

## **Camden Valley Inn**

### **Dinner Saturday night 28<sup>th</sup> January 2006**

The 80 guests enjoyed pre dinner drinks and canapes in the delightful and relaxing garden setting of the historic Camden Valley Inn. Moving to dinner the evening commenced with opening remarks from Pharmacy Cricket President and cricket tragic Greg Hodgson. He welcomed all and extended a warm welcome to the Victorian and Queensland teams members and the accompanying ladies and added congratulations to the winning teams and their captains. He noted the presence of the Guild State Presidents from NSW and Victoria in addition to past Guild National President Jim Matthews. A letter of congratulations to all, noting the work involved and the building of friendships was read from Guild National President Kos Sclavos. Greg thanked his fellow committee members, in particular Paul Mahoney for much of his work over the past 4 days, and included Peter O'Reilly and Graham Reed in his comments.

The 'Guests of Honour' Brian Booth and Peter Philpott were welcomed and thanked for being part of the celebrations. The sponsors present were identified and thanked for their support.

Greg made a strong point to all the pharmacists asking they note the sponsors listed on the new static display and on the dinner programme stating that without their support the cricket matches and this dinner would not be possible.

Graham Perl from Pfizer spoke congratulating all and pledged the continued support of his company for pharmacy Cricket.

Peter O'Reilly, fellow St George Cricket Club member introduced dual international and Australian Test cricketer and St George Cricket Club Patron Brian Booth. Brian spoke of his experiences over his international cricket career in a quite and delightful manner. Typical of this gentle and most generous self-effacing man.

Following dessert pharmacist and umpire for the NSW –Victoria match Graham Reed introduced Peter Philpott. Graham outlined Peter's amazing cricket career both as a player and coach.

Peter in his address spoke of his long association with Brian Booth and with his recovery from the stroke he suffered before Christmas. He delighted all with his down to earth and great stories of cricket past and commented on the present game giving the new 20- 20 game a strong thumbs down.

Greg Hodgson on thanking both speakers presented them with a 'Pharmacy Cricket Tie' and a NSW Pharmacy Cricket team cap. Noting they both come from NSW and that the tie should be worn 'often' and 'with pride'.

Brian and Peter presented the 'Man of the Match' awards to Chris Zischke QLD, David Sidgreaves NSW & Jeff Facey Vict.

The trophies were presented to the winning captains Darren Spina QLD 'The Pharmacy Cricket Cup', David Sidgreaves 'The Guild Travel Shield' and Steve White 'The Chemists Interstate Challenge Cricket Shield'.

Each responded and thanked and congratulated the other captains and their team members for great matches played in a keen and friendly spirit.

The 'Player of the Carnival' award went to Jason Roberts QLD and was accepted in his absence (Jason having to return on Friday evening to Brisbane to play for his club on Saturday) by Queensland pharmacy student Bojan Pijetlovic.

Thereafter Bojan was referred to by Greg as 'Mr Bojangles' as he had trouble in pronouncing his last name.

The raffle first prize, a framed signed photo of Ricky Ponting, was won by Ben Glascott and the second a book 'The Lords of Cricket' by Peter Mikhail. A signed and framed photo of Brett Lee was auctioned and sold for a rather outstanding price. Well done Queensland and auctioneer Greg H.

Before the evening closed Peter O'Reilly spoke and thanked Greg Hodgson for his planning of the carnival and for his effort in making the event such a success. A great carnival of cricket with good fellowship and not inconsiderable ribbing by each state of their interstate cricket opponents.

Queensland want to stage the event in their state next year, especially as they were the unofficial and theoretical winners of the Carnival.

Your Cricket correspondent



*Dinner Guests - Graham Perl, Catherine Bourgeois of Pfizer and Peter O'Reilly*



*Trophy presentations at Camden Valley Inn Dinner by Brian Booth and Peter Philpott*