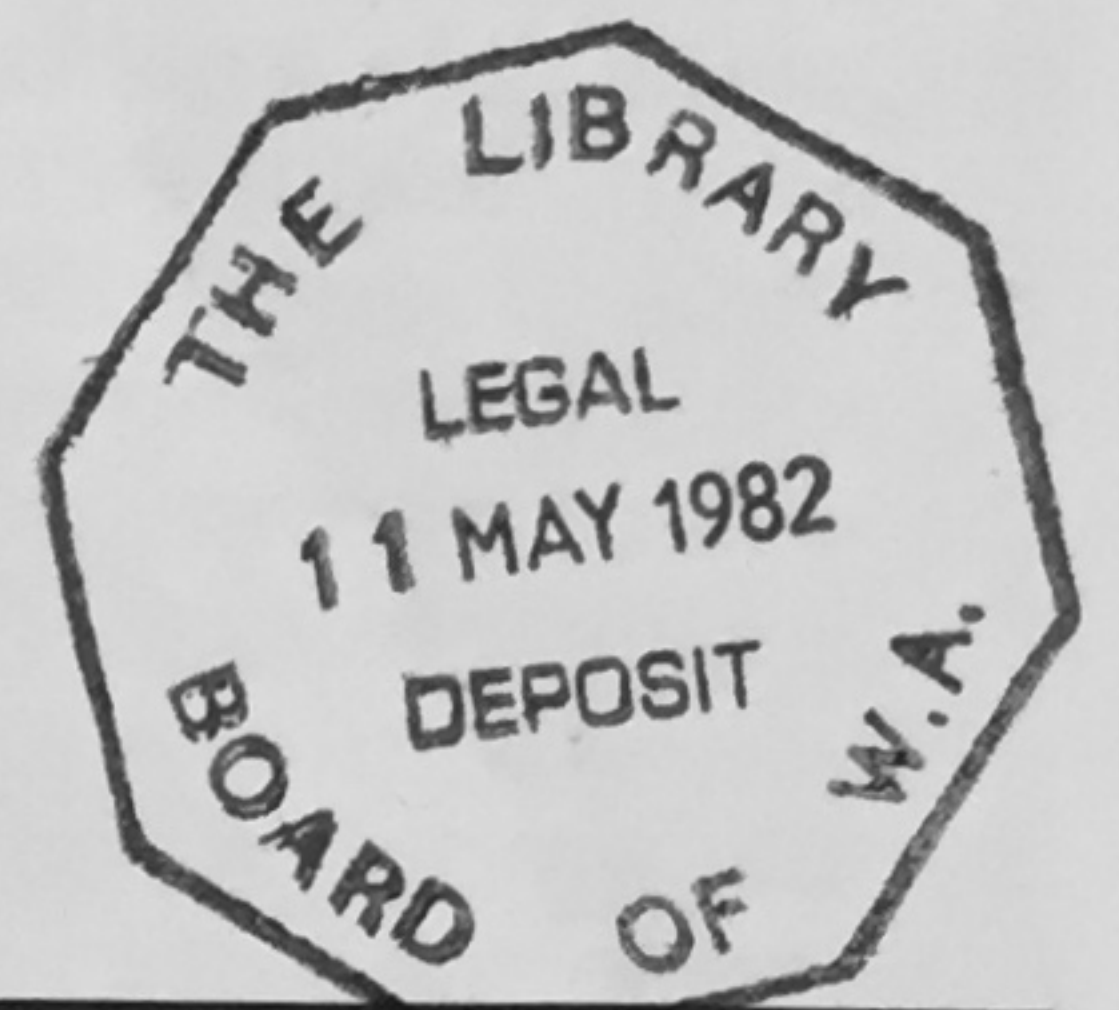

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President's Report

At the time of writing the second report for our magazine, it is a pleasure to be able to confirm that all of our three sides are in the top four. This situation would be unique in the club's history but I am sure that even this promising situation can be improved upon by the end of the year.

It is still possible for all our teams to be grade winners at the end of this season. It is especially significant for our 6th grade side to either become grade winners or otherwise take out a Premiership because 7th grade promotion is dependant upon sixth grade performances.

The top side continues to perform well. I wish all sides the best for the rest of the season.

