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from the Chairman

Welcome to the 2009 autumn edition of the ACT Taverner's newsletter, six months since our last. It has been a busy time for the committee as you will see when you meander your way through the various articles.

We see the work of the committee of the Lord's Taverners ACT Branch being divided quite neatly into two: the raising of funds and the distribution of those funds. To do this we rely heavily on our members to help in the raising of funds, by supporting the various events we hold and by membership subscriptions. This year we had an opportunity to raise a substantial amount by changing the nature of our annual Golf Day from a day for members and guests to a corporate day. We appreciate that this took the day out of the reach of many of our members, but we did raise almost \$25,000. To put this in perspective, in earlier years the Golf Day for members raised no more than \$6,000.

The committee is conscious of the fact that a lot of our members saw the Golf Day as a highlight of the year and a wonderful opportunity for contact and fellowship with other members. So that this is not lost, we have decided to run a separate golf day for members' enjoyment. This will be held on Thursday 5 November at Gold Creek.

Our AGM and Annual Dinner are to be held a little later than normal, early in September. We see this as another event being primarily for members' enjoyment and we're delighted that Sir Richard Hadlee has accepted our invitation to attend and address the Dinner. It will be held at the Boathouse and details sent to members in July with the notice of AGM.

All of our committee members have applied great effort to the organisation of our fundraising events; but more importantly, to the distribution of the funds raised for the benefit of a wide and diverse range of worthy causes. You should all be extremely proud of your commitment to your membership and support of the Lord's Taverners. There are a significant number of young, disadvantaged people, out in the community, who are enjoying life far more because of the care that you have for them.

It may seem to be a quiet time now the cricket season in Australia is over but our committee meets every month to make sure that we're ready for the next season of fundraising and distribution.

Very many thanks to all you Taverners.

DAVID NICHOLLS



funds raised

2008-2009
(so far)

2008 AGM and Annual Dinner	\$2,146
Lord's Taverners Dinner	\$8,088
PM's XI match	\$2,198
CIC Limited / Colliers International LT Golf Day	\$ 23,447
British High Commissioner's Garden Party	\$1,883
Membership subscriptions	\$9,550
Donations	\$1,620
Lord's Taverners Vic Branch Raffle	\$3,300
Interest	\$4,148
TOTAL	\$56,380

Lord's Taverners Dinner

On the eve of the PM's XI match against New Zealand at Manuka Oval in Canberra on 29 January 2009, we held our annual Lord's Taverners Dinner. About 140 Taverners and guests enjoyed a great dinner in the Bradman Stand of Manuka Oval, a talk by guest speaker Geoff Lawson about his experiences coaching in Pakistan, which he related with candour and fondness for the players and Pakistani people in general, and an open and frank question and answer session with the Invincibles – Harvey, Morris and Loxton. Special guest Sir Richard Hadlee spoke openly on 20-20 cricket v. playing for your country among other controversial issues.



PM's XI v New Zealand

On what turned out to be one of the first of many extremely hot summer days, a group of 65 Taverner and PM's XI supporters watched their team beat the New Zealand side. Again, the catering team of Lorraine Nicholls ably assisted by Chairman David Nicholls, provided a wonderful feast in the shady Caretaker's Cottage garden. A few committee members along with members of the VISACT team wandered the grounds seeking "bucket" donations and raised over \$1,100. We were down on numbers from previous years, but those who came seemed to really enjoy the day.

CIC Limited / Colliers International Lord's Taverners Golf Day

On a beautiful sunny Monday in February, we held our annual charity Golf Day at Royal Canberra Golf Club. The format varied from past years and focused on attracting corporate donors to participate with several local and international touring golf professionals in a fun team environment. The Lord's Taverners were supported by ten professional golfers including:

- Brendan Jones - 62 in the world rankings
- Nikki Campbell - a touring professional and winner on the Ladies Professional Golf Association circuit
- Damon Welsford - the Australian Trainee Player of the year

Nikki Campbell arrived fresh having completed the final round of the Australian Open LPGA event the day before and Brendan Jones left immediately after our charity event to play head to head against Tiger Woods in the first round of the World Match Play Championships.

Our major sponsors were Canberra Investment Corporation and Colliers International. Several Canberra companies sponsored the event by purchasing professionals with whom to play on the day. The Fosters Group also supported the event with excellent wines to complement the wonderful food provided by Royal Canberra Golf Club.

The winning team comprised local identities Rob Service, Dennis Nihill, Michael Kumm and Mac Howell. The winning individual was young aspiring professional Allan Haughie who shot a very impressive 67 off the stick.

