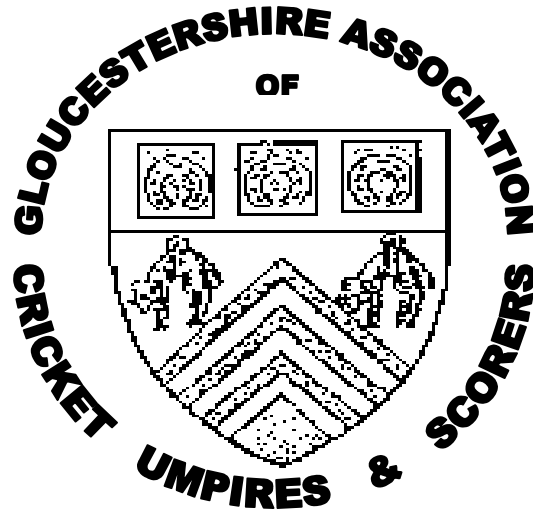


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EDITORIAL

I was saddened at the death of Derek Hogg and even sadder that bad weather prevented our Chairman and myself from attending the funeral. Some umpires closer at hand did attend and represented GACUS and our prayers and thoughts are with the family at this time. A full obituary on the inside pages says it all.

From a wintry scene we can only look forward to a better summer with lots of fine weather, the chance to meet friends old and new, maybe visit new (to us) grounds and the opportunity to venture further a-field through the formation of the WEPL Premier League Panel. My congratulations and Best Wishes to those who make it on to the Panel.

Firstly we have the AGM and Pre-Season meetings to look forward to and important decisions to make, most importantly replacing Bill Griffin as Chairman. Shock waves swept through the Committee meeting when he told us he was standing down. Bill has spent huge amounts of time and energy guiding our Association through many different and sometimes difficult situations. We have a lot to thank him for and can understand his need to take a breather, as I cannot believe he will retire completely. (you are too young and good-looking for that Bill).

Now we must choose his successor carefully, one who will take us into the future and keep us in the forefront of cricket in Gloucestershire. This AGM is vital so make sure you attend to express your views and make the decisions that best reflect the aims and aspirations of this Association. Don't forget your voting forms for Umpire and Scorer of the year, they must be in before or at the AGM, and make someone feel they have achieved a landmark in something they enjoy doing anyway.

See you there

Trigger

Finance Subscriptions - 2009

Direct Members are again reminded that Subscriptions are now due. Only a small number have renewed so far. To continue your Membership, please forward the sum of £8 together with a Membership form (which can be downloaded from the GACUS Website) to the Treasurer. You may if you prefer, pay at the AGM before proceedings commence, but remember to bring a completed Membership form with you.

Your membership will have lapsed if you have not paid at or before the AGM.

CRB renewals need to be looked at before the start of the new season. Dust off your certificate and make sure it's still valid otherwise you may miss out on appointments.

Election of Officers

Our Chairman Bill Griffin has announced his intention to stand down at the AGM. Bill has guided us through times of change, and sometimes turmoil, in recreational cricket during his term in office. Now, although the dust is beginning to settle, there are still big decisions to be made that will affect the future of our Association. Much thought is needed as to his successor.

Please give this your utmost consideration.

Stan Bennett is also standing down as Training Officer due health reasons but will continue to help with training matters mainly on a consultancy basis. We will need to appoint a replacement for him at the AGM.

Nominations for Committee Members must have the approval of the person to be nominated; they must be seconded and must be received **in writing** to the Secretary before the start of the meeting. Nominations via email are also acceptable.

League updates

The fees for this coming season are:-

Premier 1 £35.00 **Premier 2** £30.00

Both payable at the end of the season, all others payable on the day.

Glos/Wilts £27.50 **Glos. Division** £22.50 **County League** £20.00

A major change to all leagues in the WEPL pyramid is that a club cannot call off a match **at any time** during the season without the agreement of an umpire. In the case of inclement weather the home club will have to call in an umpire to adjudicate on conditions for play. The official can be any umpire on the GACUS active list and a list of postcodes is being provided to clubs enabling them to contact a close-by official, as it need not be the appointed officials who have to make the pre-match decision.

The County League is introducing fielding circle discs to their league matches at the start of the new season.