Regrettably, the off-field performances of the club have not matched those on the field. Social functions have been poorly attended. Two things result from this. Firstly, the club is in a difficult situation with respect to meeting a target of \$10,000 for bar-takings. If the club is unable to achieve a reasonable turnover, it will be in no position to service any debts it may incur if we agree to 1/3rd partnership of the Applecross Sportsmens Association.

Our inability to join the ASA and reap bar profits will hamper, or at least delay, this club's long term security and financial viability.

Secondly, failure to support the club's social and fund-raising calendar has resulted in curtailing the equipment we intended to purchase for the use of members, specifically, we have decided not to purchase a slips machine.

Finally, there will be a special general meeting of all members on Thursday, 28th January, 1981 to elect a new secretary and treasury.

Both our present secretary and treasurer are resigning; one because of concern over lack of support from club members and the other will be pursuing his fiancée in England.

Best wishes to both Val Steenholdt and Chas Eadon-Clarke on their recent engagement.

Ross Harrison

A Re-appraisal of our Aims

Sometimes in a sporting organisation we lose sight of the aims and the objectives of that organisation and in doing so we compromise the thing which should be paramount to every individual — our personal ideals.

Furthermore we often lose sight of the distinction which should be made between a Club's ideals and the individual's ideals and this is often in the root cause of conflict in the Club.

We must never suggest that the individual's ideals must correspond with those of the Club's. That in my view is totalitarianism. In any event you will find that those who are members of the Club generally agree on its aims and ideals, however, we must not attempt to impose or suggest that individual should subjugate his

personal ideals to those of the Club — simply because they are often different.

We should return to our constitution for some guidance in developing this argument.

ARTICLE 2.1 of the constitution states that objects of the Club are

“to promote cricket and to encourage fellowship between members of the Club, and their families and friends”.

I believe the above article embodies, in simple terms what we should be about. I also believe that whilst the promotion of cricket is probably intrinsic in the aims of all cricket clubs, we go further to suggest that fellowship is extremely important in our ideals.

Ask yourself the question, “are we encouraging fellowship?” I believe we do but from time to time we should remind ourselves of it.

Success on the field is important, but not at the expense of fellowship. Our constitution implies this. Those who are better and successful should not belittle those who aren't. Those who can take the knocks (physical) should show concern for those who cannot. Those who know should be willing to assist those who don't. Those chosen to lead should not only do so by authority but also be example and concern to and for those they are leading. And should we wish to criticise let's try to do it in the spirit of fellowship which means constructive rather than destructive criticism.

I realise as much as anyone that destructive criticism is often not intentional — because I have done it and regretted it after. I'm sure we mean criticism to be constructive but often when it comes out it doesn't sound that way. The young adage:—

“Be sure brain is engaged before putting mouth into gear”

is very appropriate.

And if after we have made a mistake in this respect let's not allow our pride to stand in the way of an apology, because a friend will always appreciate and accept an apology.

It is often said that “success breeds success”. More importantly and appropriately I would suggest that those who enjoy what they are doing are ultimately the most successful — and enjoyment always can be developed from friendships and fellowships.

To conclude at the starting point, whilst individuals may put other things ahead of cricket, that is family, work, religion etc. we should not put down people who put those things first, because those ideals most often will not interfere with the Club's ideals of promoting cricket and fellowship.

If you have a problem or complaint approach a committeeman or your coach. If you have suggestions put them forward. To promote friendship don't just drink with the same people, but mix particularly on Saturday night. Importantly, if someone is injured check to see that he is O.K. before making hay with any humorous aspect.

Most importantly **RESPECT** the individual and his right to have a **point of view**.

Mike Johnson



Being the top side's first season in Fourth Grade, I, along with others wasn't keen to make too many predictions on our performances this year.

But at this time, just over half way through the season we have done admirably. In our first five games we have won four. This I think is due to the players in our top side training fairly regularly. Unfortunately, this cannot be said of some of the players in our lower sides, although they are performing creditably.

Highlights of the season so far have been our batting having scored 9/245 v Mosman, 9/220 v Nollamara and 5/235 v Nedlands. Although we have yet to prove ourselves when under real pressure some of the individual performances have been newcomer Daryl Preedy 3/27 and 31 n.o. in the first game against Bassendean. We fought out of a tight spot.

In the only game we've lost, against Doubleview Gary Gregan proved his allround talents with 4/23 and 25 runs.

