



The Philanderers CC

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Herewith the end of season Newsletter albeit somewhat belated, so Happy Christmas! Digging out the scorebook I determine that the Sunday XI won 5, drew 1 & lost 2 with one fixture cancelled. A couple of notable events occurred and the most heinous of which saw the end of our remarkable almost decade long run of 63 matches undefeated. Prophetically the defeat was at the hands of Flycatchers, aided and abetted by Mr Duckworth & Mr Lewis, against whom the run started all those years ago. At the other end of the spectrum, we achieved our highest ever successful run chase and which was against Free Foresters with a total of 309 for the loss of 6 wickets. The cause was greatly assisted by a wonderful 139 from Will Hammond.

The midweek side, sadly sliding into oblivion through a lack of locally based players, managed a single victory, a single defeat and a cancellation. Unless there is a startling upsurge in local availability, I am afraid that next season will see but one midweek game.

On an individual front the retirement of Sir George Pearson following more than three decades of outstanding performances needs to be recorded. Not only has George's batting and bowling prowess been significant but also his competitive nature allied to gentlemanly conduct has been pivotal. Honorary Life Membership has been bestowed on Graham Hegarty and well deserved it is too. His membership is of even longer duration than that of George. As well as contributing on the field of play Graham is reliability personified. Hardly ever declining the opportunity to play he has also partaken of virtually every tour on which the club has ever undertaken.

Outside of the boundary rope mention should be made of the Golf Championship at Royal Worlington which was claimed by Ed Dodson with Alex Fullarton in hot pursuit. This year the Brain Tumour charity was chosen with the club donating £200 to top up many donations made individually by members. Finally, the annual Chinese Christmas evening has recently taken place. Organised as usual by Gerald Cotemen and the gourmets in attendance may be viewed below.

Now moving onto next season and indeed there will be a next season despite the Fuhrer's mental anxiety about the prospect! There will once again be 9 Sunday games but only a single midweek evening match. However, to ensure that even this small number of fixtures is maintained thereafter player support must improve to prevent my anxiety plunging into deep despondency and, I am afraid, my walking away from, or even with, the club.

I have decided in my infinite wisdom to amend the club constitution - not that there is one!! - as per the following details. As The Philanderers is not really a club in the proper acceptance of the definition any longer, now having no dinners nor significant social events, I have decided to do away with membership as such, excepting for Hon Life Members who are tied forever!

There will be no Playing Membership and which will be replaced by the simple definition of Players and who will therefore be denied the pleasure of paying a £25 subscription. Bearing this in mind this cost benefit I will now expect everyone representing The Philanderers to turn out in a club shirt. Match fees will remain unaltered. Vice Presidents will also be denied the pleasure of paying the £15 subscription and will henceforth be known as Friends of the Club and as such will receive exactly the same 'benefits' as when being VPs - ie: none of late! However, everyone will be kept in contact with the club, as usual. Fixture cards will still be available for anyone who does not now deal exclusively with electronic devices. Oh, one other small thing. At the start of the season everyone attached to the club will be asked to make a modest donation to the chosen charity.

I sincerely hope that this significant change in the set-up of the club is acceptable to everyone. I believe that it merely reflects the current situation although should there be anyone out there with trenchant opposing views, please do not hesitate to bring them to my attention and of course they will receive proper consideration! As I said at the start Happy Christmas everyone.

Phil

16th December, 2013



'Well done boys - just about all curried out'