



Ferntree Gully C.C.
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Trivia Night **28th November 7.30 sharp** **Senior/ Junior/ Veterans** **Entry: \$12 Adult \$5 junior/child**

Get a table of 10 together for a great fun night. This has been a fantastic event in the past with over 140 people attending. Hosted by a professional Trivia Night company with interactive games suitable for everyone. See Rob Seviar for tickets or for juniors see Steve Barrington

Drinks at bar prices/ BYO 'Nibblies'

Presidents Luncheon - 21st November

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Free lunch & drinks on behalf of the FTGCC
By Invitation only. Please confirm with Graham Salan

The conclusion of round 4 on Saturday saw a mixed result for the seniors, and a clean sweep for the juniors and the veterans. On the hottest weekend so far this season, Ferntree Gully CC stood up to the heat and battled it out all the way.

1st XI-

We travelled away for this match to The Basin 'top ground' due to the unavailability of their No 1 ground which is still being upgraded. Losing the toss we bowled first, knowing that if we could keep The Basin batsmen to under 250 we would be a good chance for another win. We picked up wickets consistently all day with only one batsmen making more than 20, a phenomenal effort by our bowlers and fieldsmen on such a small and fast ground. Ryan Handley finished with another 4 wickets and is having a stellar season with both bat and ball. The Basin were dismissed after 62 overs for 172. With a few overs to bat on day 1, the Gully finished 1/18 with Teofilo back in the shed early. On day 2 The Basin bowlers bowled superbly all day and made our batsmen work extremely hard for every run. Jayden Bradbury compiled another good score (31) and Blacky put the icing on the cake with a match winning 90. We were finally dismissed for 245 although Richo would be a bit disappointed that we didn't bat right through and make The Basin spend the entire day in the field. This win gives us 4 on the trot and we look forward to a big game against the Monbulk boys next week at home.

Man of the Match: Mathew Black

2nd XI-

The two's played at home also against The Basin. With 'Spider' Everitt back in the team, it was a big chance for us to get our first win on the board. The Basin seconds are always a difficult team to beat and this again proved to be the case. FTG batted first and were in trouble early at 4/25. A slow recovery was required and Alan McKenna and Scotty May put together a solid partnership before tea. After the break though, the floodgates opened and we were dismissed for only 124 of 54 overs. The Basin had quite a few overs to bat and although we bowled quite well, they batted solidly to finish the day at 1/54. Day 2 saw a fired up 'Spider' pick up an early wicket but The Basin hit back with a good partnership. Then FTG picked up 3/10 and had a sniff if things could go their way. The Basin eventually passed our score 6 wickets down and batted on to finish 9/197. Our boys toiled hard in the heat but never really had enough runs on the board to allow the bowlers to bowl them out although 'Spider' finished with 4 wickets in a marathon bowling effort.

Man of the Match: Craig Everitt

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3rd XI-

The 3rds played Belgrave at FTG No 2 ground this game and enjoyed a consistent all round effort with both the bat and the ball. Belgrave batted first and set the base for a good score being 3/135 at one stage before Dean Glare (4/45 off 25 'classic Glarey' overs) and Beeky (4/32) pulled the game back FTG's way, dismissing them for 144. Day 2 was our day and one to be remembered for Craig Moss (100NO) as he made his first ever century at Ferntree Gully (ex Bluebirds boy). Craig has played under pressure in the seconds over the years and is now getting the rewards and kicking back and enjoying his cricket in the 3rds. Reedy (40 odd) and Mossy combined for a good partnership to set up the win and we finished the day at 4/220 and a great win and putting us 3rd on the ladder.

Man of the Match: Craig Moss

4th XI-

Rob Sevier took his young inexperienced team up to Gilmour Park to take on the Lysterfield 'Beavers'. FTG batting first and were off to a reasonable start thanks to a solid 22 from Benham and 46 from Sevier. The score progressed to 8/155 when 2nd gamer and under 15 player, Hugh Robertson and club favourite Ash Powney, got together. Hoping for a score of around 180, the two boys put on 85 for the 9th wicket, creating a club record partnership. Hugh made 56 and Ash got 16 and they took the score to a very competitive 246. Bowling the second week we opened with some more Under 15 players, Mike Brearley and Tom Bolman and had the 'Beavers' on the ropes at 4/8 and then 5/27, dismissing them before tea for 108. All the damage was done by the kids with Brearley 4 wickets, Bolman 2 wickets and Pat Mastertoun 3 wickets. With the FTG captain feeling confident he pulled out another new ball and had another crack at the Beavers batting. This time they got away to a good start on were 0/44 before Bolman (4 wickets) ripped through them and had them 8/94 at stumps. A great effort by this team with the four U'15 boys playing and showing that there's a bright future for our club and in particular these boys.