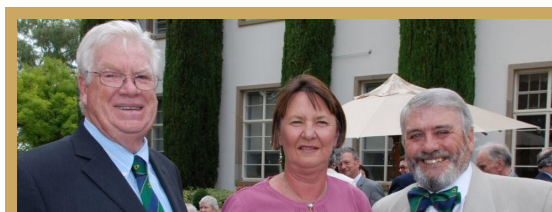
Before the golfers teed off, participants and sponsors were addressed by several of the beneficiaries of Taverners' fundraising. ACT Cricket CEO Mark Vergano outlined aspects of the excellent and supportive relationship between Lord's Taverners ACT Branch and ACT Cricket which he said was ACT Cricket's most significant partnership in assisting charitable and community activities.

Nick Haydardedeoglu from ACT Blind Cricket spoke of the valuable and vital support Lord's Taverners had provided to the ACT Blind Cricket team over a number of years which had enabled it to participate in National Competition and for some of the team members to gain selection in the Australian team. Adam Cunningham, a Lord's Taverners 2009 Scholarship winner, in his first public speaking experience, most articulately informed those present of how his Scholarship funding helped him pursue his athletic ambitions.

British High Commissioner's Annual Garden Party

Members were again very fortunate to be invited by the British High Commissioner, HE Mrs Helen Liddell, to her Annual Garden Party and Reception held in the garden of her Deakin residence, Westminster House, high above Canberra, looking across to the Brindabella Range in the distance. Surely one of the best views in Canberra!

A few hundred guests enjoyed the High Commissioner's hospitality including about 50 Taverners. Her generosity meant that nearly \$2,000 from ticket sales and a raffle was raised for Lord's Taverners.



distribution of funds

ACT Cricket Association

Each year ACT Cricket seeks the support of our Branch for various activities which they administer. Included are the Imparja Cup, Spirit of Cricket Awards, Table Top Cricket, Women's Premier League cricket and Manuka Oval Gym maintenance and you can see from the accompanying list how much we have given this year. We also rely on them to select the Junior Taverners each year.

Pacific School Games

In our last newsletter we reported that the Lord's Taverners-sponsored ACT Under 18 Intellectually Disabled basketball team was to compete in the Pacific School Games in Canberra late in 2008. The team consisted of 10 players – 8 boys and 2 girls – who acquitted themselves admirably, showing excellent sportsmanship towards other teams and officials. Although not winning any games, the coaches of rival teams commented on the team's commitment and improvement in every game.

Their coach, Dr Jim Bell, subsequently told us that many of the young athletes came from disadvantaged families and without the support of the Lord's Taverners ACT Branch "would not have had the opportunity to experience the thrill of competing in a major international sporting competition such as the Pacific School Games." The parents of the children asked him to pass on to the Lord's Taverners their sincere thanks for giving this opportunity to their children. Three of the team have now graduated to the senior division of their sport.

Lord's Taverners scholarships

On 1 February 2009 members of the committee attended a barbecue at which the President, Ric Forster, presented cheques to the winners of the Lord's Taverners 2009 Scholarships for young athletes with a disability. There were eight winners - five participants in athletics, two swimmers and an ice figure skater. One of the athletes subsequently ran at the Australian National Championships in March and made the finals in the 100, 200 and 400 metre races coming 4th in the 100 and 400 metres behind three Paralympians and doing his personal best in each event.



ACT junior cricketer

Every so often we get a request for one-off support for someone that may be deserving of our attention. ACT Cricket asked if we would consider assisting Tom Rogers, a young up-and-coming cricketer, in part or full to go with the School Sport Australian team to India in September 2009. As his needs fitted in with our criteria for support, we pledged \$2,500 being part payment towards his trip. We'll watch his progress with interest.

Sailability

Sailability World Inc. operates in numerous countries throughout the world, through activities at 350 local Sailability clubs. Sailability is a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organisation which, through the activity of sailing, enriches the lives of people with any type of disability, the elderly, the financially and socially disadvantaged. Half of the ACT Branch members have a recognised disability.

Members visiting Lake Tuggeranong next summer may well see a dinghy with Lord's Taverners signage sailing on the Lake. Responding to a request from Sailability ACT we have donated \$9,576 to cover the purchase and 5 years' insurance and maintenance of a two-seater Access 303 dinghy. The dinghy will be built in Indonesia.

