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**Congratulations to Andrew Ostroumoff, winner of the Golf Day Raffle prize of a trip to the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand. Thank you to all who entered the competition and we wish Andrew and Marg a wonderful holiday. Our special thanks to our major Golf Day sponsors – CIC and Colliers International – without whom the event would not have been possible.**

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**from the chairman**

Welcome to the winter 2011 edition of the newsletter. Once again, summer and autumn were busy seasons of the year: a period in which we presented our horse 'Taverner Bill' to the Pegasus Disabled Riding School, conducted the Annual Taverners' Dinner, attended the PM's XI Cricket Match, ran the corporate sponsors Taverner's Golf Day and presented the successful Taverner Scholarship winners with their cheques.. As part of the National Taverner's effort, we also supported the National Deaf Cricket team in their Ashes/Tri- series against their England and South African counterparts. This year, our annual support for the Indigenous Teams at the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs was for two ACT teams, one male and one female. The girls made the final but, sadly, did not prevail over their opponents.

A number of the committee visited Pegasus to witness 'Taverner Bill' being put through his training paces, in preparation for his acceptance as a safe and responsive mount for disabled riders. He is not a big horse but is full of character: he has a stable mate of similar size and nature ('Little Joe'); they have earned renown for sneaking out of the paddock to meet up with their pals the model zebras (ex Lake George and now resident at Pegasus). Our presentation to 'FIT-Ability' of a specially designed tandem bike (for disabled riders to pedal behind an able rider on the front of the bike) was gratefully received and is providing significant opportunity for a ride in the country to those who otherwise could not enjoy that experience on a bike.

In early February we distributed \$7500 to nine disabled athletes as our annual scholarship winners. More recently, one of them, Jayden Sawyer, won gold in the Javelin at the Australian Track and Field Championships in Melbourne: he also won a bronze medal in the shot putt. In support of cricket activities for the young and disadvantaged, a total of \$25000 has been distributed. Beneficiaries range from Table Top cricket participants, through women's cricket to Indigenous Super 8 & Imparja Cup and Spirit of cricket awards.

Thank you all for your support at the Taverner's Dinner and the PM's Match. We were well entertained by Andy Bichel as our Guest Speaker ably supported from the floor by England team manager Andy Flower and Invincible stalwart Neil Harvey. Sadly, Sam Loxton suffered a stroke late last year and was unable to travel.

This message would not be complete without mentioning the outstanding effort of our Golf Day Organiser and Committee member, Roger Hooper. The day was a resounding success with accolades from all participants. Roger's work has resulted in a nett sum of approximately \$14,000 being raised, for distribution to worthy causes (the reduction from last year's figure was the overhead of the cost of course hire – our host course generously make no charge every third year). Many thanks to all who were able to support the day.

Once again to you, our members, I extend my applause for your efforts in fund raising and your continued support for our worthy cause: many thanks to you all. I look forward to seeing you all at our Annual Dinner and AGM on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2011

**our supporters and sponsors**

Thank you to all who support us, whether as members, sponsors, or guests at our events and functions. We are fortunate to be generously supported by Cricket ACT, CIC Ltd, Colliers International, the Fosters Group, Rydges Capital Hill, Qantas, Konica Minolta and Long Rail Gully Wines

**funds raised  
to date  
2011**

Annual AGM & Dinner September 2010	\$ 12,495
Donations	\$1,990
Members Golf Day November 2011	\$ 0
Lord's Taverners Dinner and PM's XI match February 2011	\$ 26,451
CIC Limited / Colliers International Lord's Taverners Golf Day March 2011	\$ 26,795
Raffle and Auctions	\$2,930
Garden Party British High Commissioner's residence March 2011	\$ 1,750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70,660</b>

**Lord's Taverners Dinner**

**PRIME MINISTERS X1 v ENGLAND PRE MATCH DINNER – GUEST SPEAKER, ANDY BICHEL AND SPECIAL GUESTS ANDY FLOWER & NEIL HARVEY**



It was a great pleasure to have Andy Bichel as Guest Speaker for the evening of the Prime Ministers X1 Pre Match Dinner. Andy is a great ambassador for the game and spoke about his International career in Test and One Day cricket sprinkled with little anecdotes of the new IPL franchise system and player bidding that hit a chord with the audience. He was most forthright in his appraisal of the lost Ashes series and the future development of the game.

But the most entertaining and special comments came from the Ashes winning coach Andy Flower who gave an excellent summary of the Ashes Series and previous experiences with his home country of Zimbabwe.

Neil Harvey added his wealth of knowledge and experience to the commentary of the evening. This created a wonderful atmosphere for all 140 attendees who enjoyed each other's company late into the evening

**2010 AGM Annual Dinner – Australian Cricket Team Manager, Steve Bernard Guest Speaker**



Steve Bernard was our guest speaker for the 120 guests who attended the AGM at the picturesque Boat-House Restaurant on Lake Burley Griffin. Steve engaged the audience with his pithy humour and insight of the Australian team characters in his role as Australian Cricket Team Manager.

