**CCNSW HAWAII TOUR : 20-27 APRIL 2008**

After two years in the preparation a weary party of some 58 persons with ages varying from 84 yrs to 6 months staggered out from the overnight flights from Sydney into the humidity and warmth of the Honolulu sun on the morning of Friday 21 April. In theory the party contained 18 players with an average age of 44 years; already before even one game had been played our youngest player, Tom Parramore (aged 16) was unfit with shin splints and Dean Duggan had cried off all games with an injured knee acquired during his work as a carpet layer. The mobility of two more was hampered by poor knees- Brian Henshaw and Steve Cross, and David Byrnes was to play and bowl with a broken right arm! It hindered his throwing.

The Cricketers' Club had not played in Honolulu for 15 years; there were still four survivors of that tour in Mike Birchall and Di Lynas and Adrian Hawkes and Jenny Wily; for everyone else it was new. Waikiki has changed significantly in the past 15 years, primarily because of the massive expansion in luxury goods shopping catering primarily for the Japanese. Chanel's Kalakua Avenue store was in the 1990s their No 1 store in the world doing over $US60million a year sales. The spread of Duty Free shopping downtown –e.g. the 3 storey $65 million DFS Galleria store in Kalakua Avenue- was also aimed primarily at the Japanese shopper. The overall result is a dramatic change in the landscape.. In the 1980s-90s, Kalakaua Avenue used to be a party scene with local bars, cinemas and cruising teenagers. Now no more. In their place glistening luxury brand temples, Japanese travel agencies and sushi bars. The locals have in effect been driven out and Waikiki no longer reflects the ambience even of Honolulu.

But one thing has not changed. Diamond Head still looms magnificently and dramatically over the cricket ground in Kapiolani Park beneath where the "Howlies*" play on a carpet matting glued to a concrete base, amongst the soccer, softball and lacrosse pitches alongside. How would our aging party fare v the expatriate youth of Hawaii and Maui? We were soon to find out with four games arranged in 7 days from the Sunday to the following Friday

**HAWAII TOUR GAME ONE v MAUI XI at KAPIOLANI PARK, DIAMOND HEAD, HONOLULU on 20 APRIL 2008: REPORT BY ADRIAN HAWKES**

Maui had only recently started a team, and had volunteered to travel to Oahu for the day. Unfortunately with the sudden collapse of Aloha airlines, some had both lost money and could not get a seat on Hawaiian Air, the other domestic carrier. Honolulu CC made up the shortfall.C.C.N.S.W. won the toss and batted first, only for Satyen Desai to inside edge into his pad and thence onto the stumps in the first over to be out for a duck. The ball had kept surprisingly low. Ken Yardy then played some enterprising if unorthodox shots before being caught and bowled for a swashbuckling 15 in the 9th over with the score on 43.At the other end Alan Doherty was playing carefully and accumulating with orthodox drives and cuts; he was joined by the tall left hander David Klepac who scored an elegant 23 with well timed drives and back foot pulls. Then the batsman of the series (as it turned out) walked to the crease. Belying his 57 years and crouched low over his bat, Peter Harrison took a few overs to assess the bowling and pace and bounce of the pitch before proceeding to destroy it with minimal effort and outstanding timing. He never seemed to hit the ball, only caress it, especially favoring the square drive with angled blade. Alan was to retire on 58* and Peter on 50*, and at 194 for 2 in the 34th over a high total seemed achievable but in fact wickets fell in the attempt to score quick runs only Per Muscat reaching double figures with 16, as Tom Parramore went for 5, Phil Spence for 1, Steve Cross for 3, excellently caught by a diving square leg as he clipped the ball of his pads, and Bryan Henshaw for the second duck of the innings, attempting to justify his position at No 10!

Still 210 off 40 overs seemed to be a good score but on an artificial wicket where the ball does not swing, batsmen can develop effective, if unorthodox techniques to score quickly as Peter Muscat and Tom Parramore were soon to find out! Peter had one opener out caught behind by Phil Spence in his second over but then 82 runs were added off the next ten overs.. The batsmen would charge Peter and if the ball were up hit it straight over his head; if short they would pull-drive over mid-wicket. While unorthodox, it was effective. The partnership was not broken till the slow-medium left arm of Alan Doherty took a wicket, stumped by Phil Spence in slightly unusual circumstances with the batsman's foot never lifted but always on the line. The square leg umpire said not out. Phil remonstrated that his

foot was on the line! The square leg umpire ( a Honolulu player) agreed at which point the bowler's end umpire went up to him to explain the law, Much to the batsman's disgust, he was then given out!

