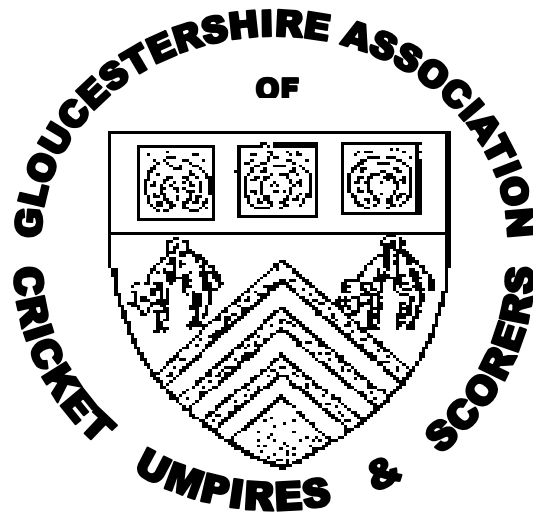


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EDITORIAL

The new season is upon us and we have done all the talking so lets see a bit of action in warm sunny weather, we are due a good hot summer!

Thank you Bill for seven years hard labour at the helm of our Association, bet you didn't envisage half of what has happened since taking the job on. Into the driving seat we welcome Jeff Chandra, no stranger to us as all he has done is swop hats and we look forward to his expert guidance keeping GACU&S on top of the game.

Peter Sawyer our Secretary will be a fresh face to many as he only recently moved to Gloucestershire. I'm sure he will bring his own expertise to the job and as he finds his way around I hope he will be given a warm welcome.

Congratulations also to Stan Bennett who has been given Life Membership of our Association. Stan has been a stalwart to cricket, both locally and nationally, especially in cricket law and we have been extremely fortunate to have him in our midst to dispense his knowledge first hand as many young umpires can testify.

I attended one of the Gloucestershire Regional Forums recently and there are plans for a shake up and redevelopment of recreational and youth cricket in Gloucestershire. Steve Silk certainly knows where he wants to go and has an infectious enthusiasm for the job.

I am meeting him soon to discuss the re-starting of the Indoor Sixes that brought so much fun, in a serious way to many players, and I hope will do so again.

However that's for dark winters' nights, lets enjoy the summer game first and I hope to see many of you around the circuit in the coming months.

Trigger

Election of Officers

We are pleased to welcome into new posts following the March AGM

Chairman Jeff Chandra

Secretary Peter Sawyer

Full details can be seen in the Directory at the back of the Newsletter.

It was also pleasing to grant **Life Membership** to Stan Bennett for his services and contributions to our Association and cricket generally.

ECB Directive

Supervision of the toss to be carried out by all Umpires operating in ECB matches, this includes Minor Counties, Premier League, National Knockout Cup, Cockspur Club T20 and County Age Group matches. Please request that your Officials use this opportunity to remind Captains of their responsibility under the Code of Conduct incorporating the Spirit of Cricket in the match.

For this season we request that particular focus of attention is paid to:

- a) On-field dissent, which includes equipment abuse, evidence of either will trigger an obligatory disciplinary report.
- b) Application of the laws following the bowling of high full pitch balls.

All umpires officiating in these matches are required to be paid-up members of ECBACO

League updates

Congratulations to our umpires who have been accepted on to the inaugural Premier League Umpire's Panel this season. They are:-
Ian Anderson, Jon Davies, Terry Deakin, Colin Dunford, Mike Edwards, John Harper, Alan Jennings, Bob Owen and Ian Wright.

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
Glos 050 £25.00 no mileage paid. **County Senior Cup** £25.00

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.

Umpire and Scorer of the year.

Congratulations to Ian Anderson who was runaway winner of the Umpire of the Year Award and to Geoff Trett who won the Scorer's Trophy.

Finance SUBSCRIPTIONS – 2009

The deadline for payment of subs. is well passed and no renewal means no appointments, it also means that you are reading Not-Out for the last time.

This also applies to CRB forms in that if you do not hold a valid certificate, or we do not know that yours is valid, then you cannot be given appointments

Umpires' coats

Graham Dunning has a number of umpiring coats to pass on GACUS members in return for a donation to Association funds. They are 'old style' coats each with a GACUS badge sewn on and four pockets together with a small assortment of record cards, bowlers' marks and clickers.

Anyone interested call Graham on 01452 616705

Player Behaviour

We are very encouraged by a recent ECB statement about player behaviour that is or is not acceptable. It is based on the preamble to the Laws of Cricket and appears to be completely in accordance with those Laws. In particular it deals with the following issues that have exercised our minds recently:

Acceptance of umpires' decisions

Players and team officials must accept all decisions without any form of dissent.

Intimidation

No attempt to intimidate anyone, i.e. umpires, players, spectators (the attempt does not have to succeed for an offence to have been committed)

Sledging

Quite simply, not allowed. There must be no crude or abusive language, no offensive gestures nor any deliberate distraction. Nor can players act in a provocative or disapproving manner towards another player (including his own side) or spectator.

Racial abuse

Unacceptable whatever form it takes.

Further information is readily available via the ECB website.

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2. Complete all your details, and insert your club shop token when prompted
3. Choose & confirm your password and click “Continue”
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5. Order away!!
6. When returning to the site in the future, click on “Log yourself in” and enter your email address & chosen password – your club shop’s name will then appear centre screen

3 Important things to remember!

1. You can only register for one club against any one email address – if you have involvement with more than one club, you will need another email address to create an account with
2. The token reference needs to be input exactly as advised – if it differs in anyway, you'll be registered as a member of the CF Sports online shop, but NOT your club shop – tokens can't be entered after an account has been created, so contact us by email or phone and we'll sort it out for you
3. All items are dispatched on a signed for basis – so if no-one is likely to be in during the day, please feel free to specify an alternative delivery address, such as your workplace

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Remember to telephone 01684 850888 beforehand for opening hours.

