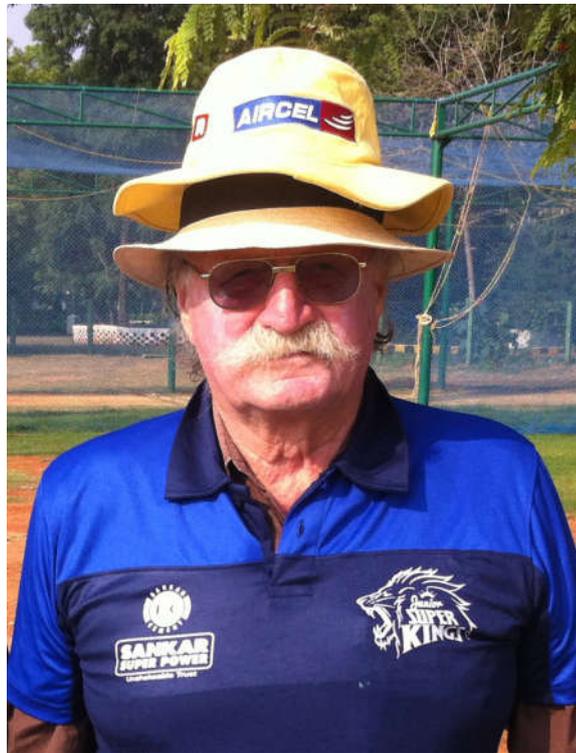




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Umpires & Scorers Association*

INS & OUTS

Spring 2017



Our intrepid reporter from distant lands

The Cambridgeshire Branch of the ECB Association of Cricket Officials

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LEAGUES & CUP MATCHES

East Anglian Premier League

£60 per match

£10 pitch inspection

East Anglian Premier League T20

£30 per match

£10 pitch inspection

Whiting League

£40 per match, or £50 if alone

£10 pitch inspection

Half if no play takes place

Full if still there at 3.00 pm (2.30 in September)

CCA Senior League

CCA Invitation Cup

£30 per match or £40 if alone

£15 if no play takes place

CCA Junior League

CCA Junior Cup

£27 per match or £35 if alone

£15 if no play takes place

Cambridge News Walker T20 Cup

CCA Lower Junior Cup

£15 per match or £30 if alone

Smith Barry Senior Cup

Smith Barry Junior Cup

£30 per match or £40 if alone

Half if no play takes place

Full if no play after 4 pm

National Village KO

National Club KO

National Club 20/20 KO

£30 per match + 30p a mile - all rounds

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N.B. Do NOT email or leave a message as Keith as he is away a lot and does not read them very frequently. A text to Keith is usually best.

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UNIVERSITY MATCHES

Cambridge MCCU

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BUCS Premier A Cup £50 per match

Others £35 per match

Paid at the end of the season

Cambridge University Blues CC

Cambridge University Crusaders CC

Cambridge University Women CC

Cambridge University Colleges XI

Helen Hyde

07970 943713

£35 per match, paid at the end of the season

Anglia Ruskin University CC

Josh Moss

01223 698555

£35 per match

SCHOOLS MATCHES

The Perse School

Sean Park

07746 717326

The Leys School

Richard Kaufman

07932 984883

King's School, Ely

John Marshall

01353 664927

Wisbech Grammar School

Neil Taylor

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£35 per match if the match starts before 1.00

£30 per match if the match starts 1.00 or later

Paid at the end of the season

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**ECB 1 day Cup £30 per match + 30p a mile*
**ECB 2 day Champ £40 per day + 30p a mile*
**Others £30 per match.*

REGULATIONS

Download all the regs directly from the links on the CCUSA website front page <http://www.the-ccusa.co.uk>.

** Expenses marked are paid directly by the Cambs Board, you will have to give them your bank details if you have not already done so.*

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EDUCATION

We trained 13 people at Level One, they all passed. We trained four at Level 1A, of which one passed immediately and the rest will pass by the end of the season. We have one person on Level 2 at the moment.

We ran Intro courses for about a dozen boys and girls. We are also running some taster sessions.

The Cambs Tutor squad is:

Tutor Performance: Steve Kent-Phillips

Level 1A Lead Tutor: Ben Whyall

Level 1 Lead Tutor: Chris Wilson

Intro / Assistant Tutor: Alun Bedding

We all fully co-tutor on each other's courses, apart from Level 2. Our aim is for any one of us to be able to tutor any part of any local course. We are not far away.

