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Gilley's Round 1 Report By David Datson

The umpiring crew for Gilley's Round 1 (28-30 Oct.) met up in Melbourne ready for whatever would be dealt to us, except the weather. The weekend had a mixture of weather with the rain winning out as six games have been rescheduled for Gilley's Round 2 (24-27 Nov.).

On Friday morning, Darrel Paul, a blue from across the Tasman, joined our crew.

On the diamond we all worked well together with several highlights, the biggest being Bridget Cameron (Qld) successfully obtaining her Level 6 - well done Bridget! Umpiring six assessment games over the three days, especially with the weather, was a great performance under the ever-looming examination pressure.

On a lighter note, a diving competition (on diamond) between a few of the blues resulted in the inaugural Esther Williams award - joint winners of the award were Ian Frame, Phil Waller and Steve Wallace-Yarrow.

The off-diamond life of the blues was often interesting. Our first night saw us have a quiet meal at a local hotel, however with eateries all full on the Saturday night we were persuaded to venture upstairs by a waiter, a *little* noisy he said! Well it turned into a "doof-doof" establishment so much for well earned food and a "quiet" drink - we all think that this outing may be a first for an umpiring crew!!

Thanks to our TCU, Debbie Grove, who had a rather torrid time over the weekend because of the weather and plane delays.

Finally, "good calling" to all the crews at the rest of the Gilley's rounds and the 2012 National Championships.



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Latest news

- All ISF umpires need to sit the ISF rules exam to keep their accreditation current. This must be sat every rule book change.

Log onto www.internationalsoftball.com and go to umpiring, UmpSchool.

- A reminder that the new ISF pitching rule POE is available as a video on the SAL DartFish web site. Displaying the new wording and interpretation with video showing legal and illegal actions.

Go to www.dartfish.tv, then log in at top right corner: user - SALTechnical, password - softball

- Women's World Qualifier for N.Z. has been cancelled as it is not required.
- Men's Canberra Skins is about to kick off on December 2nd.
- The Oceania Men's World Championship Qualifier will follow the Skins in Canberra between Australia, Samoa and PNG. New Zealand automatically qualify as they are the host nation.

Congratulations to Leigh Evans, Debbie Grove, Scott Rindfleish and Darren Sibraa who have been selected to umpire at this event, along with Glen Nalepa and Mark Porteous from New Zealand. Wayne Saunders (N.Z.), the Oceania UIC, will be TCU, with Tricia Sibraa being DTCU.

- Congratulations to Amanda Houison who has been selected as the UIC – Communications and Membership Engagement.

The NUC are currently selecting staff members to assist with this very time consuming and very important role as Communications and Membership Engagement.

- Bat certification testing and labeling is being trialed at the Technical Meeting during the Gilley's Shield, more will be communicated shortly.
- Debbie Grove and her assistants are working hard toward our training and instructors manual for Level 3.

Ron Houison, David Casey, Kyira Cox and Trevor Murphy have been working on the Level 3 Manual.

- Diane Waller, Ian Frame and Amanda Houison have completed the first draft of the TCU Manual for National Championships.
- The National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS) registration with the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) is under way throughout the states. Become a registered ASC NOAS member now.

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