March 1991, with a depressingly close win to Victoria off the second last ball of the day.

With his usual flair, Maiden arranged the entertainment of the teams at Dimitris Five Doors the night before, causing some optimism amongst the home team that several of the visitors could well be jaded after a particularly late finish to the evening/morning. Unfortunately, that turned out to be only partly correct.

New South Wales batted first and, in conditions which were slow due to overnight rain, accumulated a score of 153 from 40 overs. Gyles (33) and Harris (22) were the principal contributors. Victoria then started briskly and were well ahead of the required run rate before Hamman and Naughtin gained control with some tight bowling. Wickets then commenced to fall and with a short, sharp spell from Parker (3-9 from 4 overs), suddenly Victoria were 8/99. Some critics suggest that the

captain lapsed into error by thereupon relaxing the pressure in removing the successful bowlers from the attack. The captain suggests that 3 dropped catches were responsible, but whatever the cause, the fact was that the next Victorian wicket did not fall until the score reached 138. To add insult to injury, Maiden then came to the wicket in his role as a covert Victorian and proceeded to score the remaining runs required, including the final flourish of a four off the second last ball of the game to win the match for the Victorians. Readers can form their own views of this behaviour. The unhappy consequence was that the handsome trophy has now returned to Victoria for another year.

□ Peter Hastings

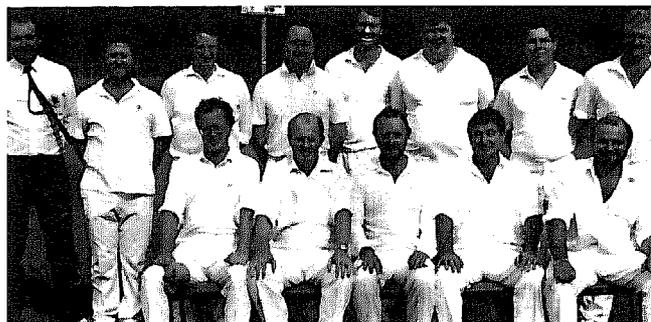
NSW Bar v. Queensland Bar

The Bar finished its 1991 cricket season with a comfortable win in its annual match against the Queensland Bar on 20 April 1991.

Following the successful format adopted by the NSW Bar last year with the game being played out of town (Bowral), the Queensland hosts this year arranged a magnificent weekend at Coolangatta for the annual clash. The game itself was played on the Bilambil sportsground in the nearby foothills. With an excellent wicket and fine amenities and pleasant weather, the setting was ideal. NSW batted first and with John Harris (55) and Rod Foord (72) in top form, the score was a useful 194 from 45 overs.

Notwithstanding the debilitating effects of a pleasant lunch, Queensland started its innings comfortably despite aggressive bowling from Naughtin and King, reaching 50 without losing a wicket. However, the arrival of Stirling Hamman at the bowling crease changed the situation rapidly and Queensland then lost 7 wickets for 16 runs. Hamman took 2 wickets for 4 runs from 5 overs, Foord assisted with 2 wickets for 2 runs from 4 overs and Naughtin then picked up 2 wickets giving him 2 for 25 off 8 overs. The fielding was top class with a great catch from wicket keeper Ireland QC and two smart runouts. Queensland eventually reached a total of 141 off 39 overs leaving NSW the victors by 53 runs. Kevin Connor and John Costigan finished off the innings with some tidy overs. The post-game celebrations took place at the Greenmount Resort, where both teams stayed and Poulos QC gave the Queenslanders a taste of his best "Fifteen Bobber" form after dinner.

□ Peter Hastings



*The victorious NSW Bar team which defeated Queensland.
Rear: H.Munroe (Umpire), Naughtin, Connor,
Costigan, Harris, Ireland QC, Levick, Foord.
Front: Maiden, King, Hastings (C), Hamman, Poulos QC.*

7th Great Bar Race - Memorable Day on the Harbour

The largest fleet yet to compete in the race did battle on Sydney Harbour on Monday, 17th December, 1990.

Forty four yachts competed in this year's race which was started by the firing of a cannon by O'Keefe QC, the "Officer of the Day", from the historic schooner rigged "Boomerang".