Wickets then fell steadily if expensively, Steve Cross in particular suffering. While bowling floaters on a good length on middle and leg, the batsman either jumped out but chasseing to leg to hit him over mid off, or if the field changed, going to the off to hit the ball to hit over mid on or mid wicket- again creative if unorthodox batting. Steve eventually picked up 3 wickets but at considerable cost.. Adrian Hawkes did not have his usual control, hardly having played this year, and it ultimately fell to Bryan Henshaw, bowling very straight to keep things tight. Varying his pace and bowling an excellent length, Bryan finally took the final wicket in the 37th over as the ball clipped the onside edge of the bat, onto the pads, looped and bounced onto the top of the bails and thence into the keeper's gloves, standing back! (The verdict was bowled) A narrow win but an excellent way to start the tour

**The team was:** Satyen Desai, Ken Yardy, Alan Doherty, David Klepac, Peter Harrison, Peter Muscat (c), Tom Parramore, Phil Spence (w), Steve Cross, Brian Henshaw and Adrian Hawkes.

**The result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** 8-210 (A. Doherty 58*; P. Harrison 50*)
**Defeated**
**Maui XI:** 10-205 (S. Cross 3-65)

**The bowling was:** P Muscat 6-0-37-2; T Parramore 4-0-27-0; A Doherty 8-0-24-2; S Cross 8-0-65-3; B Henshaw 7-1-19-2; A Hawkes 4-0-31-1

**HAWAII TOUR GAME TWO v PRESIDENT's XI at KAPIOLANI PARK, DIAMOND HEAD, HONOLULU on MONDAY 21 APRIL 2008: REPORT BY ADRIAN HAWKES**

By now more acclimatized to the wicket and the conditions, and having overcome jetlag, our early batting played to its ability. Satyen Desai and David Klepac, both lefthanders but with totally different styles, put on 93 for the first wicket in 15 overs. David caressed his way to 45 before giving the fielders catching practice while Satyen scored 33 before walking down the wicket to a leg spinner (who had played at Lords in his student days ) missing the ball and just continuing walking off the pitch. Peter Harrison (52*) and David Byrnes then added 76 off the next 13 overs, Peter continuing as before, excellent shot selection and timing, rarely beaten and rarely lifting the ball, while David perhaps was more flamboyant, in particular favoring the cut off both front and back foot, much to the technical admiration of Alan Doherty who then accelerated the final overs with an unbeaten 27*. There was just time for Ian Neil- who had been marked to open but arrived late- to get off the mark in the 40th over.

233 was to prove very defensible. While Honolulu kept the scoring rate around the required rate of 6 an over, they continually lost wickets. Only Mark Berwick displaying the patience and technique and determination not to give his wicket away.. Peter Smith was to prove the best of our bowlers, bowling a consistent length and swinging the ball both ways with subtle changes of wrist position to pick up 4 wickets. The coupe de theatre was the introduction of Martin Berry who totally confused the tail end batsmen to pick up 2 wickets for 6 runs in his first two overs as Phil Spence stumped one as he wandered mesmerized down the wicket and David Byrnes caught a skier off another. Little did Martin know at the time that his next 3 overs on tour (spread over 3 games) were to concede 70 runs, almost all to Mark Berwick. In this game Mark had retired at 50* but now came back at 9-138, in the 28th over. Mark is a very well built powerful 6 foot left hander with a very heavy MLF bat and a baseball technique. His technique to Martin was very simple. Either run down the wicket, stepping slightly to leg to free his arms or go right back and across to the shorter ball. The result was usually either 4 or 6 – Martin could say with all truth and sincerity he always had Mark in two minds!-. The result was some of the highest and longest sixes most of us had ever witnessed. However in this match at least Martin had the final word as Ian Neil took an excellent running catch at deep square leg as Mark slightly mistimed and got under a hook- a fault he was to remedy in his later innings. Ian had also distinguished himself with an excellent juggling gully catch earlier and also narrowly missed being killed when an earlier flat hook by Mark had burst through his hands and hit him in the Adams apple.