Against Mosman Park in a very high scoring game we proved to be more steady under pressure. Stu Rankin scored 68 n.o. and Gary Tuckwell 49 and 2-4, Gary Gregan 4-57.

In the game against Nollamara Stu Rankin 49 and 2-48, Daryl Preedy 35.

Against Nedlands, where an outright win was most important, G. Tuckwell 70, E. Taylor 43 and Tom Morgan 42. Stu Rankin 5-23 and 3.22.

Newcomers to perform well this year Eric Taylor after a year away has consistently given us a start with the bat. His new partner Tom Morgan is just starting to blossom with bat and ball. Oldtimer "Foxy" Burrough is bowling very well.

All we need is players like John Speering and Allan Seubert to find their old form and our bowlers to become more penetrating then we can look forward to the finals with confidence.

We have lost some good players from last year's side. But we have gained some very good ones, who I'm sure will perform when the pressure goes on.

Bad Behaviour, Language etc. on the Field

All team captains are to be instructed that bad behaviour, bad language, bad sportsmanship, disputing an umpire's decision will not be tolerated. Furthermore, "gamesmanship" (provoking and niggling of players by the opposition) must not be allowed. Umpires have been asked to be very strict in this regard and report players if necessary.

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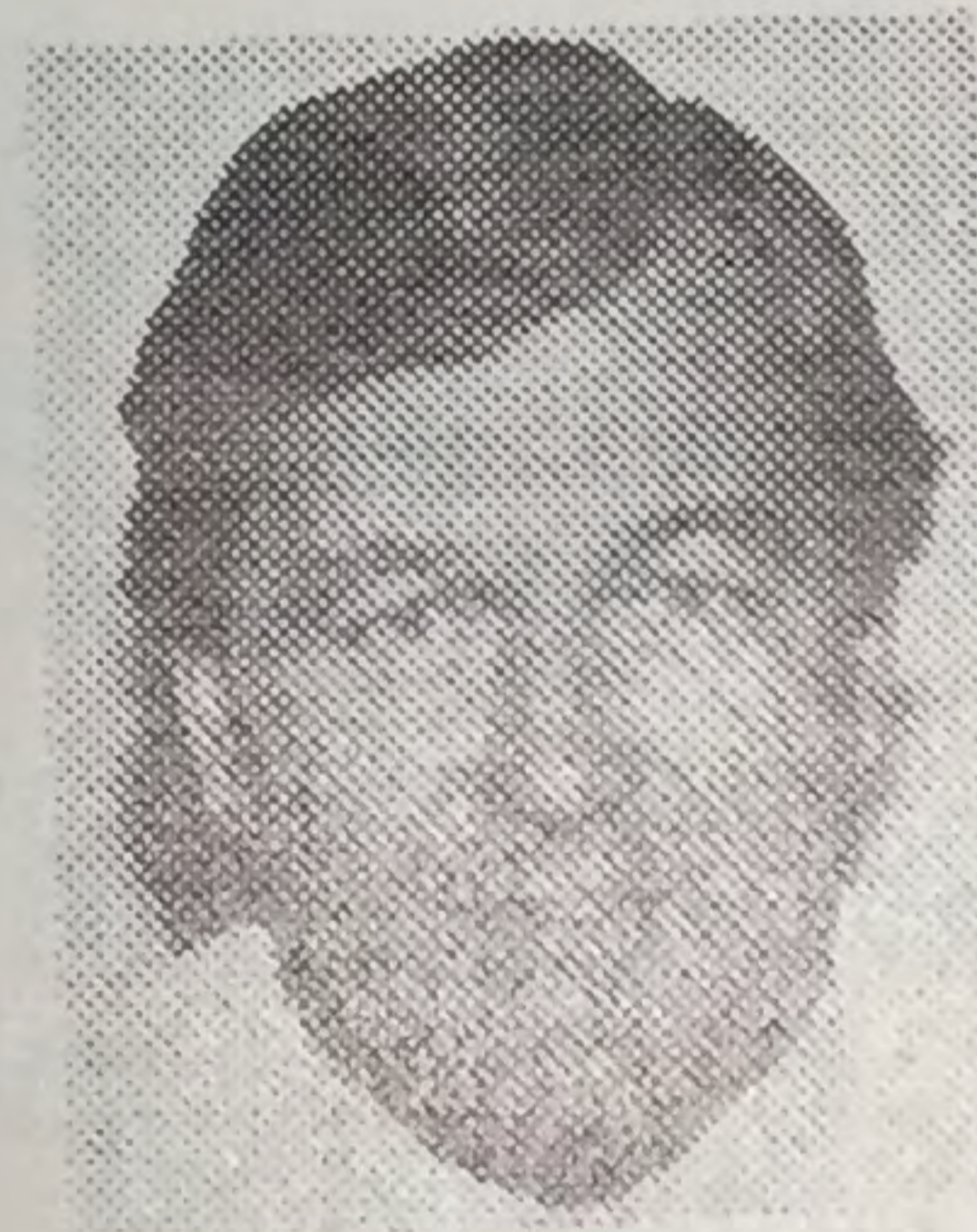
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Role Conflict and the Cricket Player