**NB\* 2011 AGM and ANNUAL DINNER  
14<sup>th</sup> Sep. Venue: The Boat House**

**Australian Cricket Team Manager – Steve Bernard addressing the LT members and guests**



**Taverner Bill with new blue LT saddle cloth, Pegasus CEO Simone Doherty, Chairman David Nicholls and President Rob Laurie**

"Many Taverners already knew of the excellent work of Pegasus in providing riding opportunities for people with a disability, and Pegasus's slogan 'Riding Develops Abilities' strongly resonated with our purpose" said Rob Laurie, President of the Lord's Taverners Australia (ACT Branch) "Taverner' Bill is already proving himself to be a popular addition at Pegasus, not only with the other horses but with Pegasus staff, volunteers and riders alike.

**TAVERNER BILL – the new horse on the Pegasus block**

While a dedicated group of Canberra cricket fans and a pony called 'Taverners' Bill' may not—at first blush—seem to have that much in common, they will come together at Pegasus Riding for the Disabled of the ACT in order to make a huge difference in the lives of local riders with a disability.

The ACT Branch of the Lord's Taverners Australia officially presented to Pegasus the new pony that they have helped purchase for the organisation at a time when there is a significant shortage of horses in its herd.

Having completed the usual period of induction and training that all new additions to the Pegasus herd undergo, Taverners' Bill — as he will be known — officially commenced classes at Pegasus on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

Representatives of the Lords' Taverners Australia (ACT Branch) witnessed the special moment and presented to Pegasus a special saddle-cloth for Taverners' Bill which has the Lord's Taverners logo emblazoned on it.

With his gentle and kind nature, I'm sure this great little pony will be a real hit with the many riders with a disability who will be lucky enough to form a close bond with him over the years to come."

## Taverner 'Spirit of Cricket' Awards at Cricket ACT High Performance Awards night

LT Committee member Peter Wren attended the Cricket Act High Performance awards night at the Eastlake Football Club in Kingston. Peter is pictured with:

**U18 Female cricketer of the year - Zoe Richards and ACT U19 Male cricketer of the Year - Djali Bloomfield.**



## CIC Limited / Colliers International Lord's Taverners Golf Day

On 7th March, Royal Canberra Golf Club once again opened its doors for the staging of this annual event with its unique format. On a cool but clear day marking the first day of autumn, a field of over 60 professional and amateur golfers competed in a fun day for both team and individual prizes. Supporters came largely from the Canberra corporate community but several individuals emerged from the Lords' Taverners ACT ranks to make up a highly competitive field. The RCGC and other local club professionals joined Brendan Jones in showing their commitment to charity by throwing their support behind the Lords' Taverners ACT. Brendan Jones was the guest speaker on the day and provided not only an entertaining insight into the World Matchplay Championships in which he had recently competed, but also donated a round of golf with him as a Silent auction prize. Other prizes on the day included fine wines, a cricket bat signed by the Australian Test Team and a trip for two to New Zealand for the Australia v Ireland game at the forthcoming Rugby World Cup.

Thanks to the generosity of all who supported the day, the event as a huge success as over \$14,000 was raised for its beneficiaries and many supporters have already indicated their continued support for future events.

## 2011 PM's XI MATCH v England – 10th January 2011

The PM's Match was played on 10th January, with the PM's Captain winning the toss and electing to bat. Although the day was interrupted by a few showers, the two major ones occurred with fortuitous timing to coincide with a break for the Taverner's marquee lunch and a little later for afternoon tea. Lorraine Nicholls, with her perennial Lady Taverner volunteers Robyn French and Angie Campbell, have refined the management of providing Lunch and Afternoon Tea to a fine art, accommodating all the vagaries of sun, rain and limited working facilities. Carver-in-Chief, David Nicholls sliced away behind his descriptive apron. The raffle was drawn at Afternoon tea, with Margaret Linford winning the Bat signed by the Australian Team v West Indies and Dennis O'Connor adding to his fine wine collection by winning the generous Jim Murphy/Mark De Jager donation of a basket of fine reds.

The PM's Team played a solid innings at 254 (Tim Pain - 50), a target reduced to 223 (Duckworth/Lewis) through rain delays which was an insufficient target to offer England any real challenge - particularly with the form shown by Ian Bell who scored 124 from 102 balls.

[For your Diary: 2012 PM's match v Sri Lanka; Friday 3rd Feb.](#)

## Lord's Taverners Indigenous Schools Super 8 Cricket Day a great success

The second annual Lord's Taverners Super 8's Cricket Gala Day was held on Wednesday 16th February 2011. ACT Lord's Taverners funded this exercise to the tune of \$2500 with an additional one hundred and twenty (120) of the small Taverners squeeze balls supplied to all participants.