And so Honolulu were all out in the 29th over, leaving us victors by 79 runs. Their revenge was to come in the next game

**The team was:** Satyen Desai, David Klepac, Peter Harrison, David Byrnes (c), Alan Doherty, Ian Neil, Ken Yardy, Peter Smith, Phil Spence (w), Adrian Hawkes and Martin Berry

**The result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** 3-238 (P. Harrison 52*; D. Klepac 45; D. Byrnes 44)
**Defeated**
**President's XI** 10-159 (P. Smith 4-38; M. Berry 3-26)

**The bowling was:** A Doherty 5-0-18-1; D Klepac 4-0-26-0; P Smith 8-1-38-4; A Hawkes 6-0-43-1; D Byrnes 4-0-9-1; M Berry 3-0-26-3.

**HAWAII TOUR GAME THREE v VICE-CAPTAIN's XI at KAPIOLANI PARK, DIAMOND HEAD, HONOLULU on WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 2008: REPORT BY ADRIAN HAWKES**

The ease of the previous win had relied heavily on the top order batsmen all succeeding. What would happen when we had to rely more on the less established batsmen? We were about to find out. Satyen Desai was out for 2 and Ian Neil bowled for 4 to have us at 2-10 in the 6th over Enter our form batsman of the tour Peter Harrison and Graeme Anderson who had not even held a bat for about 16 months! With their ability and timing they managed to make the somewhat awful planks of wood in the Club kit appear to have a middle, although ultimately Peter had to change one as the crack in the toe began to enlarge! Both batted unhurriedly and without alarm, Peter scoring primarily on the off and Graeme deadly with anything on his legs. Peter retired for 40* and almost simultaneously Graeme for 42*, the score at 2-100 in the 25th over. The rest was a procession as Peter Smith chopped on for a duck; Ken Yardy very painfully lbw for 1 hit on his big toe by a yorker; Steve Cross out for 5 and Tom Parramore for 0, leaving only Phil Spence still standing in the carnage as the run rate dropped. He was finally out for 20 in the 37th over, leaving Martin Berry to struggle to 4 and Trevor Page (guest player for the day) failing to get off the mark in the final overs. Martin was finally run out off the last ball of the innings to leave us at 8-141.

Initially we started well with Tom Parramore yorking their opener with a late inswinger, and then the other opener run out by 21 yards as his partner stayed in the crease. Peer Smith then bowled an away swinger starting on or outside leg stump, persuading their No 3 to try to hit to mid wicket; he missed and was bowled middle stump! A very similar ball and similar shot had the No 4 lbw, and when Satyen Desai persuaded their No 5 to hook a long hop down Ian Neil's throat at square leg, Honolulu were 5-65 in the 13th over. Enter Mark Berwick who for once found a batsman at the other end able to stay with him. While Mark played powerful straight drives and pulls, the no 7 was more unorthodox but on this surface, very effective and the partnership mounted rapidly. As a last gamble Martin Berry was brought on in the hopes of getting the right hander. Unfortunately he took a single first ball and Mark Berwick achieved a long held ambition of hitting a ball right out of the ground into the Waikiki Music Shell next door as he hit Martin for three sixes in 4 balls and the game was effectively over. Honolulu cruised home in the 24th over, having put on 76 in the final ten overs.

**The team was:** Satyen Desai, Ian Neil, Peter Harrison, Graeme Anderson, Ken Yardy, Peter Smith, Phil Spence (w), Steve Cross, Trevor Page, Tom Parramore, Martin Berry and Adrian Hawkes (c).

**The result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** 8-141 (G. Anderson 42*; P. Harrison 40*)
**Lost to**
**Vice-Captain's XI:** 5-145 (P. Smith 2-26)

**The bowling was:** P. Smith 6-1-26-2; T. Parramore 6-1-29-1; S. Desai 4-0-30-1; S. Cross 5-0-14-0; M. Berry 2-0-28-0; A. Hawkes 1-0-6-0; T. Page 1-0-8-0

**HAWAII TOUR GAME FOUR v CAPTAIN's XI at KAPIOLANI PARK, DIAMOND HEAD, HONOLULU on ANZAC DAY FRIDAY 25 APRIL 2008: REPORT BY ADRIAN HAWKES**