Cricket Quiz

Here are the answers to the Christmas Cricket Quiz

1. Who has scored the most test match runs? **TENDULKAR**
2. Who has taken the most test match wickets? **MURALITHARAN**
3. Which wicketkeeper has the most test match dismissals? **BOUCHER**
4. Who has umpired the most test matches? **BUCKNOR**
5. Which English umpire has stood in most test matches? **SHEPHERD**
6. Which cricketer was knighted first? **PLUM WARNER**
7. Who is the only player to be knighted whilst still playing test cricket? **RICHARD HADLEE**
8. The only time in a test match that a part of all 4 innings took place in one day was played by whom, where and when?
ENGLAND v W INDIES @ LORDS in 2000
9. Which two countries played in the first international cricket match in 1844?
USA and CANADA
10. Who was the first player to score 150 in an odi? **GLENN TURNER**
11. Who was first w/k to carry out 5 stumpings in a test innings?
KIRAN MORE
12. Who was first player to score 1000 runs, take 100 wkts and hold 100 catches in odi's? **VIV RICHARDS**
13. Which Australian umpire called Muralitharan for throwing in Adelaide in 1999?
ROSS EMERSON
14. Which cricketer tried to use an aluminium bat in 1979? **DENNIS LILLEE**
15. Who was first player to wear a helmet in a test match?
GRAHAM YALLOP

Quiz Winner

Congratulations to our winner of the Christmas Cricket Quiz Sue Drinkwater, who will receive her prize of an Orange Pay as you Go mobile phone at the Pre-Season Seminar.

Derek Hogg Obituary

It is with much regret we report the passing of Derek who died peacefully at home on the 20th January 2009. Our long established members, particularly from the Stroud area, will be aware of Derek's contribution to local cricket over many years.

In the early days of competitive cricket he was instrumental in setting up the Stroud and District Cricket Umpires Association. He was Association Secretary and Treasurer and also made appointments to the Stroud League and KO Cup matches. He was himself a respected umpire. He relinquished his duties within the Umpire's Association in mid 1970's but kept involved with cricket by organising and coaching the Youth of the Stroud area. As a player he was a member of Woodchester Cricket Club.

Later on Derek with his wife Sue opened a printing business in Nailsworth also selling a range of sportswear and offering an embroidery service. When the free of charge printing of Not-Out by Rank Xerox in the Forest of Dean ceased Derek stepped into the breach and took on not only the printing of Not-Out but all of GACUS' printing needs, cheerfully, quickly and entirely without charge. He introduced improvements to our newsletter including the inclusion of a coloured cover when it turned from an A4 sheet into an A5 booklet. Cricket in general and local umpires in particular have a lot to be thankful for in Derek's contribution over a long period of time. His philosophy in life always seemed to be 'what can I do to help' and when asked, and sometimes without asking, he would cheerfully give whatever help was required. Most importantly he would see his promised commitment through to the end.

As an Association we give eternal thanks for all he has done for us and extend to his wife Sue, daughters Julia and Katherine and son William our sincere sympathies. As a devoted family man he will be greatly missed by them but we trust their happy memories of times past will help ease the sorrows of the present.

Denys Taylor

Basil Smith

Basil and Family wish to thank everyone who attended and supported them at the funeral of his wife Betty, especially Peter and David from the Worcester Association. Also to all those who sent cards and letters. Their kindness was very much appreciated.

Gloucestershire Association of Cricket Officials

The latest news from the County Association of Cricket Officials

The first meeting of the Executive Committee took place on 13th January with Chairman: Martin Brown, Secretary: John Harper: Training Administrator: Peter Rogers, Scorers rep: Sue Jones and GCB Rep: Tom Boore attending. Treasurer: Jon Davies sent his apologies.

Thanks were expressed to BWCACUS and GACUS for their help and support for Umpires and Scorers in the County. A Play-Cricket Website will be set up to keep GACO Members informed of latest news and developments.

Links will be provided to other websites – ECB, GCB, GACUS & BWCACUS.
Future meetings will be held quarterly.

Updated information

ECBACO Training Courses, both Level 1& 2, for Umpires and Scorers are now being held – details were given in the latest ACO Newsletter issued in December. Full information about the Courses in the South & West Region can be obtained from Pete Rogers, Training Administrator: by email at pete.rogers@bt.com or by phone: 0117 962411 (H) or 07799 361158 (M)

Appointments – ECB Regional Appointment Co-ordinators are now in place to handle appointments for all ECB matches. In some Competitions such as the National Club Championship (Rounds 1, 2 & 3) and the Cockspur Twenty20 Competition (County Finals), appointments will be delegated to the County ACOs. For these GACO will use the Appointments Officers of both GACUS and BWCACUS.

From 2010, ECB will be introducing the *ECB Umpiring Pathway*, which will provide a route for any aspiring Umpire or Scorer to progress towards the highest level of cricket.