Thoughts from the Seminar

With our new Chairman away the new Secretary Peter Sawyer took the chair and introduced a wide range of speakers. Much of what was said can be found within these pages but here is a more detailed review of the evening.

Len Attard spoke on WEPL matters such as; The provision of a Scorer does not go below Glos/Wilts 1, a points deduction instead of fines is being considered for this and other misdemeanours. Now that match reports are being done electronically there should be no signing to do after games. Some captains are pressing for stricter leg-side wides but in the absence of any change in the regulations umpires should not be pressurised by captains into applying this.

In the event of a side being all out in less than their allotted overs the side batting second can still claim the extra overs but there is **no** extension to bowlers allowances, they remain the same throughout the match.

GACUS is of the opinion that after match discussions between captains and umpires over umpire performance and subsequent marking is good practice though not mandatory on captains.

Roger Sherbourne warned that County League sides have the discretion to bring the match start time forward to 1.30pm. Don't get caught out, check the handbook and ring the clubs if you are not sure. There are also changes to the wet-weather regs.

Jason Hobbs Ground adviser to the GCB took us through the new pitch report form and gave all those present a copy of the guidance notes which he had prepared. Contact our Secretary Peter Sawyer for a copy. If you have a particular problem Jason is willing to talk you through it.

David Lawrence gave a short talk on the dangers of skin cancer caused by over exposure to strong sunlight and spoke about his personal experience of the illness.

Bill Griffin presented Sue Drinkwater with her prize for winning the Christmas Quiz competition donated by Len Attard's Electric Mango Co.

Bill then presented the Umpire of the Year award to Ian Anderson but was unable to present the Scorers' Trophy as Geoff Trett was not at the meeting. It will now be presented to Geoff at a suitable Cheltenham CC home match.

Bill himself was the recipient of a presentation by **John Harper** for his services to cricketing affairs in the County and beyond during his seven years as Chairman of GACU&S.

Face Masks.

Umpires may experience attempts by wicket keepers and others to use facemasks similar to those worn in other sports. There are two important points to bear in mind.

1. The use of such facemasks is permitted (an MCC decision made in 2007)
2. A mask IS NOT a substitute for a helmet.

For several years an ECB Directive has been in force that makes it compulsory for batsmen under the age of 18 on the day of the match to wear a helmet with a face guard. A similar requirement was also applied to young wicket keepers standing up to the stumps. This is no more than would be expected of you in discharging your **Duty of Care**. However, a recent ECB statement that appears to allow young wicket keepers to wear a facemask as an alternative to wearing a helmet has muddied the waters.

We in GACUS are quite certain that the use by young wicket keepers of a facemask raises the risks unacceptably. At the lower levels of cricket young and inexperienced wicket keepers may well turn their head sideways, or duck into a delivery. At higher level the greater bowling speeds present their own problems. A facemask is unlikely to give adequate protection and certainly not to the same level as a helmet. The GACUS position is therefore that:

Umpires should not permit the use of a facemask as an alternative to a helmet for batsmen and wicket keepers under the age of 18

If a mask is used it should be treated, for the purposes of the Laws of Cricket, as a helmet. Laws affected are those covering Run out, Stumped, Caught, Penalty runs and the Runner.

Remember, you have a **Duty of Care** that is over and above whatever MCC or ECB might say, valuable though their advice can be.

Pre-match Duties and pre-toss Discussions

The Laws require umpires to discuss certain issues with captains before the toss. It also requires them to monitor the use of the pitch and square before play starts and to control the match according to the Laws. We would like you, in the coming season, to concentrate on the following.

Nominations – completed and signed; identify young players and their likely roles;
Clock or watch to be used

Boundaries – overhangs, sightcreens, obstacles within the field of play, allowances

Intervals – drinks, meals where appropriate;

Wicket keepers' gloves;

Spirit of Cricket and player behaviour – captain's responsibilities;

Wet weather facilities and Re-marking of creases.

In addition, remember that you need to ensure that Law 17,

Practice on the field, is not breached.

You will need to be at the ground early!

2006 Oval Test England v Pakistan result

At its recent meeting in Perth the ICC Board did a U-turn and made the decision that the original outcome should stand thus reversing their previous decision to call the match a Draw instead of an England win when Pakistan refused to return to the field of play and the Umpires awarded the game to England. Part of the ICC Board's statement reads:-

“After reconsideration of the matter, which included consideration of legal advice and input from the MCC, the Board decided that the original Umpires' decision to award the match to England should apply”

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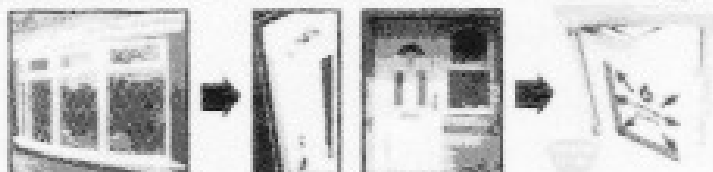


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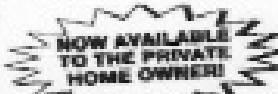
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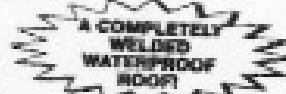
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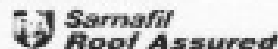
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Dates for your Diaries

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

Wed. 1st July Committee Meeting. 7.30.p.m.

Wed. 16th Sept. Committee Meeting 7.30pm

The Indoor Sixes are scheduled to restart again in the autumn and we shall require two umpires and one scorer to officiate each evening throughout the Competition which runs Monday-Thursday inclusive from end of Sept to early December. Ideally suited to a regular weekly slot but not essential.

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