Man of the Match: TBC

5th XI

Round 4 had FTG playing UFTG with the opposition batting first and amassing a solid 184 off their 40 overs. Gavin James was the pick of the Gully bowlers again with 4/19 and young Daniel McKellar 2/36. The inexperienced Gully batting line up couldn't get any strong partnerships going and although Leigh Hodgson opened and made a great 28, nobody else stayed around long enough and we were all out for 110.

Man of the Match: TBC

Round 5 and we ventured out (way out) to Raes Land to play Aura Vale. A few of our guys got lost on their way but we eventually got a full team together. Aura Vale batted first and knocked up 7/192 with Gavin James again bowling well to take 3 wickets. Our batting never fired a shot and we were knocked over for a disappointing 74.

Man of the Match: TBC

6ths

Round 4 and we played a Sunday match against Monbulk at Monbulk No 1 ground. With most of the boys well and truly hung over from a big night (Casino Night) at the club we took to the field first. Monbulk continued to knock the ball around the park early on and were looking at a decent score before things finally clicked for us and we rolled them for only 116 on the big Monbulk ground. Great bowling from Ben Donovan with four wickets, Paul Stockton 1 wicket, Brownell 3 wickets, Mick Lizza 1 wicket and Nick Rourke 1 wicket. The loss of a couple of early wickets wasn't enough to set FTG back and a strong innings from captain Rod Salan (51) saw us pass Monbulks score easily in the 29th over.

Man of the Match: Rod Salan

Round 5 was an easy win as Rowville forfeited. They thought they were playing a Sunday game and when they realised their error, they couldn't get a team together!

Man of the Match: The Rowville captain!

Other Awards:

Presidents Pot – Craig Moss for his first century at FTG

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FTG Bowling Club Bistro Award- Tom Bolman/ Hugh Robertson/ Pat Mastertoun/ Mike Brearley (one each)

Junior News

Don't forget to get down nice and early Saturday mornings to support our kids. Results from Round 4:

U17's - Ferntree Gully 137 def Belgrave 9/81
U15's 1 - Ferntree Gully 138 def Upwey 104
U15's 2 - Ferntree Gully 8/167 def Knox Gardens 48 & 7/35
U13's - Ferntree Gully 8/97 def Mulgrave 84
U'12's - Ferntree Gully 9/138 def Johnson Park 9/140

Veterans News

Vets 1 Ferntree Gully 7/163 def Knoxfield 9/160
Vets 2 Ferntree Gully 5/176 def Knox Gardens 8/173

Around the Club

A Sad Farewell:

Our condolences go out to the families of Mario Catalano and Stuart Cookesy. It was with great sadness to hear that Mario's mother and Stuart's father passed away last week. The entire club, juniors, seniors and veterans all paid their respect on the weekend by wearing black arm-bands and our thoughts are with both families at this time of grief.

Oh What A Night!

The Casino Night held Saturday week ago was an absolute cracker. Loads of fun was had by all those that attended and partied until early Sunday morning. The atmosphere in our clubrooms was fantastic as our new plasma's and Ipod system was used to entertain the crowd. The Casino Night winner was Mauro Sasso who held out Brian Hall on the Blackjack table to take the title of FTGCC Casino Night Champion. Heaps of prizes were given away in the Lucky Tree. Mal McLean won on the Lucky Numbers board and the big winner in the raffle was the Cookesy family who won the BMX bike. Congratulations to all that attended and a big thank you to those who helped out. Special thank you to Raquel Stephenson for her help with prizes and running the Lucky Tree.

Casino Night Donation of Prizes:

I would like to give a big thank you to the following businesses and people who donated prizes for the Casino Night:

Kevin Handley Widetread Tyres John Turner (FTG Bowling Club Bistro) Saxon Sports Chic Hair
Peter Clark Simon Spaulding Royal Hotel Middle Hotel Club Hotel Mal McLean Gala's Gardening
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Rodney Salan Jan Richards Ash's Mowing Lee Thompson Mayerling Cellars The Basin Bakery
Capelli Hairdressers & any others that I may have missed

The Herminator:

A big thank you to Travis Hermann for all his efforts in helping the club out this year with his signwriting skills. Whilst Travis is really enjoying his cricket and performing well he has put his hand up to help out with various sorts of signage and brochures around the clubrooms. It's people like Trav that make a real difference as to how other people see our club and with his company behind us it will only continue to be better. I will do a big ad for Travis' business in the next Blues News but in the meantime if you need any type of signage or screen-printing done, come down and see him.

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If you have some news or items of interest that you would like to place in the Blues News, please send it to me via email on grahamdione@bigpond.com

Regards

*Graham Salan
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Senior President*



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