We hope the dinghy will be launched at the start of the sailing season and have asked that as far as is practicable, priority usage of the dinghy should be given to young people suffering from a disability or other disadvantage. We will keep you informed of the launch date.

Disability Super Clinic

Lord's Taverners ACT Branch has agreed to sponsor the Disability Super Clinic for 2 years at \$1,000 per annum. The Clinic organised by ACT Cricket and Actsport is for 200 disabled children. It will be held in May at MPowerdome, Tuggeranong and is to be named the Lord's Taverners Disability Super Clinic.

Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal

At the time of our Golf Day, Victoria had just suffered devastating bushfires. We were conscious of the suffering of so many. A decision was made at the post-golf drinks to donate \$5,000 from the proceeds of the auction to the Bushfire Appeal. The move was met with acclaim.

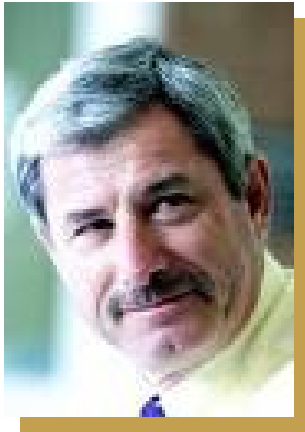
funds distributed

2008-2009

(so far)

Indigenous Cricket – Imparja Cup	\$5,000
Spirit of Cricket awards	\$5,000
National Blind cricket team	\$1,000
Table Top cricket	\$5,000
Women's Premier League cricket	\$3,000
Manuka Oval Gym maintenance	\$2,500
Junior Taverners	\$1,000
Pacific School Games basketball team	\$6,000
Lord's Taverners scholarships	\$5,000
ACT junior cricketer	\$2,500
Sailability boat sponsorship	\$9,576
Disability Super Clinic	\$1,000
Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal	\$5,000
TOTAL	\$51,576

forthcoming events



AGM and annual dinner

We're delighted that Sir Richard Hadlee has accepted our invitation to come to Canberra to address our Annual Dinner which follows our AGM. He came to Canberra to watch the PM's XI play New Zealand in January and was a guest at our Lord's Taverners Dinner held on the eve of the match. He participated in the panel discussion with Invincibles Arthur Morris, Sam Loxton and Neil Harvey and guest speaker Geoff Lawson, and we all felt we'd like to hear more of what he has to say.

Members and guests are invited to attend the Annual Dinner and further details will be sent in July with the notice of the AGM.

Date: Thursday 3 September 2009
Time: 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Venue: The Boathouse



members golf day

As mentioned in the Chairman's message, we are planning a Lord's Taverners Members Golf Day and have booked to play on Thursday 5 November at Gold Creek golf course. It is not planned as a fund-raising activity but there will be prizes, and we couldn't miss the opportunity to have a raffle! The charge for the day will be \$90 which will cover your golf, a cart, as well as a light lunch. Further details will be sent to you closer to the time, but if you have any queries, send us an email or ask Nigel French about it when you next see him at the golf course!

dates for your diary

Thursday 3 September 2009AGM and Annual Dinner at The Boathouse

Thursday 5 November 2009Lord's Taverners Members Golf Day at Gold Creek

looking for cricketers

We have two matches planned for the start of the next cricket season – the first against VISACT and the other against a combined diplomatic / parliamentary team. If you are an enthusiastic cricketer, won't do yourself too much injury putting bat to ball, and would like to join the Lord's Taverners team, could you please make contact with our team captain, Pete Wren on 6291 6192 or petewren@hotmail.com.

new members

Though our membership numbers are healthy – almost 200 – Lord's Taverners are always keen to attract new members. Please direct potential members to application forms and further information on the website, at www.lordstavernersact.org or contact Jenny Harper on 6295 1467 honsec@lordstavernersact.org.

are you travelling to the UK?

We've been contacted by Matthew Paton, CEO of Lord's Taverners in London, giving us their calendar of events. It is enormous and they'd be delighted to welcome any of our members to events, and to their office.

"Our office in central London (10 Buckingham Place, London, SW1E 6HX) which is close to Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament and Victoria, is open during weekday working hours. We have a very informal 'members room' downstairs which your members would be very welcome to use if they want to get away from the madding crowds for an hour or so with a coffee. Best to phone beforehand on the day just so we know that you might be coming (0207 821 2828)."

For further details of the calendar or a copy, please contact Jenny Harper on 6295 1467 or honsec@lordstavernersact.org.

your contact details

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our supporters

Apart from you, our members, we are fortunate to be generously supported in all our events by ACTCA and the Fosters Group.



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