John Harper
Hon Secretary, GACO

Umpire and Scorer of the year.

Forms are going out with this issue for your nominations for this award. Please hand them in at the AGM or, if unable to attend, send them to the Secretary in time for the meeting. If you have not received these forms please contact Jim Downes immediately.

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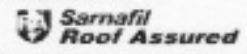
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Merchandise

an update

Unfortunately, due to the economic downturn, the sponsorship deal has fallen through. However, clothing and equipment with the GACUS badge is still available at discounted prices through the GACUS On-line Shop.

Sample clothing will be available to view before the AGM with Mike Gibson of CF Sports on hand to answer any questions you may have.

To register with the GACUS On-line Shop, send an e-mail to gacus@cfsports.co.uk

You will receive an e-mail back giving you a log-on reference.

Register on the site at the log-on panel on the home page.

GACUS and special offers for Members will appear on your menu.

You will need to sign in on each time you wish to enter the On-line shop.

For those without Internet connection, please visit the CF Sports Retail Outlet at Unit E1, Northway Trading Estate, Northway Lane, Tewkesbury GL20 8JH
Remember to telephone 01684 850888 beforehand for opening hours.

Umpiring vagary

At the turn of the 1950's Frank Chester was considered to be the best umpire in England if not in the World yet on one occasion his decisions were under scrutiny.

Take for instance Trent Bridge in 1950 when England were playing the West Indies the scorebook reads D J Insole LBW b Ramadin 23. but in play after the ball hit the pads it went on to hit the stumps!

We know that Ramadin was a spinner but how Chester managed to signal 'out' before the ball hit the stumps is hard to imagine, however that may be, his refusal to change his verdict to 'bowled' is hard to understand. Both for batsman and bowler 'bowled' looks better in the scorebook than 'LBW' so the most reliable umpire's attitude in declining to alter his decision is the more surprising.

Can it be that having given his decision he regarded the ball as 'dead'? well we shall never know, however this situation was not covered by the Laws' in force at the time (1947 first edition) although it was covered in the 1954 code second edition, perhaps this incident prompted its inclusion.

Ed: our thanks to Jack Stewart for this contribution

Training update

I devoted a fair amount of time and effort during the 2008 season to finding people interested in either umpire or scorer courses, with mixed success. In respect of scorers the response has been promising, with around 10 people expressing an interest in taking a basic scorers course from Stroud CC alone, and around another 10 interested from a number of other clubs. The interest in the IICUS umpire course has, however, been disappointing. From a promising position in the middle of the season the numbers dwindled and this has placed the course in some jeopardy. Last minute efforts may rescue the position but I'm not optimistic at this time.

Towards the end of the season I sent an email to the secretaries of the leagues to which GACU&S appoint umpires, highlighting the need for all their clubs to support GACU&S by being proactive in helping our association recruit umpires. Ultimately it is for their benefit. It would appear that the message is not being heard loudly enough and I am looking at ways making the leagues and the clubs understand that they will suffer should we not be able to encourage people to take up umpiring. Any thoughts will be gratefully received.

On a more optimistic note the training team has now expanded, with Bob Owen, Jon Davies and Ian Anderson keen to become involved in delivering umpire training. This will be a great help in the New Year when we will be delivering another round of four-week player/umpire courses. The scorers training team is made up of Sue Drinkwater, Linda Collinson and Clive Jones, and it is hoped to run at least two basic scorers courses as well as at least one workshop for more experienced scorers.

On a final note please could I ask that each and every one of you reading this does all you can to encourage and cajole people you know to consider umpiring or scoring? They may be people who are still playing but who are no longer able to play at the standard they used to. With a bit of hard work and a little patience they may find themselves umpiring at a level above that they have played at.

Simon Todd

Change of date

Please note change of date for the Pre-Season Seminar. It is now on the **8th April** at the Victory Club starting at 7.30pm. There will be a variety of topics for discussion as well as league regulation updates; Jason Hobbs will talk about the umpire's pitch report form. Presentation of awards to the Umpire and Scorer of the year and the winner of the Christmas quiz will also be made. Steve Silk the new Cricket Development Officer for Gloucestershire will be our guest speaker.

Dates for your Diaries

All GACUS meetings take place at the Victory Club Lypiatt Rd. Cheltenham

Wed. 18th March GACUS AGM. 7.30.p.m.

Thurs. 26th March GCB AGM 7.30pm

Wed. 8th April Pre-Season Seminar 7.30pm

Wed 15th April. 1st meeting of new Committee 7.30pm

Sat. 2nd May Start of the new League season

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