



The Philanderers CC

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It has been a while since you last received communication from the Bunker, about five months to be precise, and which I put down to suffering from the Winter blues. However, now gingerly entering Spring my spirits are slowly rising to the extent that I feel the need to bother you all again despite there being a dearth of particularly interesting information to impart.

With the ongoing rather poor availability last season I have again reduced the number of fixtures, on this occasion to twelve. These comprise nine on Sundays and three on midweek evenings. The latter is the lowest it has ever been and has come about because the club seemingly has ever fewer locally based players which has lately made the raising of sides particularly difficult. We have two new Sunday opponents in Gaieties and CamCeylon. The full fixture list may be viewed on the website.

The Golf Championship will again be held at Royal Worlington on Thursday 10th August and is being organised by Ed Dodson.

Towards the end of last year, I handed over to the RNLI our £400 donation and for which I received a letter of grateful thanks. As you are aware this year's charity will not be announced until the summer but please note that the match with which it will be associated is that versus the Free Foresters on 13th August. In effect it will be a fund-raising match so please make a note in your diaries.

Talking of special matches our fixture versus Flycatchers will mark the final appearance of Sir George Pearson who has decided that his increasingly injury prone body is pleading with him to retire. George has been an absolute stalwart of the club since 1991 and his batting and bowling statistics show his outstanding contribution. However, that is only part of the whole which is completed by his enthusiasm and knowledge of the game and very importantly how it should be played. I am pleased to say that George has been raised to Hon Life Membership.

I am happy to report that the Chestnut Group has again kindly agreed to sponsor the club's website.

Activity during the Winter has revolved around eating and travelling. Calory collecting has involved a curry evening organised by Gerald Coteman with those about to partake snapped below by Professor Ken whilst the Elders have relished lunching their way through the dark months. The travelling has primarily involved George Dean's usual visits to the far-flung corners of the old Empire. On this occasion George has graced Wellington and Rawalpindi, the latter in the company of several Philanderers as can be viewed in the photograph below.

Now to end on an upbeat note - not! Yet again recruitment for the coming season is virtually non-existent. At the moment we have but one newcomer whilst losing several Playing Members. The Perse School leaver production line seems to have ground to a halt and members recommending new players fares hardly any better. If we don't consistently recruit new players we will shortly not have a club for anyone to join. Sad but entirely true I'm afraid. The club's future is in your hands. Sorry to end on a downbeat note but there is no hiding from the truth. However, on an upbeat note as I indicated at the start Spring is on the way.

Phil
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Awaiting their Christmas curry as captured by Professor Ken



Georae with mainly Philandering friends at Rawalpindi