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The November 2021 General Meeting of the Association will be held at the Kedron-Wavell Services Club VC Suite (Level 1 - 21 Kittyhawk Drive, Chermside), commencing at 7.00pm on Wednesday 17th November 2021 followed by the training session.

Ian Barsby Brings up the Double

Thanks to Jim Tucker and Qld Cricket for this story.

Ian "Lou" Barsby was feeling redundant after a long first grade playing career and coaching his kids when his wife directed him to a newspaper ad seeking new umpires.

Supportive wife Kathleen never expected that prod in 1998 would lead to more than 20 years as a top-grade umpire in the game he loves.

Ian, 69, hit a rare milestone on Saturday 23rd October when he stood in his 200th First Grade two-day match between Redlands and Ipswich at Peter Burge Oval.

"Kath thought umpiring was a good way to get me off the couch and out of the house but I don't think she expected I'd still be at it more than 20 years later," Barsby said with a trademark smile as he reflected on his achievement this week.

"Some say you're mad standing out there all day as an umpire but it's good fun and you do



get to enjoy great cricketers from the best seat in the house."

Ian has always brought his own experience as a first-grade cricketer to the role. He played for Sandgate - Redcliffe from 1969-86, ground out a First-Grade

century and played with the likes of Trevor Hohns, Martin Kent, Bob "Grumpy" Joyce, Max Walters and younger brother Trevor.

When he was allocated a Sandgate-Redcliffe game some years ago, the inevitable happened with Trevor's son Corey opening the batting in a club one-dayer at Trevor Hohns Oval.

"Third ball, he was hit on the toe in front, I made the lbw decision and he trudged off," Barsby said.

"(Valley captain) Andrew Gode said 'You took your time making that one...it was pretty straightforward.'"

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Ian had a valid reason for his momentary hesitation over his nephew's exit.

"See that little old lady watching from over the boundary. She didn't come to watch me umpire, she came to watch her grandson bat," Barsby said.

Ian has four times been awarded the Bob Spence Medal for best exemplifying the spirit of contribution on and off the field.

"When I turned up at my first umpires' meeting, (then-QCUSA secretary) Merv Musch spluttered over his beer in surprise, 'What...you want to be an umpire after how you treated them?'" Barsby said of banter right from the start.

Ian has never been one to hide from a poor decision because all in cricket make mistakes.

"You have to be man enough to admit a mistake. I've been called a few names by players short term but I think you earn more respect by owning up if you get one wrong," Barsby said.

Barsby has seen most forms of dismissal on the field and once gave out a Wynnum-Manly batsman "obstructing the field" when he kicked the ball away just as the bowler was about to field it.

Umpiring can deliver precious memories. In 2015, he stood in an Australia-England "Test"...for over-70s at Allan Border Field.

While he was umpiring, the sound of son Chris, the long-time harness racing caller, drifted in from nearby Albion Park.

"It was one of those father moments. Chris' race call at the trots came wafting over the ground while I was umpiring," the proud father said.

As for the nickname. He wasn't prophetically tagged after the late umpire Lou Rowan. It was because he wore heavy glasses as a youngster when "Louie the Fly" had the big eyes in the old Mortein ads.



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Ian gave no inkling of calling time after standing in more than 575 matches in all forms of the game and his wife is still supportive.

Brother Trevor smiles at the memory of Ian telling him he felt like giving a serve to a fieldsman who (accidentally) branded him in the back during a run out attempt with a cannon shot throw but bit his lip when he turned to see it was Marnus Labuschagne.

"That's the thing that surprises me," Trevor said. "He obviously does a very good job but he is such a competitive bugger. I sometimes

think that might bubble to the surface but he seems to stay clear-headed and calm.

"He loves it. To me, spending eight hours out in the sun like he does I reckon he's got rocks in his head. He rings me up Monday morning and tries to give me the ball-by-ball account of who batted well and which way the wind was blowing. I ask him to tell me the short version and the best sledges but he won't tell me.

"No-one has ever said anything bad about him as an umpire to me so I have interpreted that to mean he is good at his job."