by Tim Searson

A major problem facing every cricket player is role conflict. We all adopt many roles in life on of which is our role as a cricket player. Other roles might include the roles of student, coach, plumber, father, boyfriend, businessman, salesman, husband, postman, clerk, etc.

Each role has a role set made up of people who expect certain behaviour of you in that role. We experience role conflict when those people's expected behaviours differ from our own.

For example, a car salesman who finishes work at six o'clock and lives in Padbury might consider it more important to go home straight after work at six o'clock and fulfil his role as a husband than to go to cricket training. He then experiences conflict with the cricket club which expects him to go to cricket training on Tuesday and Thursday nights but avoids conflict with his wife.

This is a serious problem for any cricketer. The game is especially time demanding which heightens the probability of role conflict with work and family. And it is a problem for administrators too, who realise that, for all its special qualities, cricket is just a game and as such must compete with less demanding sports like golf and tennis.

So how does a cricketer handle role conflict and can the club make allowances for players' special needs and still promote a healthy club spirit?

The first action a cricketer could take to avoid role conflict might be to give the game away. But let's get it right, this should be the last resort for any player. It should occur only after long discussions between player and administration mean no other way out is possible.

The player should make a list of his roles and rank them in order, for example, job, husband, father,

cricket player, golf player. This will help make decisions easier. The player should then make a list of all people in his role set who are trying to affect his decision. For example, wife, employer, coach, team captain, team mates, and then rank them in order of importance.

Having made these two lists, the role list and the role set list, the player can decide what changes of behaviour he is prepared to make. This is the time for negotiation with the Club.

One reason why Applecross is such a good club is because the administration has always been approachable. But just as the players should do their homework before negotiations begin, so too should the club. The club's expectation of players, should be written down. For example, the idea that "players who do not attend training at least once a fortnight don't play" is a good example of the compromises this club is prepared to make. But these expectations should be written down so that players know where they stand. And the Coach should write down his philosophy of cricket so that the players are aware of what he wants.

If after negotiations between the club and the individual player have been unable to resolve the conflict then the club will have to enforce its policies. But disciplinary action should be designed to bring players back into line with the club and not just to get rid of them as appears to be the case at the moment. A player should never have good reasons to leave Applecross.

For example, if a top side player does not come to training he should be dropped to the second side but not dropped altogether. If a second side player does not come to training he should be dropped to the bottom side. If a bottom side player does not come to training he should not be dropped unless he is not performing. If he is not performing then he should be dropped. This gives the club a scale of disciplinary measures which can be fairly enforced and gives the player more than one opportunity to conform. It should

Best of luck to all Applecross teams for the forthcoming season

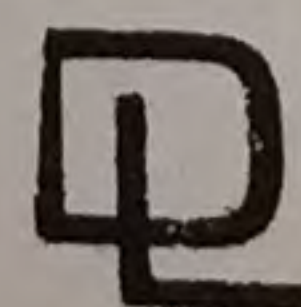
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eliminate ill-feeling. The training expectations for top side players should be higher than for bottom side players. And a player should not be dropped without an explanatory letter from the selection committee and an invitation to resolve any problems.

I personally missed training for something like six weeks recently while completing my teaching degree. Over this period I had to put my role as student in front of my role as cricket player. I put my lecturers' expectations in front of the club's expectations and hoped the club would understand. The club did and I was grateful not to have missed any matches. But there were others with reasons I am sure as genuine as mine for missing training who were not so lucky.



