

NSW Bar Association v Queensland Bar Association cricket game

By Anthony McInerney

On the weekend of 8/9 September 2001, the New South Wales Bar Association XI travelled to Brisbane for the annual NSW Bar Association v Queensland Bar Association cricket game. Despite assurances from many, and confidence that two teams would travel to Brisbane for the festivities, a keen but not overly skillful group of twelve arrived at the Alan Border Oval to take on the might of the Queensland Bar, as part of the Goodwill Games. From the time the New South Welshman arrived, the result was fairly predictable. New South Wales scored too few, whilst Queensland scored too many. As a result, memories of the game have faded more quickly than one would ordinarily expect. In addition, the score book has mysteriously disappeared, photographs taken at the time have not been developed, and players thought to have participated now deny they were present (Poulos Q.C. denies ever having been to Brisbane, let alone to the Allan Border Oval. Suggestions that he is feigning or

malingering have been vigorously disputed).

For those who played, the batting was more memorable than the fielding. Dalglish contributed a handy knock at the top of the order of 40 or so. Neil and Foord hit a few, whilst Reynolds S.C. was steady. Gyles belted a quick fire thirty odd; and Ireland Q.C. and Toner S.C. did well at the end. King S.C. and Frank Curran provided admirable tail end support. Unfortunately Poulos Q.C., White S.C. and McInerney did not trouble the scorers.

The less said about the fielding the better, other than to note that King S.C. pushed off the fence to open the bowling with his usual venom, and Ireland Q.C. kept the wickets well. Frank Curran showed his commitment to the cause by keeping score, notwithstanding that his beloved Sydney University Rugby Club were in the first grade final that afternoon. Our thanks go to the Queensland Bar Association for their warm hospitality; a very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Morris Q.C. and we are much indebted to him and to the Queensland Bar. All are looking forward to the return match next year.

NSW Solicitors team, one week earlier, had taken its toll. Injuries played havoc with the NSW game plans. Bellanto Q.C. (knee), Mallon (knee) and Moen (knee) were all unavailable to play. Looking back, we should've had Merv Cross on retainer.

However, hometown advantage proved invaluable, with the NSW selectors having 15 players to choose from. The interchange bench, particularly Callaghan S.C., provided great vocal support throughout the match.

NSW started strongly in the first half, Warburton scoring an early goal from a well-taken penalty corner. Thereafter the Victorians replied with some sustained attack. Their persistence paid off, and they scored two goals in the remainder of the first half. Worthy of note in the dying moments of the first half was a valiant attempt by Scotting to score a 'length of the field' goal. Hockey folklore awaited him (scoring a goal from full-back is a lifetime achievement). Free in the circle, unfortunately, the last pass was just out of reach.

The second half was a hard fought affair, with the honours being evenly shared. In the end we were hungry and Pritchard scored the equaliser with only minutes to spare.

The New South Wales effort was based on heart and in this department players like Robertson, Jordan, Giagios, Rana and McManamey, gave 110 per cent. Welcome additions to last year's side were the new recruit Asha Belkin, and Ridley, a warrior, who played in his usual bruising style. Larkin was inspirational as on-field captain.

The teams adjourned to the player's bar overlooking the stadium and drank to the success of this year's game. Later, the teams got together at 'the Little Snail' at Ultimo for dinner. Katzmann S.C. spoke on behalf of NSW, setting the platform for many years of future rivalry. Burchardt replied on behalf of the Victorians, declaring that the



The pressure of on-field captaincy showed on Larkin's face.

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Barristers hockey match 2001

NSW Barristers v Victorian

By Andrew Scotting

Just over one year after the games, the Olympic Hockey Stadium again came alive to the excitement of the greatest game of all, when the New South Wales Bar took on the Victorians, on 13 October 2001.

Last year they called us too old, too fat and too slow. This time we were almost too good. The brave underdogs of NSW registered a hard fought and well-deserved 2-all draw, against all odds.

Sydney turned on a perfect spring day to warm the hearts of the

Victorians. They arrived early by all means, of planes, trains and automobile, following the Ansett collapse. Appropriately dressed in black, they were brimming with confidence and eager for the contest. Again, they managed to gather a youthful outfit, although this year they fielded Dreyfuss Q.C., who was far too agile be a silk.

