

# NEWSLETTER



Merry Christmas

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2008/09 membership year. As we enter the depths of winter the new cricket season seems a long way away. As you will see in this newsletter, there are many activities to maintain your interest in umpiring and scoring during the close season. We hope to see as many members as possible at the various events listed over the coming months.

The ESACUS committee wish you a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2009.

Chairman - Steve Hodge; Vice Chairman - Lorraine Elgar; Secretary & Webmaster - John Flatley; Treasurer - Peter Turner; Training Instructor - Andrew Etherington; Social Secretary - Bernard Wright; Welfare Officer - Fred Imms.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Our **annual dinner** will be held on Friday 6th February 2009 at the Toby Carvery, Redhill. The cost is £15 per head and includes a main course, dessert and coffee/tea. There are 3 roasts to choose from, or you can order from the main menu (includes vegetarian options). To book a place, send a cheque for £15 (made payable to ESACUS) to our Social Secretary, Bernard Wright at 4 Meath Green Lane, Horley, Surrey RH6 8EG. Friends and family are welcome.



Congratulations to Jeremy Beckwith (East Surrey member and one of our Instructors) who has been elected by umpires on the Surrey Championship Panel as their new Chairman.



## News cuttings

Martin Bodenham joins the **First Class umpires list** in 2009. He will become the first person to have officiated in both top flight football and cricket in England and Wales.

There is speculation that **Yellow cards** for abusing umpires or excessive sledging could be introduced to the First-Class game, if trials at minor county level prove a success next year.

These and other news stories can be found on your association's website.

<http://www.esacus.org.uk/news.html>

We are holding an **ECB Level 1 Umpiring Course** on 14/15 February 2009 at Caterham School. For more information about this and other courses see [www.esacus.org.uk/training.html](http://www.esacus.org.uk/training.html) or ring our Training Administrator, John Smith on 01372 813682.

A **pre-season quiz** will be held at Horley CC on 2nd April 2009. This will be combined with an EGM to discuss a proposal to change the name of the association to ESCUSA.

**ECB ASSOCIATION OF CRICKET OFFICIALS**

The ECB ACO was formed earlier this year following the vote by members of the Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers to merge with the ECB Officials Association.

It has 3 classes of membership:

**Full membership** - costs £20 per year and includes full insurance cover. CRB clearance is required.

**Associate membership** - costs £10 per year and for those no longer actively involved in umpiring/scoring or who have no active ECB ACO qualifications. No insurance is provided and CRB clearance is not required.

**Junior membership** - costs £5 per year and for those aged under 21. Full insurance cover will be provided once the member has reached their 16th birthday. CRB clearance is required.

To join the ECB ACO, see [www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/ecb-association-of-cricket-officials/membership/](http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/ecb-association-of-cricket-officials/membership/)

Those who join the ECB ACO automatically become a member of their local county board's association. In Surrey, the



Surrey Cricket Board Association of Cricket Officials (SCB ACO) acts as an umbrella organisation for the five affiliated associations in the county. The SCB ACO represents their members on the Surrey Cricket Board and arranges for the grant-funding of umpire and scorer training across the county.

The SCB ACO aims to promote the interest of all cricket officials in Surrey and to provide a programme to improve, develop, and raise the standards of umpiring and scoring at all levels.

Our association is affiliated to the SCB ACO and Steve Hodge (our Chairman) is a member of its committee.

For information about SCB ACO see their website at [www.surreycricketofficials.org.uk](http://www.surreycricketofficials.org.uk)

**Dates for your diary****December 9th, 2008**

Our neighbouring association, West Surrey, welcome First Class Umpires Neil Bainton and Martin Bodenham to their meeting at 7.30pm in Guildford CC. Members of East Surrey are welcome to attend.

**February 6th, 2009**

ESACUS annual dinner at Toby Carvery, Redhill @ 7.30pm. For more information contact Bernard Wright, [socsec@esacus.org.uk](mailto:socsec@esacus.org.uk)

**February 14/15th, 2009**

ECB Level 1 Umpiring Course at Caterham School. For details contact John Smith, [training@esacus.org.uk](mailto:training@esacus.org.uk)

**March 10th, 2008**

Gus Mackay, Managing Director of Surrey Cricket, will be speaking at West Surrey's meeting at 7.30pm in Guildford CC. Members of East Surrey are welcome to attend.

**March 18th, 2009**

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

**April 2nd, 2009**

ESACUS pre-season quiz @ Horley CC 7.30pm. For more information contact John Flatley, [webmaster@esacus.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@esacus.org.uk)

**May 2nd, 2009**

Start of Surrey Downs League season.

**May 9th, 2009**

Start of Surrey Championship season.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE**

Subscriptions for the 2008/09 year are now due. Please will those members who haven't already paid this year's subscriptions, send a cheque for £5 (made payable to ESACUS) to our Treasurer:

Peter Turner at 39 Spencer Way, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 5LF.

Your subscriptions help keep the association running.

**CRICKET CONUNDRUM ?**

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 sub 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?* Suggestions to [webmaster@esacus.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@esacus.org.uk) by 31st January 2009. The answer will appear in the next newsletter.