Due to the changes in the Laws in October, we will not be running any courses until January 2018; however we will definitely be running conversion sessions, the CCUSA one will be at the November meeting.

When we do run courses again, there will be a free MCC online course to do first, then online booking and credit card payment. The County Board will no longer have anything to do with putting courses on bar advertising them.

EAPL REG CHANGES

Gone to 50 overs with D/L for the start and end of the season, but the usual 120 overs mid-season.

Mildenhall were promoted as the Alliance and Tucker winners declined to apply, so they replaced Woolpit who were relegated.

50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Friday 13 October
Cambridge Meridian Golf Club, Toft

Celebrating 50 years of the CCUSA

NO TUCKER, NO MORE

It's no longer the Tucker League. It's the Whiting League (no "S").

Teams must be in place to bowl the first ball of the last over in their time allocation and no longer have to have completed their innings.

All balls which pass outside the legs of the striker and outside leg stump are automatic wides, irrespective of where the striker is. This allows batsmen to "step across" and still get a wide.

If there is no scorer, the offending team must pay the opposition scorer £20 directly. If there are two missing scorers, clubs get fined £20 each every time we report it (and we will !!)

The overs allocations are rounded up in the case of rain, so the table has changed to reflect the fact that you will only ever need five bowlers.

We can now make time allowances for lost balls.

If there is a no ball for a fielding regulation, the field can be reset for the free hit.

SCORERS

We ran a Scorers Intro course for a dozen kids in half term and a full-on Scorers Level 1 at Lode last year for four people. Unfortunately, the Scorer Level 1 course in April 2018 had to be cancelled at short notice.

However, we have developed a Scorers Tutor team. The Cambs Scorer Tutor squad is:

Level 2 Lead Tutor: Linda Hobbs

Level 1 Lead Tutor: Helen Hyde

Intro / Assistant Tutor: Beryl Barratt

... so we are covered at all levels for the first time in our history.

Linda will cover TCS and Vera Duckworth (on laptops), and Helen will do the Level 1 and 1A written scorebook assessments.

CCA REG CHANGES

Senior League games will start at 1.00 pm. All start times can be brought forward if captains and umpires agree.

Declarations are allowed, but the fielding side will get all their wickets bonus points. The team betting second does not get any extra overs.

Junior League games will use two balls. CCA Junior and Invitation Cups will use two balls, but the CCA T20 cups will still use only one. All the CCA finals are to be held at Sawston CC.

Senior Leagues allow 9 overs per bowler; Junior Leagues allow 8.

CCA Junior Cup games must have a minimum of 15 overs in the second innings to make a game. CCA Invitation Cup games must have a minimum of 10 overs.

All leagues operate on a total points system; no more average points malarkey.

A rain rule is in place, based on simple run rate. Lose one over off both sides for every 7 minutes in the first innings, and one over per every 3½ minutes in the second innings. Bowlers get reduced allocations of 1/5 of the overs available. Second innings target = run rate from first innings times overs in the second innings. If a team declares, take their overs as actually bowled. If a team is all out, take their overs as maximum available.

For all CCA League and Cup games, call all beamers regardless of speed, but only warn the fast and/or dangerous ones, exactly the same as the Whiting League.

DIARY

Thursday 5 October
Post-Season Review

Thursday 2 November
New Laws Conversion Session

Thursday 7 December
AGM & Supper night

MORE TALES OF TAMIL NADU

The Christmas 20/20 Tournament, which began in 2014 with six schools from the Tirunelveli district and grew last year to encompass schools from all over the Southern half of Tamil Nadu, was this year taken over by the IPL's Chennai Super Kings, and involved the school champions from each of twelve regions covering the whole of Tamil Nadu (population 78 million). The Tournament was spread over 6 days, 25th to 30th December, culminating in the final (which I didn't umpire) under the newly-installed lights at the Sankar Cement Factory ground, venue for several of Tamil Nadu's home games in the Ranji Trophy, India's equivalent of the County Championship.

To my disappointment, I was not allocated any of the games on Christmas Day, but stood in two on Boxing Day, which turned out to be the hottest day on which I have ever umpired, any where. The problem was to pour enough water down my gullet to ensure that at least a little percolated through the system to the usual port of egress - full half-litre bottles before play and every 20 overs thereafter, supplemented at the drinks intervals which took place after 10 overs in each of the four innings, just achieved this.

