



West Surrey Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers

Chairman's Report to Members
at the 2011 AGM
on 07 February 2012

First of all, I would like to apologise for not being present when this report is presented, since I will be away, visiting my family.

I would like to welcome you, Ladies and Gentlemen, to our 2011 AGM. It has been an honour working with all the other Committee Members through the last year.

I must thank my Secretary, Dale Corstorphine, for all his hard work and dedication to WSACU&S. He kept the Committee and members fully aware of upcoming meetings, and provided updates on Speakers. He was also instrumental in keeping our Facebook page updated and has supported our Web Master, Mike Brunavs.

I must also thank our Treasurer, Vernon Fallows, for keeping a tight rein on the Accounts, to the extent that the Committee is able to purchase 3 pairs of tickets, one pair each for the Oval, Lords and the Rose Bowl. The Treasurer was also entrusted with the responsibility of organising one or two Evenings at Lord's at the end of March/April 2012 to test our LBW skills against HAWKEYE.

The former will be the subject of a prize draw, open to members only with each members having one entry for each meeting attended. In the latter, members will receive a 50% subsidy to the cost of the HAWKEYE session.

These activities are being undertaken as a result of our members' wish that our funds should be put to good use in supporting our members. I complete my comments on the Treasury by congratulating Vernon on his elevation to the Minor Counties List. Well done, Vernon, keep up the good work !

Our Training Team led by Trevor Woodage and Mike Brunavs, continued to excel with the training. Both Level 1 Student Umpires and the Level 1A Umpires have done very well. In their examinations and assessments, respectively, a 100% success rate was achieved; that's now two, consecutive years, so no pressure for the 2012 courses. Once again, also have a full class of students for our Level 1 course which started on the 12th January 2012.

Our Scorers Level 1 Course, led by Robbie Burns, will commence on the 7th March 2012. The entire Committee wishes Robbie all the best.

Our Webmaster, Mike Brunavs, has totally revamped our website, with links to Facebook and Twitter; you will be at home on the site. Mike Brunavs is also the Vice Chairman, and he will have a lot of work during the AGM, so I would like to personally thank him in advance.

I would also like to thank Dale and Mike for arranging the nomination of Trevor Woodage for the 2011 Surrey OSCA, and with the unanimous blessing of the Committee, the nomination was submitted. We



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are happy to announce that Trevor duly won. He and Jenny were also invited to Lords for the 2011 ECB ACO Conference where he was presented with the Shepherd Frindall award.

There were also awards on the night for other WSACU&S Members, namely Graham Cooper and David Edwards, who were awarded Honorary Life Membership of the ECB ACO, in recognition of the outstanding contributions for all of their hard work across Surrey for many years; both continue to make valuable contributions. Well done.

Also, on the night, one of our Life Members and ex Training Officer, Brian Pearce was awarded Honorary Life Membership of ECB ACO for commitment over many years to umpiring and training which he still continues to do in North Devon. Regretfully, Brian was unwell and therefore unable to attend the conference, however, I gather that Dale has spoken with him now that he is home, again, in Barnstable and that a presentation is being arranged with his local Association.

i would like to thank all the speakers for the last five meetings; Chris Harrison, Trevor Jesty, Neil Bainton & Martin Bodenham and, lastly, Phil Simmons as they all kept their promises and provided fascinating and entertaining evenings for us all. We all hope that the remaining speakers maintain this standard.

Finally, I thank all of you for your continued support and I wish each and every one of you enjoyable and successful 2012 season.

Original Signed

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