

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2009. This month we welcome 37 new members enrolled on the Level 1 ECB Umpire Course we are running at Caterham School on 14/15 February. This is a record number and very encouraging to see so much interest. Some of those taking the course are part of the Everest Test team (see over) and we wish them all the best of luck.

Chris Davis, who was one of our long-standing members, sadly died on 5 November 2008. On behalf of our association, Peter Turner sent a card of condolence to his family, and Steve Hodge attended the funeral.

On Friday 6 February 24 members and guests enjoyed a very pleasant evening on the occasion of our annual dinner. At our last AGM, Peter Turner stood down as Secretary, a post he had held for over ten years since our association was founded. In appreciation of his services, Peter was presented with an engraved tankard by our Chairman, Steve Hodge, who thanked him for his efforts which he had always carried out with great enthusiasm.



If you have any news or items of interest that you would like to include in future newsletters, please pass these onto me.

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UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

News from the SCBACO Appointments Officer

John White, the Surrey Cricket Board ACO's Appointments Officer, is now responsible for umpire appointments for all Surrey County Age Group Boys and Girls teams; Surrey County Women's teams; Surrey Schools Cricket Association Representative matches and Surrey Senior Cricketers Association Over 50s, 60s and 70s matches.

For more details about registering an interest in such opportunities, see www.surreycricketofficials.org.uk/appointments.htm

John White has also agreed to operate a **"bureau" service for clubs and organisations seeking umpires and scorers**. Any requests for umpires or scorers sent to John will be circulated to members of all 4 local associations in Surrey via a central email list. This will streamline previous arrangements and reduce multiple circulation of the same request. **If you want to be on this central list please inform our Secretary, John Flatley, so he can pass your details onto John White.**



Surrey Championship Panel of umpires

Umpires from the panel are appointed to stand in first XI fixtures in the Premier, First, Second and Third divisions. Candidates wishing to apply to join the Panel must hold ECB Level 1 (or have ACU&S GL6); have a minimum of one season's regular umpiring experience; and, up-to-date CRB clearance.

For more information contact David Edwards, via dels12326@blueyonder.co.uk

Clubs seeking umpires in 2009

Tadworth CC, who play in the Surrey Downs League, are seeking an umpire for the 2009 season. For details contact Paul Griffiths, by email paul@cricketcoach.info or by phone on 07802 712702.

Schools seeking umpires in 2009

Competent umpires are required for schools cricket matches on Saturdays in Surrey. Meals are provided (where appropriate) and a fee paid. Previous experience preferred and you must have CRB Enhanced Clearance (which can be arranged). Please contact Richard Mernane, on 020 7602 7462 or by email richard.mernane@zen.co.uk for more details.

NEWS FROM THE ECB ACO

Our vice chairman, Lorraine Elgar, has been elected to represent the London and East Region on the ECB ACO board.

How did you first get involved in cricket?

My father played and took us along to watch. Scoring was interesting and got me out of having to play with my brothers.

What qualifications and experience do you have of umpiring and scoring?

Full member of ACU&S, both scorer and umpire. I have scored for over 40 years, and umpired for over 30 years at all levels.

What is the biggest game that you have been involved in?

Each game has its own importance, but everyone's dream must be to stand on the hallowed turf. I was fortunate enough to stand in an ODI in 1998 when Lisa Keightley became the first woman to score a hundred at Lord's.

What do you see as your role?

As a pivot for information and ideas, a channel for



communication and chairman of a think tank of county reps that will take officiating to a new Level with London and East leading the way. I do not see it as a lone job but as a part of a team for the region.

What do you hope to achieve as regional representative?

Support in all forms for all officials at whatever level so they get as much enjoyment from this fascinating hobby as possible.

Why should umpires and scorers join the ECB ACO?

To allow them the best opportunity to succeed in their personal goals, receiving the support a National Body can offer, and be confident knowing they are insured whilst doing it.



Dates for your diary

March 18th, 2009

Surrey Cricket Board Association of Cricket Officials AGM (Venue TBC).

April 2nd, 2009

ESACUS EGM and pre-season quiz @ Horley Cricket Club 7.30pm.

April 19th, 2009

Surrey Championship Umpires' Panel pre-season meeting (venue TBC).

Everest Test 2009



A group of intrepid cricketers (and umpires) are attempting to set the world record for the highest field sport match ever played by playing a 20:20 cricket match on April 21 on Mount Everest. In doing so they also aim to raise £250,000 for charity.

For more details and to make a donation visit the official website:

www.theeveresttest.com/index.html

ECB ACO Level 1 Scorer Course

The ECB ACO have developed a new correspondence course for scorers. For more information see the ECB ACO website:

www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/ecb-association-of-cricket-officials/scorers.1597.BP.html

CRICKET CONUNDRUM?

The conundrum posed in the last newsletter was as follows:

In a county match at the Oval in September, the Surrey WK (Jonathan Batty) broke his finger during Nottinghamshire's 1st innings and took no further part in the game. First his batting partner, Scot Newman, kept wicket and a substitute acted as a fielder. Later on day 2, a specialist keeper, (Dan Euston of Malden Wanderers) kept wicket. On day 3 another specialist keeper (this time Gary Wilson, Surrey's reserve WK) did so. When Surrey batted they were all out with only 10 batsman having appeared at the crease. *What do the Laws of Cricket allow in such a situation? Why was this allowed by the umpires?*

The Laws allow a substitute in the case of injury but he cannot bowl, bat or keep wicket. However (with the agreement of the opposing captain) a replacement is allowed, who can play a full role in the game. In the above scenario a replacement was not sought. So why did the umpires allow a specialist substitute to keep wicket? Because the First Class cricket regulations allow this. Another example of how these differ from the Laws of Cricket.