Strict instructions had been given to New South Wales that alcohol was not part of this year's preparation. Unfortunately, the match against the

contest should become an annual event.

Last year I received many copies of the match report that appeared in the Victorian *Bar News* from concerned NSW members. I hope this year's result has restored faith in the noble few who defend the honour of the NSW Bar. Shagger and Bunter would be proud.

Thanks to Phillip Burchardt for gathering the Victorian team,

Patrick Larkin for organising the ground and refreshments and our umpires Chris Smith and Alison Robertson.

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Chris Smith (umpire), Lawrence (ring-in), Giagios, Callahan S.C., Robertson, Jordan, Ireland Q.C., Scotting, Ridley, McManamey, Rana, Warburton, Katzmann S.C., Pritchard, Larkin, Belkin, Alison Robertson (umpire).

2001 - A chess odyssey

By Paul R Glissan
Captain of the Bench and Bar Team

In recent weeks I have been stopped in crowded Selborne lifts and besieged with enquiries as to the whereabouts of the Terrey Shaw Memorial Shield, following its sudden disappearance from the trophy cabinet in the Bar common room, where it had held pride of place for as long as most could remember.

To all these enquirers I reply:-

Ah, Majesty, what labour it would be to go through the whole story! All my years of misadventures, given by those on high! But this you ask about is quickly told.

(Homer, *The Odyssey*)

On 6 September 1993 Shaw, for many years one of Australia's Chess Olympiad representatives and chess editor of *The Bulletin*, startled the president of the NSW Bar Association, John Coombs Q.C., with the following news:

For some years now several colleagues and myself have noted with disappointment a glaring omission in the Bar's calendar of social events: a Bench and Bar v Solicitors chess match.

This year we have decided to galvanise ourselves into action and organise such a match. We would like to confirm that our team which charges into battle on 5th November will do so with the imprimatur of the Bar Association Council, so that our

standard-bearer will be carrying the official colours, so to speak.

To its eternal credit, the Bar Council gave its imprimatur, and, on 5 November 1993 Shaw carried the Bar's colours into battle, ably assisted, on behalf of the Bench, by former Australian chess champion, Justice J S Purdy of the Family Court of Australia.

The Bench and Bar won the inaugural match by the comfortable margin of 9-3, but thereafter the going got harder and the outcome of subsequent matches often depended on the final game to finish on the night.

In 1994 the Bench and Bar won by 10-8, in 1995 by 11-7, in 1996 by 10-8 and in 1997 by 11-9; in 1998 the match was tied 8½-8½; in 1999 the Bench and Bar again won, by 8½-5½; last year the match was again tied 6½-6½. Shaw played on board one for the Bench and Bar in each of the first four matches.

The first three matches were played in the genteel University and Schools Club, and were followed by long post mortems over succulent roast beef and copious libations.

In 1996 Shaw handed over the Bar's colours to me and the match was played in the Bar dining room, and was followed by a reception in the Bar common room.

Since 1997 the match has been played at the Law Society's lounge and dining room. Since then, like Trojans, our adversaries have awaited our annual incursions to do battle with them, peering down over the ramparts. Since then, unlike Greeks, we have come without bearing gifts, but proudly carrying the shield aloft.

This year, on 19 October, with fourteen



Glissan and Chek with the Shaw Shield.

members at their oars, including the legendary Kintominas (the memory of whom winning with three queens against a former opponent's two queens will live with me for a long time) and the mighty Ioannou, we set off across a wine dark sea in defence of the shield. As we approached the enemy camp, the gallant Gordon McGrath, with a perfect record of eight wins under his belt, was overheard muttering, 'the solicitors have me in their sights this year', and Watts was overheard confessing that he had not played any chess in the past twelve months (including against his computer). Inauspiciously, we were again without Bullfry Q.C., who had gone to his Christmas Island Chambers in expectation of a boatload of clients, who insisted on a rigorous application of the Cab Rank Rule. More importantly, we were without Justice Purdy.

To make our task even more difficult, all our rated players were matched against