



West Surrey Association of Cricket Umpires and Scorers

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

2011 was my 3rd full year as Training Officer. It was a busy, challenging and enjoyable year.

Level 1 Umpires' Course at Old Woking C.C. from mid February- early April 2011

17 students registered and 14 sat the exam. All passed - a fantastic result for us that probably resulted from the re-introduction of homework for the students. Something that ECB ACO preferred us not to do but we went ahead with it anyway in 2010 and 2011 after a poor pass rate in 2009 without homework. Our attendance percentage was good with 16 students completing the course and a turnout average of 14.7 each week - excluding one who was never seen again after the first week.

Level 1 Scorers' Course at Old Woking CC- mid January to mid February, 2011.

This was the second time we had used Old Woking CC for the course and the first time that ECB ACO had approved a Level 1 Scorer Course. Previous scorer courses were held at the Surrey Cricket Centre, Burpham. 6 people attended our 2011 course with Robbie Burns at the helm. All 6 took part in the Assessment process with 5 achieving the required standard. Attendance throughout was 100%. Robbie felt that the course had really benefitted from being extended from 4 to 5 weeks in duration, allowing more time for revision which was very limited in 2010.

Level 1a Umpires' Course at Old Woking CC Oct/Nov, 2011

This was the second year after ECB ACO had announced that, attaining a Level 1a Umpire qualification (by assessment), would be a requirement for anybody wanting to progress to Level 2. 9 students registered, 2 withdrew, 7 completed the course and took the post-course Assessment that was carried out by 2 independent Assessors from within Surrey. Average attendance was approximately 7.7 persons/week throughout. All 7 were recommended for elevation to Level 1a status. A fantastic result.

Umpire Clinics - Introduction to Umpiring

Two umpire clinics (Intro to Umpiring) were run in 2011 - at Guildford CC and Long Ditton CC. Both had quite low attendances but were much appreciated by the clubs.

ECB ACO supplied courses in 2011.

Because of ongoing problems with ECB ACO supplied courses in 2011, we continued to operate entirely



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with courses developed largely by Graham Cooper, but with full approval of ECB ACO. This applied to Level 1 Umpire, Level 1 Scorer and Level 1a Umpire courses. We expect to do the same in the early part of 2012. Perhaps by the Autumn of 2012, official ECB ACO courses will be acceptable to us and the other Surrey Associations.

Acknowledgements - Thanks to West Surrey people & beyond.

My thanks go to Mike Brunavs who is now in his fifth year as an Umpire Trainer. Mike has really taken to the job. He clearly enjoys the training and this is evident in the way his efforts are received by our students and by the time he puts in to improve the course materials we use.

In his role as Surrey Education Officer, Graham Cooper has continued to support the WSACU&S training programme. Without his practical help & advice, we would not be able to run the courses at all.

Thankfully, Robbie Burns continues to be our "stand-alone" Scorer Trainer, needing little support from me. The demand for scorer courses seemed to wane a little in 2011 but, Robbie continues to prepare & present these courses in his usual professional manner. His Level 1 course will be used by all Surrey Associations that train scorers in 2012.

Thanks to Old Woking CC & Cliff Gray.

My thanks also go to Old Woking C.C. which continues to allow us to use its excellent facilities for all our Courses in 2011. I believe that we are now in our 21st training season there!! Special thanks here go to Cliff Gray who is always available.. Long may he continue to be so.

The future....

I think it appropriate to briefly summarise just where we are with 2012 courses.

Our Level 1 Umpires' Course began on 12th January at Old Woking CC - with Mike Brunavs and myself as tutors. We have a full course with 18 students. Let's hope that we are able to achieve a similar exam success rate as last year.

Our Level 1 Scorers' Course at Old Woking CC has 7 registered attendees but, as the course doesn't begin until March, this could change.

We expect to run another Level 1a Umpires' Course in October/November 2012.

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