

Eaten any underpants lately?

It seems that drink drivers in Canada have some fairly unique methods of dealing with breathalysers.

The *Law Institute Journal* (March 2001, p45) reported on an amusing piece headlined "Man eats underwear to beat breathalyser" from the *Canadian Law Society Gazette* of 30 November 2000.

"While sitting in the back of a police car, the driver ripped the crotch out of his underwear and began to eat it, apparently in the hope that the cotton fabric would absorb the alcohol. Spectators at the ensuing trial had to be removed because they were struggling to maintain their composure. 'People were leaving the courtroom with tears in their eyes, trying not to laugh', a policeman reported. The driver was under the limit but it's not sure whether that was because of his snack or not."

Balance hopes the idea doesn't catch on too quickly.

A case of mistaken identity?

According to sources the new Court Orderly in Alice Springs got himself a little muddled lately.

One week he collects Mr Gillies SM

from the Supreme Court judges chambers and takes him down to court.

The next week he returns to find Mildren J sitting in the same spot Gillies occupied the week before. He does notice the difference in hair colour (the former grey, the latter black), but presumes the gentlemen are one and the same nonetheless.

"Perhaps he's done something to his hair?" the Court Orderly thinks.

Mildren J is taken down to the Court of Summary Jurisdiction and prepares to enter the room. The Court Orderly hesitates, claiming he feels nervous and goes to check a bit of paper for what he is supposed to say.

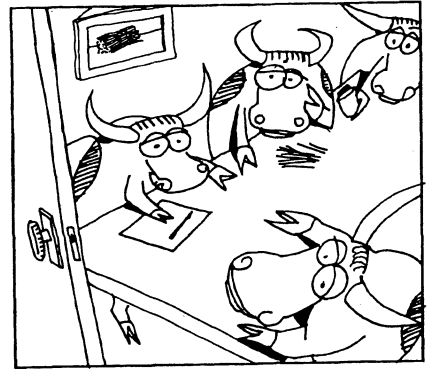
"Let me see that" offers a helpful Mildren J, only to discover that he was about to be taken into the wrong court entirely.

Says Mildren J: "I think you've got the wrong person".

De Silva calls for challengers

In another show of sporting excellence, David De Silva and Michael Davis of De Silva Hebron defeated Tom Walker (Noonans) and Carl Black (Cridlands) in the latest tennis match at the De Silva Coconut Grove Tennis Centre on 15 March 2001.

The Muster Room



Scores were 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. The winners receive an all expenses paid lunch at Litchfield Ten, from the losers. Apparently David De Silva came alive in the second set when he knew that his opponents were beaten and he didn't have to pay for lunch.

According to De Silva Hebron this is just another example of De Silva Hebron's dominance in the legal sporting world.

"Did we mention that we also won the Inaugural Indoor Beach Volleyball Challenge on 25 November 2000?" asked De Silva Hebron's Reinis Dancis.

"Bring on the challengers!!! Anyone for Basketball?" he said.

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Sarah Bell with Susan Porter on Sarah's admission day



Kirraly Scarce, Kevin Banbury and Lisa Ewenson on their admission day in Alice Springs