My tendency to overheat was exacerbated by the facts that (i) my white(ish) panama was deemed incompatible with umpiring a white-ball game; no alternative large enough being available, my hat had to be augmented by a pale yellow Chennai Super Kings floppy (the two combined to keep my brains simmering nicely); and ii) the "2XL" official umpires shirt was unexpectedly snug, but short-sleeved. Even if lathered in factor 50, I felt my arms would not survive four sets of 90 minutes (the over-rate was disappointing) in the sun, so I squeezed the official top over a long-sleeved shirt of my own.

I had thought that Tamil Nadu cuisine involved the use of significantly too much salt, but perhaps I was wrong - at close of play my shirt was more white than brown, and must have harboured in the fabric most of the salt I had ingested in the previous several days.

After that I declined invitations to umpire more than one match per day - so, of course, the weather immediately "improved" ...

The standard of cricket was uneven - some of the sides were very good indeed, while others had obvious weak links. One game in which I umpired ended with the fastest (and tallest) bowler in the tournament being recalled to bowl the last over to number eleven - one of the shortest and youngest. Fifty-something were needed for victory. Number eleven was at square short leg as he watched the first ball whistle past the off stump, miraculously used the tip of his bat to squirt the second (a leg-stump half-volley) to gully, burst into floods of tears, and retired lachrymose. My colleague and I argued that he should be put in the score book as "retired (emotionally) hurt" to preserve his "not out" status, but the extremely efficient and friendly scorer supplied by the Super Kings spoke only Tamil (or was it Telegu? or Malayalam? or Kannada? or Hindi? - my TV offered films in eleven different Indian languages) - I am not sure he was convinced.

Some of the pool and quarter-final games were played on matting on the second ground - considerably improved since I stood there two years ago. There was scant evidence this year of recent occupancy by cows (but plenty that goats had taken over), and the outfield was smooth earth with occasional outbreaks of close-cropped grass. The games were keenly contested - I even witnessed one attempt at a catch which involved the fielder diving - something I had not seen in previous years. Overall the ground fielding was a bit "iffy" (absolutely no diving or sliding, even on the daily-watered lush outfield of the first-class ground - perhaps the result of most school cricket being played on grounds with outfields composed largely of earth and sharp sand).

In all the games in which I stood the side winning the toss elected to bat, and in all innings the first over was bowled by a spinner (followed by a quick) - most spinners bowled flat and fired the ball in (more Jadeja than Herath), with only occasional recourse to flight. A few had actions which caused the number "fifteen" and the word "degrees" to sidle into my mind.

It was the quality of the batting which really caught the eye. At least the first 8 of every team played right forward or right back, with impressively straight bats.

All teams possessed helmets, but these were surprisingly often unused (even by wicket-keepers standing up) - perhaps this is related to their extremely sparing use of the sweep. There was no slogging or slog-sweeps until the last few overs, and even then it was rare - many of the front-foot sixes were hit on the off side. Apart from the toss, all captaincy was done by vociferous coaches from whatever shade was available at the time of day.

For the second year running, none of my colleagues gave a single batsman out lbw, and none were given in the two games I watched as a spectator. I gave three over the course of the tournament - all accepted with good grace. Did I miss something at the pre-match briefing ?

The catering was above reproach - breakfast was available from 8 am until the first game was under way circa 9.30 - luncheon between the matches - the second game began at about one o'clock. Breakfast typically consisted of two Puree, Dosa, a sort of gravy containing about a week's ration of salt per spoonful, an impressively spicy potato confection, almost equally spicy rice or noodles, coconut chutney, and a dollop of what appeared to be a mixture of thin treacle and chilli. Other condiments were available but I thought I recognised them.

Lunch (strictly vegetarian) was based on a mountain of rice and a wide variety of curried vegetables, only some of which I recognized. Chapatis and Parathas were usually available.

Any complaints ? Yes - I would have given almost anything for a beer after the game !!

Your roving reporter Christopher Dean



APPOINTMENTS

Keith did his usual thousand or so appointments, with the usual problems caused by late call-offs, lack of availability, and the need for boundary observers. During the winter, we tried to address these problems. While we can't do anything about increasing demand for our services, nor can we get the expenses increased due to the financial constraints clubs now find themselves in, we decided we could do something about commitment, numbers and observers.