“Commentating Capers”

By intent or by accident, cricket commentators are always good for a laugh. Two gems from John Arlott:

Hampshire's J.M. Rice bowling to Viv Richards of Somerset. The camera panned into the covers and picked up fieldsman Andy Murtagh, whom Arlott described as a “very likeable Irishman”. Richards played the ball to Murtagh, who fielded. Or, as Arlott so delightfully put it: “Rice bowls ... and Paddy fields.”

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A Wes Hall delivery had struck Basil D'Oliveira in the groin, or the “lower abdomen”, as Arlott put it. After two minutes therapy, he took block again. Arlott said; “Yes, D'Oliveira ready to face Hall ... one ball remaining.”

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BBC radio commentator Henry Blofeld summed up an over thus:

“Well, that was a nice, tight maiden!”

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Keith Slater, describing the performance of a Sheffield Shield fast bowler:

“He hasn't bowled with the same fire as in the first innings, when he completely rooted South Australia.”

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It was Norman Blundell of the ABC who described a shot in a Melbourne test match as a “luck French c---!”

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Former Australian opening batsman Colin McDonald on radio, calling a dropped catch in a test match. “Shit, he's missed it!”

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Finally, John Arlott again. South African leg spinner N.B.F. Mann bowling to England Captain F.G. Mann. The scorecard read: F.G. Mann & McCarthy b Mann 7.

Arlott saw it this way; “Another case of man's inhumanity to man!”

Profile

Name:

Michael Phillip Johnson

Age:

29

Marital Status:

Married to Jenny.

Two children Rebecca and Melissa.

Previous Experience:

Highgate A and B sides (1st Grade WATSCA)

Northern Suburbs (1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th WATSCA)

Likes:

Family, restaurants, wine, sport and fast cars.

Dislikes:

Cricketers who know putting down those who don't.

Major Highs:

Every time I make runs for the team.

Major Low:

Failing in the finals.

Aims with Club:

To enjoy my cricket and see the Club mature.

Profile

Name:

Garry Gregan

RMFB RHB

Age:

26

Marital Status:

Single

Nicknames:

Brewer, GG, fish

Favourite Pastime:

Relaxing

Favourite Drinks:

Beer and Scotch

Likes:

Winning, music, fishing, women, training

Dislikes:

Losing, Javed Miandad

Biggest Cricket Disappointment:

Losing 78/79 G/Final against Hamersley.

Biggest Cricket High:

Winning 1st team bowling average for Applecross 80/81.

Best Performances:

4/8 v Bedford 80/81

4/23 v Doubleview 81/82

71 v Marist Old Boys 78/79

Cricket Ambition:

To play in Applecross 1st team premiership, but any premiership will do.

Profile

Name:

Val Steenholdt
RH Fast Bowler and RH Batsman

Age:

26

Marital Status:

Single — Girlfriend Lorraine

Nickname:

Claude

Favourite Pastime:

Sport in general

Favourite Drink:

Beer

Likes:

Loyal friends and South Freo's football team.

Dislikes:

People that don't support their Club.

Biggest Cricket Disappointment:

Applecross 80/81 semi final loss

Biggest Cricket High:

Member of State W.A.C.U. Side U/16's.

Best Performances:

7 for 2 vs Girrawheen 79/80 season with Applecross. 129 for West Pilbara in Country Week Final against Albany 1974.



Profile

Name:

Aubrey King

Age:

37 'years young'

Marital Status:

Still playing the field.

Nickname:

Censored? but will accept Pommie 'B'.

Likes:

Sport, drinking with friends and team mates and playing the field.

Dislikes:

Gambling, horseracing, bad sportsmen, bowls R/arm anything, bats R/H anywhere.

Biggest Cricket High:

To date — playing for A.C.C.

Biggest Cricket Disappointment:

Being caught??? off the hip vs Melville 12/12/81.

Best Performance:

3 not out!!! vs Melville 12/12/81.

The Thoughts and Sayings of Uncle George and Assorted Quotations

Well known dancer Isadora Duncan suggested to George Bernard Shaw that they should have a child together.

"Imagine," she said, "a child with my body and your brains."

"Yes," replied Shaw, "but suppose it had my body and your brain."

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It is also related that G B Shaw once asked his dining partner whether she would go to bed with a man for five hundred pounds. The lady smirked and answered:

"Well it would depend on how good looking he was."

"Would you do it for ten bob," inquired Shaw.

"What do you take me for," burst out the lady.

"We have already settled that question," said Shaw drily, "all we are discussing now is the price."