IMPORTANT DATES

November General Meeting:	Wednesday November 17th
December General Meeting:	Wednesday December 15th
January General Meeting:	Wednesday January 19th
Bob Spence Medal Annual Dinner:	Saturday April 9th

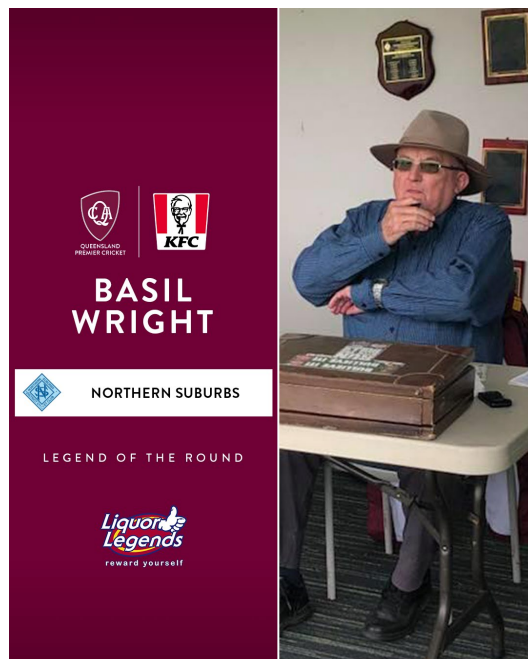
Legend of the Round | Basil Wright

"Whenever Basil has scored, success has followed!"

Congratulations to our Legend of the Round, Basil Wright from Northern Suburbs District Cricket Club. A Liquor Legends in-store voucher is coming your way.

With over 40 years of volunteer experience within Premier Cricket, Basil can often be found providing surety to the match situation behind the scorebook. Prior to his association with Northern Suburbs District Cricket Club, Basil was awarded Life Membership for his services at South Brisbane District Cricket Club and served as Chair of the Premier Cricket Committee for Queensland Cricket.

If you see Basil around Shaw Park, please thank him for his service on behalf of the Queensland Premier Cricket community!



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Beastwear Shirts

Our current uniform supplier is BLK. However, there have been a few instances already this season where members have been spotted wearing "Beastwear" shirts on field. The Association currently has a sponsorship agreement with BLK and this states that they must be worn in **ALL GAMES** including Premier, mid-week and carnival games.

BLK shirts have been provided free of charge for the past two seasons, so there is no reasonable excuse for them not to be worn.

Any member seen on-field not wearing a BLK shirt will be placing our ongoing sponsorship at risk. This practice will be treated as a major breach of Association policy and they may be called before the Management Committee to explain the reason why.

Umpire Reports

Just a reminder to all members that the Spirit of Cricket, Ground Reports and Player Votes (if applicable) for Queensland Premier Cricket need to be completed as soon as practicable after the end of the match. Currently, there are **17** reports outstanding.

We push to have the captain's reports done on time, Queensland Cricket also expects us to complete our reports on time as well.

Vale Colin Osbourne 1957-2021

The Toowoomba Cricket Umpires' Association has advised that one of their members, Colin Osborne, recently passed away aged 64. Although they only knew Colin for a few months since he and his wife moved to Toowoomba, they all found him to be a friendly, generous man who had a great love for cricket.

Colin was previously a member of the QCUSA from 1993/94-1994/95 and the 1999/2000 season. This season, apart from his Toowoomba Cricket duties, he has stood in a Lord's Taverners game and in the Junior Brisbane Premier League (T20s) competition.

Our condolences go to Colin Osbourne's extended family at this time.

Livestreaming / Kayo

With an ever-increasing number of Queensland Premier Cricket fixtures now being live streamed on YouTube, some even broadcast on Kayo every weekend and clips being posted to Qld Cricket/club's social media accounts etc, it is imperative that the members give their consent to be viewed on these platforms. The Live Streaming Release and Consent Form is to be signed by **ALL** active members and returned to the Secretary. If members don't give their permission, we will have to consider what, if any, games they can be allocated to.

For those that have yet to hand in their forms yet, please email the Secretary your completed form. A quantity of these forms will also be available at the November Meeting for members to complete and hand back in.