The race was sailed in a 10-15 knot south easter which conveniently came in about half an hour before the start of the race. It made for keen and enjoyable racing.

As a result of a breakdown in communication between the writer and his co-organiser, Kelly, O'Keefe QC was not made the "Commodore of the Fleet" but the "Officer of the Day" which function Wheelahan QC had discharged with distinction and panache in previous years. This apparent slight by the race organisers will not be repeated in future years as Wheelahan QC is not one to be trifled with. Next year the ruling President of the Bar Association (if willing) will be the "Commodore of the Fleet" and Wheelahan QC will resume his rightful position as "Officer of the Day".

The race was won by Bodor QC in "Impulse" in a fast time of 1 hour 33 minutes. The "Law Book Sailing Trophy" was kindly presented to him by Mr. Crane, the National Marketing Manager of that company. Bodor QC also took the "Chalfont Cup" for competition between Judges and Silks. The Attorney General, John Dowd QC, was able to enjoy the festivities of the day and presented this trophy. Foster J., who came in third in the race, missed out by a whisker in repeating the feat of his brother Smythe J., who won both of these trophies in the Third Great Bar Race.

Kelly took a good second in "Blind Justice" and O'Keefe QC kindly presented the Bar Association pewters to the skippers.

This year, for the first time, the skippers competed for the "Compo Cup", kindly donated by Coleman (previously Coleman J. of the Compensation Court Bench). This trophy was not donated to perpetuate the memory of that august Court but to provide a fitting prize for a member of the junior bar who competed in the race with distinction but did not take one of the major trophies and sailed a yacht which did not regularly compete in organised races. This year's winner was Morrison in "Gramayre". This feat was achieved by him without the able assistance of his usual crew and good wife, Sue, and his young family.

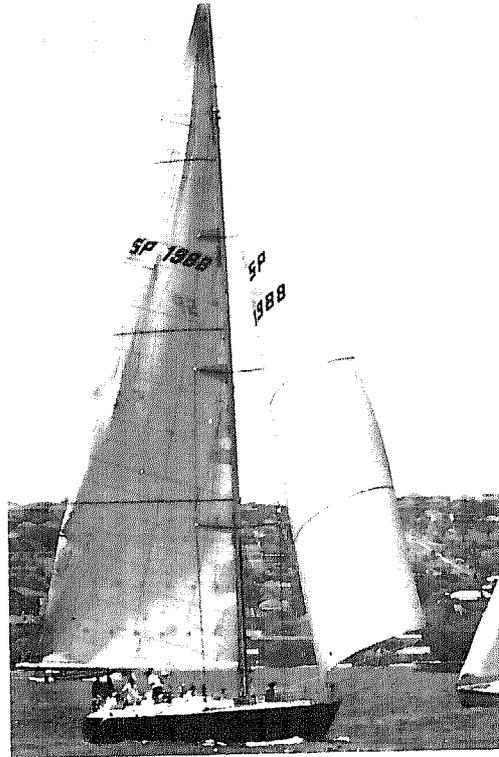
The obvious winner of the prized "Gruff Crawford

Memorial Panache Trophy" was Cranitch who skippered "Sundancer", a 60ft. tub. It was a manful effort by Cranitch in seeking to complete the course with a yacht that had aboard a large crew of 60 odd persons in jovial mood and all wearing t-shirts with the words "Sir James Martin Chambers". There was a scurrilous rumour that some of these persons were in fact solicitors! It had the appearance of a modern day pirate ship.

The post race celebrations on Store Beach attracted several hundred skippers, crew and other members of the judiciary and the Bar who had come onto the harbour to enjoy the race and the social activities. Unfortunately, the tender service could not cope with the numbers that wished to be on Store Beach for the presentation of trophies and there were probably another couple of hundred who remained on their yachts. This problem will be remedied for this year's race.

There has been a considerable debate concerning the date upon which the "8th Great Bar Race" should be sailed as this year the law vacation commences on Monday 23rd December, which is very close to Christmas. The race has traditionally been sailed on this day and it is the tentative view of the race organisers that this tradition ought to be maintained. The views of skippers have already been canvassed in relation to this matter and any further comments or views would be welcome.