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In ancient Greece, the Spartans, a term applied to all inhabitants of Laconia of which Sparta was the capital, were noted for their sparing use of words. It is said that on one occasion the Athenians, their hereditary enemies, sent them a threatening message to the following effect:

"Unless you do as we wish we shall make war on you and if we defeat you, shall lay waste your lands, raze your cities to the ground, slaughter all your men of military age, enslave your women and children, etc."

To this the Spartans, no mean warriors themselves, replied "If ..."

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A young composer had written two pieces of music and asked the great Rossini to hear them both and say which he preferred. He duly played the first one whereupon Rossini intervened:

"You need not play any more, I prefer the other one."

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A questionnaire circulated by a Russian government department for the purpose of establishing prospective population trends contained the following questions.

- (1) Where were you born?
- (2) Where did you go to school?
- (3) Where did you attain your majority?
- (4) Where would you wish to live?

The answers given by one recipient were:

- (1) St Petersburg
- (2) Petrograd
- (3) Leningrad
- (4) St Petersburg

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A nervous young curate was visiting one of his parishioners, an old lady, in the late autumn.

"Well," he said, "winter draws on, eh?"

"As a matter of fact I have," replied the old lady, "though I can't see what business it is of yours."

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Psychiatrist to patient.

"Are you ever troubled by immoral thoughts?"

"No, I rather enjoy them."

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A man was warned by his doctor against too much high living.

"Can you guarantee, doctor," he asked, "that if I give up drinking, smoking and sex I shall live longer?"

"No," replied the doctor, "but it will seem longer."

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In the days when the University authorities exercised a much stricter control over the non-academic activities of the students a young student at Oxford was discovered by the Proctor arm in arm with a lady in the streets. The following conversation ensued:

Proctor: "Your name and college please?"

Student: "X of St Y's College."

Proctor: "And who may I ask is this lady?"

Student: "She's my sister."

Proctor: "Don't be absurd sir, she's a known prostitute."

Student: "I know. Mother's terribly cut up about it."

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Mahatma Ghandi, the Indian sage and reformer, was asked what he thought about western civilisation.

"I think," he said, "that it would be a very good idea."

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16 Overs Per Hour

New By-law 32

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In any two-day match a team bowling throughout the entire period 1.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. shall complete a minimum of 52 over bowled.

In any one-day match, Semi-final, Final, or in any other circumstance in which the twenty-over rule does not apply, the bowling side shall average a minimum of 16 overs for each hour played and 4 overs for each remaining full 15-minute period throughout any innings in which the batting side is not dismissed in its allotted time.

Any team in default of this By-law shall be liable to a fine of \$20 plus a further \$10 for each over short of the required minimum.

The Captain of the bowling side in default shall be held responsible and shall be liable to suspension at the discretion of the Board or its appointed tribunal.

In the event of the batting side being dismissed within its allotted time as a result of urgency brought about by a low over-rate, the Board may, at its discretion, invoke the above fine and/or suspension and may reverse the result of the match.

Any appeal against such fine, suspension or other action brought about by this By-law must be supported, in writing, by the Umpire(s), allowing their observations and opinions as to the cause of the low over-rate being beyond the control of the Captain of the bowling side.

P.S. — I am against capital punishment.

Eligibility for Finals

Rescind by-law 10(c) and replace by new clause 10(c).

10(c) In order to be eligible to play in a Semi-final or Final match a player must have played in a total of at least four (4) matches in that grade or in any lower grade.

A player shall be eligible to play in a lower-grade Semi-final or Final provided that:

- (i) the lower grade side is the next lowest within the Club to the grade in which a player is eligible to play under Clauses 10a and 10c of these By-laws and
- (ii) the higher-grade side for which the player is eligible to play is also qualified to participate in a Semi-final or Final match.

Such player, having played in a lower-grade Semi-final match, shall be eligible to play in the Final match in that lower grade whether or not the higher-grade side is defeated in the Semi-final.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a player having played in a Semi-final in any grade shall not be eligible to play in the Final of any lower grade if the side in which he played the Semi-final is defeated.

Advice to Players

1. Players umpiring at square leg should not counsel batsmen or handle the ball.
2. Players at square leg who refuse to give a stumping or run-out when the batsman is clearly out will be ordered from the ground and have his name taken by the umpire.
3. Any team who refuses to field a square leg umpire will reported to the Board.