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Social Media

Members need to be mindful of your responsibilities to conduct yourselves in a fitting manner when using social media. It is each member's responsibility to not post anything on Club Sites, Personal Accounts or Shared Accounts that may in any way including:

"Denigrating or criticising any player, official, team, Cricket Australia, Qld Cricket or any Commercial Partner of Cricket Australia, Qld Cricket or the respective Premier Cricket Clubs."

From time to time there has been some inappropriate "chatter" on social media.

Members should be aware if they make a comment, even in a private forum (this is still able to be distributed in the way of screen shots), then they can be held liable if it breaches the Queensland Cricket Code of Behaviour.

Starting Times for T20 Matches

The starting time for the second T20 match is **NOT** to vary from what is listed on your MyCricket Allocation.

Player Votes (One Day Games)

Just a reminder for both the Men's and Women's First Grade competition, player votes for one-day games are **6-4-2 points**, NOT 3-2-1.

The Men's and Women's First Grade T20 and Lord's Taverners games are voted on a 3-2-1 basis.

General Meeting Raffle

At each General Meeting till Christmas, we have organised a \$50.00 Kedron-Wavell club voucher to raffle off. Please bring your money along, support the Association and maybe even pick up a free feed!!!

Umpire Achievements

So far this season, members have notched up the following milestones:

- Gerard Tutt 400 games
- Shaun Sinclair 100 games
- Michael O'Connor 300 games
- Peter Hooper 150 games
- Ken Gibson 150 games
- Jude Fernandes 100 games
- Alex Bogicevic 100 games

Carnivals

Thank you to all the members who have registered interest in the midweek games so far this season, the response has been fantastic. We have been advised of the following carnivals needing umpires over the coming months, please contact the Secretary to indicate your availability for these games.

QC U15 Female Championships	Mon 13 – Thur 16 December 2021 – Redlands
QJC U15 Boys Championships	Mon 13 – Fri 17 December 2021 – Wynnum/Bayside
Ian Healy Cup	Mon 10 - Fri 14 January 2022 – Albany Creek/Ferny Grove

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Merchandise

Merchandise is looked after by the Social Committee. Please telephone or email the following to place your orders. Merchandise must be ordered in advance (**including General Meetings**) to ensure delivery on the day.

Damien McAndrew **Email:** damien.mcandrew@bigpond.com **Mobile:** 0418 154 194

Members that ordered the Blue BLK Jacket, these have now arrived!!! They need to be paid **BEFORE** collection. The jackets are **\$90.00** each. They can be paid for by **cash on collection** or **Direct Deposit** to the Association's Bank Account: BSB: 124001 - Account: 10570684 (Please leave your name as a reference)

Members will be receiving a BLK Casual on-field shirt during the course of the season. If members need another shirt size for the giveaway or you have not provided your size, please contact Damien or the Secretary, you need to do this immediately.

If you wish to order an additional shirt outside of the giveaway, please contact Damien to check availability of your size and arrange for collection. These can be organised by arrangement with him.

During the season, merchandise orders that are to be collected on the weekend must be placed before the preceding Wednesday with Damien. It would be appreciated **NOT** to place orders until the Friday before your game and request a pickup on the weekend.

QCUSA Merchandise Price List 2021/22

Item	Amount
BLK Umpire Blue Shirt	\$55.00
BLK Casual Polo Shirt	\$50.00
Off Field Caps	\$15.00
BLK Water Bottle with Association Logo	\$12.00
BLK Umpire Jacket	(Special Order) \$90.00
White Avenel On Field Hat (XL, L, M & S)	\$40.00
Black Avenel On Field Hat (XL, L, M & S)	\$40.00
BLK Jacket (Special Order)	\$90.00
Hat Band with Association Logo	\$5.00
Belt Clip	\$5.00
BLK Carbon Gameday Gear Bag	\$60.00
BLK Carbon Backpack (Limited Supply)	\$60.00
Association Tie (50th Anniversary Style)	\$15.00
Umpire Counter	\$10.00
Notebook and Cover	\$5.00
The Laws of Cricket 2017 Code (2nd Edition - 2019)	(Current Ed.) \$5.00

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