

2019 President's Message

Another season beckons. Umpires will assemble to declare "play" and soon balls will be flying into clear blue skies, as bowlers toil, batters swing and fielders scurry across freshly cut grass. Cricket season with all its ups and downs, success and failure, victory and defeat will be underway. Players, pause for a moment and reflect on why you play or should play this game. Yes we play to win but we also play to afford the other side an afternoon or evening of fun and entertainment. Respect and civility foster friendships and camaraderie. Enjoy your cricket and have fun. As cricketers retire from the field many of us volunteer our time in many ways. A number of former cricketers are umpiring. Others are serving on the executive, discipline and grounds committees or helping with the booklet. What can you do to help? Come on down to BHP and watch some matches. A walk around the field is likely to have you meet a number of former players and get involved.

Cricket is growing fast in Victoria. There are now ten teams in the weekend league and at least sixteen in the midweek league and we are short of field space. The Municipality of Saanich is eager to help us and negotiations at this point are underway. Eventually we will need some major funding and that may be another area where cricket enthusiasts and former cricketers can help.

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