This year saw the introduction of Karabar High School who joined Queanbeyan High School to contest the day at Freebody Oval in Queanbeyan. There were 65 high school students competing in 7 teams. The concept of the day is to engage both indigenous and non-indigenous youth through the pathway of cricket. Each round saw six of the teams competing against each other, while the seventh team was put through cricketing drills delivered by ACT indigenous representative players, Danny Tye and Malcolm Towney, who had just returned from representing the ACT in the Imparja Cup in Alice Springs.

All teams competed in four matches of Super 8's cricket, which saw team Mark Higgs going through the day undefeated. The day was played in Great Spirit and good sportsmanship, which was a credit to both students and staff of the schools.

### OUR SPONSORS



## distribution of funds

### Lord's Taverners sponsorship and funding

2011

amounts committed to date:

Junior Taverner's	\$2,000
Indigenous Cricket – Imparja Cup – Male and Female	\$10,000
Spirit of Cricket awards	\$5,000
Table Top cricket	\$6,369
Women's Premier League cricket	\$5,000
Deaf Cricket International Series	\$4,000
Fitability	\$4,000
Pegasus Riding School	\$5,152
Lord's Taverners scholarships	\$7,500
Lord's Taverners Indigenous Schools Super 8's Cricket day	\$2,500
Lord's Taverners Disability Super Clinic	\$1,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$53,222</b>

## 'TAVERNERS' ACT become 2011 Women's Premier League Champions

### A letter from Captain Rebecca McRae to LT President Rob Laurie and Committee

'On behalf of the 'Lord's Taverners' team, I wanted to thank you for your support during the Women's Premier League season. In the final we were lucky to get back on after the lightning delays and bowl 'Jetset' out and win the match.

One of the major benefits of your support is making the competition accessible for regional and Sydney based players. The Taverners team had 4 players throughout the season travel from Sydney or regional NSW. A great success story for us is Emily Aberline who came to play for Taverners last season for the first time and this season has cemented her position as an opening bowler and earned her a position in the U18 ACT side that competed in the national carnival in Adelaide. While the time and financial commitment is large for these players, your financial support means that they don't need to pay club fees on top of travelling costs. The support is very important for our local girls as it makes the standard of the competition and facilities we use higher.

Thank you again for your support and we hope that in future seasons we can continue to play under the Lords Taveners name, win some more premierships but more importantly provide a great breeding ground for talented young cricketers to develop and display their skills



### A response by our President Rob Laurie

Thank you for your message which I have distributed around the Lord's Taverners Committee members. We are delighted with your success and send our congratulations to you and your team mates on winning the Women's Premier League.

We were also pleased to have your feedback on how our support assists the development of women's cricket locally and on a wider canvas. I have taken note of your hopes for future support and can assure you that careful consideration will be given to this matter by the Lord's Taverners Committee. - With best wishes Rob Laurie and Committee

## 'ACT Sailability's Dinghy 'Taverner' & TAVERNERS TANDEMS - for the visually impaired

On a Saturday afternoon in February, Rob Laurie visited Lake Tuggeranong to see how our dinghy was sailing. He was very pleased to report it was in use by Sailability assisted by young sea scouts. Sailability were very positive about the Taverner dinghy, saying it was the best in their fleet and had been much used. To Rob's novice eye he thought it looked in very good shape as can be seen below



'Sailability' Dinghy 'Taverner' and ACT Lord's Taverners Secretary Neil Weekes, President Rob Laurie, and FIT-Ability Officials

On 3rd December, I-Day 2010 (International Day of People with a Disability), ACT Lord's Taverners Branch President and Secretary and their wives attended a function at the Australian Institute of Sport. The event involved children from six ACT Schools and members of VISACT (the organisation sponsors sport for visually impaired people in the ACT). FIT-Ability arranges tandem cycling for visually impaired people, the ACT Taverners Branch Committee agreed to fully fund a tandem bike and join VISACT in funding a second tandem. These specially designed (and custom built) bikes with Taverners decals prominent were presented at the function to a very warm reception from all present.

## Table Top Cricket for the Disabled and Sponsored by the Taverners - a feature at ACT Schools

President Rob Laurie presented a table top cricket set to Macquarie Primary School at a School Assembly on Thursday 3 March. He was accompanied by Charlotte Anneveld from ACT Cricket who informed the children about the finer points of the game and offered her services if the school experienced any difficulties in setting the set up on their table. Our gift was very well received by the school and a number of parents who attended the Assembly. Kingsford Smith Primary school will also receive a Taverner Funded Table cricket Set in the near future

## IMPARJA Cup 2011 – Alice Springs



President Rob Laurie presented a table top cricket set to Macquarie Primary



2011 Female Imparja Cup: Runners-up ACT



Imparja Cup Female Player of the Tournament Sally Moylan from the ACT (pictured with NSW's Sam Hinton)