Many thanks to O'Connor for the provision of "MV Lennox" and to John Barrett and Alan Brown of the CYCA who assisted with the starting and supervision of the race and the handicapping.



A Barrister's Boat: On the one hand, if the wind blows from port; on the other hand ...



... not all craft were luxurious!



Presentations ...

Finally, it is the present intention of the organisers to seek to include in the 10th Great Bar Race Day a race between representatives of the Interstate Bars and our ruling champion yacht. A suitable trophy will be arranged. □ Des Kennedy

Golf Bench & Bar Unlucky to Lose to Solicitors

The Bench & Bar, gallant as always, were narrowly defeated by the solicitors 10 1/2 matches to 8 1/2 matches. The solicitors, who numerically exceed the Bench & Bar by factor of 4, seem to take enormous, indeed, disproportionate delight in defeating the Bar at anything. In this reporter's view their only hope is at golf and that is due largely to the fact that many of our senior and distinguished golfers were unable to attend.

Next year we propose to unleash our most powerful weapon - the David and Goliath of the Bar - own own scud missile - McInerney J and (the recently married) Norman Delaney.

Until then we will need to satisfy ourselves with some outstanding results which regrettably did not lead to the regaining of the trophy which, it is understood, has mysteriously disappeared from the Law Society custody and into which an inquiry will ultimately have to be conducted.

It's worth noting, particularly from the point of view of those members of Bar who may be fortunate enough to appear in front of Judge Sinclair QC, DCJ, in cases where the opposition is represented by a solicitor that, in the Law Society Journal report of the event, the solicitors recorded that the "Bench and Bar representative Judge Sinclair QC begrudgingly presented the trophy to the solicitors ...". Barristers ought note that his Honour was cordial and charming throughout the presentation of the trophy.

The results were as follows: Best ball score for the Bench and Bar J. Steele and I.D. McA. Roberts, 49 points; runners up, Judge Gallen and T. Christie, 47 points; best ball score for the

Solicitors, E. Fritchley and P. Farrugia, 50 points; runners up, P. Caldwell and M. Hogan, 46 points; best front nine, R. Moss, J. Demester, 26 points; best back nine, J. Spencer and J. McDonald, 23 points; longest drive, J. Andrews; nearest to pin, D. Remedios. □

Golf Day - Bench and Senior Bar v Junior Bar

This annual game which was inaugurated in 1987 was played at Pymble Golf Club on Tuesday 4 April 1991. Forty eight golfers hit off in perfect weather (as opposed to the quagmire conditions of 1990), and all enjoyed (to varying degrees) a day of good fellowship and interesting golf.

The Bench and Senior Bar were successful by seven matches to five, their first triumph over the Junior Bar since 1987. Some players remarked upon their elevation (courtesy of Webb QC) to higher status for the day, but showed their appreciation with some stunning performances on the greens.

The best eighteen holes for the Senior Bar was won by Judge Kinchington and Mike Cummings, whilst the best for the Junior Bar were Rick Seton and Terry McGill. Col O'Connor and J Harris (elevated for the day) were runners up.

Judge Staunton accepted the trophy for the Bench and Senior Bar, with forebodings as to the future of the competition (ie Easter Tuesday may not continue to be a Court holiday much longer).

□ N. F. Delaney

Tennis

Due to difficulties in finding a suitable venue on a day when the Courts did not sit in 1990, the Annual Tennis Day for the Judge Barbour QC Cup was not contested last year.

Arrangements have been put in train to arrange the Competition in 1991 and the final details will be published when they are to hand.

For the record the 1989 results, having not been previously published, were as follows: Greg Newport and Michael Sexton defeated Justice Giles and Brian Knox 6/2, 6/2.

□ Tony Reynolds

Squash

The Judge McCredie Cup for the annual competition of the Bar Members was held on Wednesday 19 December, 1990 at the University and Schools Club.

The players who arrived for the Round Robin Competition had their squash abilities fully tested as they had to play five matches within the afternoon's programme. The Final was won by Andrew Fennell of the Gosford Bar who defeated Jim Young of Trust Chambers 7/9, 9/7, 9/7, 9/1.

The Bar Association Trophy for the Best Allrounders was won by the Team from 13th Wentworth Chambers.

□ Tony Reynolds