We hope we have fixed the latter by training up some boundary observers – see the Performance section opposite.

At the end of last season, some Tucker One games only had one umpire because all the games in Tucker Two had something on them and we simply did not have enough bodies to put out in the field. Next season there is the distinct possibility that the Whiting League will have three divisions – making the call on umpires even more acute. We think we have addressed that one too ...

We are in the happy position going into the season in that we have managed to recruit half a dozen fresh umpires through the education programme; conversely this means they all have to get on-field mentoring. When you come across a newbies this year, please remember you were a newbie once (maybe a long, long time ago), so please give them all the help and encouragement you can. Also, they would all like a little bit of feedback after the game, but again be gentle with them.

We have already had umpires pulling out of all games in May this season. It is not just the new umpires we need – although those are extremely welcome - it is more commitment to more games and not pulling out of fixtures from the existing old hands. We think we have come up with a fix for that as well.

If you feel a little disgruntled about the quality of games you are being given, just ask yourself “how many games did I make myself available for in the first place?” We are now in the happy situation where nearly everybody has at least Level 1A and quite a few umpires have Level 2 or equivalent, so education is no longer the main arbiter of choice of game.

We also have very many umpires at about the same standard – almost anyone can do a Whiting Div one game these days, for example. You will now find that the better fixtures will go to the people with the most commitment.

In addition, you will see on the website that some people have been allocated CCA 3 games. These are merely place holders waiting for the inevitable gaps to appear. They are the “reserve bench”. Some of them are experienced EAPL Umpires, we are waiting for their June/July fixtures to come out so if they get pulled onto a Prem game, we don't have to shuffle two or three Umpires around as in previous seasons. Finally, we haven't allocated August / September because we feel it is unfair to expect people to know their Saturday availability that far out. However, if you find out you are definitely going to be away in August or early September, please let Keith or Bushy know so we can plan ahead.

Nobody has the right to do local fixtures every week; but if you have a particular problem one week, please contact Keith and let him know (in good time of course) so he can swap you closer to home. It is much better to do that than to go to the game muttering to yourself all day, or to pull out entirely.

PERFORMANCE

The performance team have recruited three people who will be doing boundary observations. These will be primarily for those wanting to progress to EAPL, but we also have some people going through Levels 2 and 1A who will also need them plus some who will need mentoring.

The new observers will be trained in April/May, and they are Frank Appleyard (operating mainly out of Saffron Walden), Bill Crumly (mainly March & Wisbech) and Steve Plumb (roving). They are all experienced EAPL Umpires so they know their stuff. In addition, Bushy will be out and about wherever he's needed, usually in a bar somewhere.

If someone turns up at your game, please ask to have an observation if you'd like one. It's free.

MEMBER SERVICES

In October, we are promised that DBS checks will go online. You will still have to get your paperwork signed, but there will be no posting off of forms and re-posting back of certificates as there is now.

Keith has a new supply of overs record cards in stock. Just £2 for 100, postage free.

See the website notice board for details of CCUSA branded ties, badges, lapel pins and pen sets, all £5 each from Ben Whyall, postage free.

OUR NEW REGION

As many of you will be aware, the ECB has undertaken a reorganisation. There are two main elements to this: The ACO has become an integral part of the ECB organisation, and the country has been split into new regions.

The intention is that the new regional ACO teams will work more closely with the ECB regional teams, ensuring that we are working towards common goals. The new East region, of which I am Chairman and Appointments Officer, comprises Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk and Suffolk. Although Essex is part of the ECB East Region, their ACO opted to join the new London region; a decision that makes sense but which does throw up some inevitable challenges.

The ECB ACO's goals are to increase the number of officials, both umpires and scorers, and to raise the quality of officiating. I support these goals wholeheartedly.

I wish you all an enjoyable season and look forward to working with all of the committees across our region for the benefit of officials and also cricket as a whole.

Peter Hinstridge
Chairman, East Region ACO

CCUSA SUMMER BARBEQUE

The venue has changed this year to Sawston CC on Sunday 20th August. There will be the end of the Invitation Cup final for us to watch. If it rains, we'll be in the bar. Attendance free, buy your own burger.

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AND FINALLY ...

ECB U17 one dayers will be with white balls, black sightscreens and coloured kit. Umpires will need to wear a dark top of some sort. Next season U15 and maybe schools will be the same.