While the majority of the non players plus Peter Harrison went to a 10am Anzac day ceremony at Punchbowl military ceremony, the balance of ten players commenced the final game, batting first so that Peter could join us during our innings. With Tom Parramore crying off because his legs ached, Martin Berry stepped in for his third game of the week, and was in retrospect to play a match winning tenth wicket stand with Bryan Henshaw. Our innings started badly with Alan Doherty out for a duck but David Klepac played with his usual elegance rapidly outscoring Graeme Anderson who was out for ten in a partnership of 48 for the second wicket; David then fell for 39 at the same score followed by Ian Neil for a duck. We had slumped from 1-57 to 4-57 in the 12th over. David Byrnes and Peter Harrison on his birthday then added another 39 runs in 10 overs before Peter finally made a mistake and was out for ten; David soon followed for a well struck 33; Peter Muscat eased cautiously off the mark with a six but then fell to the well flighted leg spin of Pankaj, who in his next over dismissed Peter Smith for 9 and Rob Allen for a duck. Cometh the hour, cometh the man as Martin Berry strolled to the wicket to join his captain Bryan Henshaw (also on nought))at a perilous 9-127 in the 29th over. While Martin applied himself to preventing the ball hitting his stumps, Bryan played a captain's innings hitting an aggressive 26 in the next 6 overs before being bowled, leaving Martin 2* and 30 runs added for the last wicket.

157 appeared a very gettable total but Bryan cannily opened with the left arm wrist spin of Rob Allen who struck an immediate length and his googly gripped and lifted away from the right hand openers who had apparently never before faced such bowling. David Klepac made two stumpings off Rob in his first four overs while at the other end Peter Muscat slowed his pace and bowled line and length only conceding 12 runs off 7 overs. Peter Smith initially bowled equally economically at first and after16 overs the Honolulu total had only reached 28 for the loss of five wickets. David Byrnes perhaps helped by his broken arm (shades of Murilitharan!) took a wicket in his first over and another in his fifth to have the extraordinary figures at that time of 2-6!

Mark Berwick came to the crease at 4-23, and began to stage a recovery with the No 7 Raghu and then the number 8 Udesh but the scoring rate was still too low at 6-93 in the 28th over. Bryan now faced a dilemma faced by many captains in these types of games. There is an unwritten moral law that if someone plays for you- and certainly if they have volunteered at the last moment-as had Martin Berry, you are obliged to give them a go. Now was Martin's turn with the score on 93 and the scoring rate needed by Honolulu up to 5 an over and only 4 wickets in hand. Unfortunately Martin was again faced by his nemesis, Mark Berwick and one over later the score had leapt to 115 and the run rate required reduced to under 4 an over!

Bryan promptly resorted to himself and the steady left arm medium of Alan Doherty, who promptly repaid Bryan's faith by taking a crucial caught and bowled to get rid of Mark for 47 and then took two more wickets, both caught by Peter Muscat to reduce Honolulu to 9-140 with six overs to score 18 runs but only one wicket left. With Bryan going for nearly 7 an over this was still a distinct possibility but Bryan then ended what must have been a satisfying day for him with the final wicket in his third over to leave us victors by ten runs with 5 overs to go.
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**The team was:** Alan Doherty, David Klepac (w), Graeme Anderson, David Byrnes, Ian Neil, Peter Harrison, Peter Smith, Peter Muscat, Bryan Henshaw (c), Bob Allen and Martin Berry

**The result was:**

**C.C.N.S.W.:** 10-157 (D. Klepac 39; D. Byrnes 33)
**Defeated**
**Captain's XI:** 10-147 (A. Doherty 3-28)

**The bowling was:** P. Muscat 7-3-12-0; R. Allen 5-0-11-2; P. Smith 7-1-31-1; D. Byrnes 7-2-18-2; A. Doherty 5-1-28-3; M. Berry 1-0-22-0; B. Henshaw 2.5-0-20-1

## Thoughts in retrospect

Honolulu only have about 30 players, mostly younger than ours but not so technically correct. This helped to make the games close. For such a small Club their efficiency, hospitality and organization were remarkable, arranging 4 games in 6 days, 3 midweek! In the USA, leave days are like gold dust. For every game the Honolulu players were at the ground c.9.30 a.m. erecting tents, bringing chairs and a well stocked ice chest which never seemed to run out. For every game they brought more than enough food both for our players and spectators at no cost to our players. Sometimes they provided umpires. At the end of the game the tents were lowered, and everything removed. Always they entertained us afterwards at the local surf bar "Lulu's" (not to be confused with the gay bar "Hulas" next door) with extraordinarily good looking (female) bar staff much to the interest of at least one of our players. At the end of the tour they organized a roof top party at a local hostelry which all the Honolulu players and their partners, some with children, attended. No suggestion here that their partners would not co-operate to help make a social success of the days. By way of contrast I can imagine the potential problems if C.C.N.S.W. were ever faced with the task of organizing four touring games in 6 days, at Camperdown always getting food and drink, always bringing partners, always entertaining our guests till well into the evening. It would need a very disciplined and socially conscious bunch of players and very supportive partners.

In addition The Honolulu C.C. made a personal presentation to each day's captain of an engraved statuette, a presentation to the Club of an engraved replica Hawaiian war club which I hope will soon be on display at the NSW Sports Club for all to see, and a personal presentation to me, much appreciated, of an engraved wooden bowl.

Honolulu have twice toured the mainland and have serious hopes of making a tour to Sydney next March-April, maybe also travelling down the road to Canberra. Hopefully we will get a chance to reciprocate their hospitality. From their perspective, they can play cricket 12 months a year. They are desperate to have more teams visit them, so if any reader of this thinks his local club might be interested, just email Mark Berwick in Honolulu at **mark.berwick@yahoo.com** and go on their web site at **www.honolulucricketclub.org**.

As to our players apart from one jocular remark complimenting Martin Berry on his economy rate, which may have been taken the wrong way, everything seemed to go smoothly on the field and so far as I am aware, off the field. Sympathy is due to Ken Yardy for an extremely badly bruised toe but at least he could get around, unlike "Tedda" Hawkes who fainted the first day at the sight of so much cheap shopping, then the next day badly strained her ankle and broke two toes, walking off the kerb which meant she spent the week reading books and eating take in meals in the dubious comfort of her hotel room. For the rest I believe they were able to see much of Oahu outside Waikiki. Thanks are due to Mike Birchall who quietly and efficiently organised a golf day (Peter Muscat is the C.C.N.S.W. Hawaii golf champion!) and equally efficiently organised a party of over 30 to the Anzac day ceremony and liaised with the Australian Consulate.

**Finally I hope to see as many of you as possible at The Vaucluse Yacht Club on Sunday 25 May. If requested or needed it is quite likely Sydney based players can accommodate some out-of-towners from Melbourne or Brisbane or Canberra; let me know if you are coming.**

* NB "Howlie" is the locals nickname for "Whities". Literally it means" No breath". The native Hawaiians had customs such as you find with Maoris who rub noses and can smell the stranger's breath. Of course white foreigners tend to shake hands at a distance-hence no breath.

**I ZINGARI (AUSTRALIA) at CAMDEN PARK on SATURDAY 26 APRIL 2008**

For the second year running this game was cancelled by rain, a symbolic end to the wettest season I can remember.

# Items of News (as at 05.05.08)

*** Saturday 10 May:** C.C.N.SW. Golf at Blackheath. **$70pp** including cart and bbq lunch. Contact Corey Haigh on 0412 229 733 if you want to play on this beautiful course. Some are intending to drive up on the Friday night for dinner and have a weekend in the Blue Mountains. For more details see: **http://www.ccnsw.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/GOLF_BLACKHEATH_2008.doc**

*** Sunday 25 May:** C.C.N.S.W. Vaucluse Yacht Club end-of-season lunch. **$55** per adult/under 18 **$20** /under 13 **$10**/babies free; B.Y.O. drink. Send cheques made payable to C.C.N.S.W. to Brian Fallon at 24 The Avenue, Rose Bay N.S.W. 2029.

*** Saturday 6- Monday 9 June:** Caloundra Tripartite on the Sunshine Coast over the Queen's Birthday weekend public holiday. Our annual tournament in Caloundra with the XXIX Club from Melbourne and the Q.C.C. from Brisbane. Contact David Jones on 4572 5151 (H) or 0416 289 011 (Mob) or Email **jonesy1965@optusnet.com.au** to reserve your spot and book your airfare early.

Details of the trip are available at
**http://www.ccnsw.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/CALOUNDRA_QUEENS_BIRTDAY_WEEKEND.doc**

*** Friday 4 July:** C.C.N.S.W. Night on American Independence Day at the Harold Park Trots: - private room + buffet dinner + our own drinks attendant: **$75 pp** + drink. Contact Leigh Yardy on 0419 789 785 (Mob). Details at
**http://www.ccnsw.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/HAROLD_PARK_4_JULY.doc**