

Cambridge University Cricket Club



Notes to Members 2014

Notes from the President

Last season was not a vintage year for CUCC. It was not always easy for the best team to be selected, often because of academic commitments, and results were mixed.

We all look forward to a new fixture list and different challenges in 2014. The MCCU has its three county matches against Surrey, Essex and Worcestershire, as well as the matches against Cambridgeshire and the other MCC university teams.

CUWCC has created a tradition of success at Lord's and, under the captaincy of Nikhila Ravi, has a number of competitive matches, such as MCC and the Army, as well as the commitment to BUCS. The Crusaders will also have plenty of opportunities to impress under the captaincy of Robin Thompson, starting against some of the local independent schools and leading up to the matches against the Oxford University Authentics.

At Fenner's it is exciting to be hosting a triangular tournament between CUCC, Scottish Universities and Irish Universities. It will also be good to see how the Blues team, captained this season by Tom Elliott and with the experience of last year's captain, Paddy Saddler, and other past Blues still available, will measure up to the Australian Universities who are touring. We all look forward to welcoming these university teams to Fenner's, especially as the Blues team has reluctantly decided not to compete in BUCS this summer. The Blues' fixture list looks strong, with the annual matches against the Duke of Norfolk's XI, MCC, Midlands Club Cricket Conference, Quidnuncs and, of course the three fixtures against Oxford University. In addition there are testing matches at the start of term against strong club teams in Hampstead and Teddington. The Arabs, Free Foresters and Combined Services will also be capable of selecting good sides.

Each year the players start the season with great enthusiasm and the biggest issue is whether they can organise their other commitments to make the cricket a priority on the practice and match days. There are some very good cricketers available to all four teams and the committee members and members of the club wish them all a successful season. After an appalling winter, it will be heartening for everyone to be back at Fenner's or the College grounds to support the players. An added attraction at Fenner's will be the U19 Test Match between England and South Africa in August.



President CUCC

Senior Treasurer's report

There is a real feeling of spring in the air as I sit down to write my notes this year and it is good to sense that a new season is not far away. Though we were sorry to say farewell to Zafar Ansari and Paul Best at the end of last season – we wish them well in their county careers – we still have a good number of returning Blues to provide a core of experience for this year's squad. Tom Elliott (Sidney Sussex) is Club captain, supported by Alasdair Pollock (Robinson) and Ben Wylie (St Catharine's). Robin Thompson (Gonville and Caius) will lead the Crusaders, while Nikhila Ravi (Downing) takes over as captain of CUWCC.

Major attractions on the playing front will be the visits of Surrey and Essex in early April, and Worcs in May, to play our MCCU side, and an U19 'test match' between England and South Africa in August.

This year's financial statement does not make the good reading I had been hoping for. We were disappointed to learn, early in the New Year, that the sponsorship deal mentioned in my notes last year had fallen through, and that our income would therefore not be boosted by the £15,000 p.a. that had seemed within our grasp. We have therefore rethought our strategy and are looking to secure multiple smaller cash injections from sponsors and supporters, several of which we are in discussions. Current indications suggest that up to £8k may be forthcoming in 2014 from these ongoing discussions, and we are looking to extend the number of sponsors and supporters in order to seek to close our conspicuous structural deficit.

In the meantime, we have turned a corner with income that is more immediately under our control, and it is pleasing to record that both subscriptions and proceeds of matches at Fenner's increased compared to the previous year. Unfortunately expenditure also saw significant increases under several headings, reflecting the greater amount of cricket played in 2013 compared to the very wet summer of 2012, together with increased costs for transport to away matches and ground hire for Crusaders fixtures. Needless to say, the Committee is urgently

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addressing the financial situation and we have taken steps to reduce costs below the historically normal levels that we saw prior to the 2012 season.

One significant matter I should report to Members is that, during the last year, there has been a wide-ranging review of the governance and management arrangements for all sport within the University. Findings include the establishment of a University Sports Service, to be overseen by a new University Sports Committee chaired by the Pro-Vice Chancellor for Education, ushering in major reform of the way sport is managed. I do not believe the impending changes will impact greatly on CUCC in the immediate future and I am sure it will be understood on all sides that the Club depends heavily on the goodwill, financial support and continued active participation its members, and this should be warmly welcomed. On which note I will close as usual by saying that I look forward to greeting many members at Fenner's during the coming season. It is always a particular pleasure to welcome back past players.

Kenneth Siddle (Senior Treasurer)

Club Secretary's report

Roger and Ken have both referred to the exciting features of our fixture list this year. This is part of an effort to improve the cricket we play within the resources we have available. So what are the main changes.

Firstly, the Blues will not play on the BUCS competition (BUCS will remain part of the MCCU and CUWCC fixtures) which was a major barrier to us organising the fixtures in an efficient manor and this had a knock-on effect on our finances.

Secondly, we have rescheduled our fixtures to maximise the use of Fenner's and minimise the use of other grounds; this theme will continue year on year and we are most grateful to the effort put into facilitating this by John Moden whom is building this need into his future plans for the wicket.

Thirdly, we have introduced new fixtures. The Irish and Scottish Universities are an important part of this as are The Arabs, an important part of English cricketing history. The changes also impact Crusaders and CUWCC. Crusaders, settling in at Clare, have strengthened their fixture list considerably in the past two years to re-establish important fixture with the services and we look to add the Fire Brigade and improve the economics of the school games. Importantly, the three-day game will always be at Fenner's. CUWCC are now established at Fitwilliam and their fixture list now contains matches against recognised teams as well as BUCS: this is important as the Universities are key for strengthening the women's game in general.

As Ken mentioned, our income has been hit by the failure of a sponsorship deal to close. At the same time, increases in the cost of cricket had a major impact in 2013 in three areas.

- Our duty of care now require us now to ensure that we use professional transport for away matches with significant cost implications. Hence our reduction in away matches and one of the reasons why we have withdrawn from BUCS.
- The cost of college grounds has increased significantly and so by no longer using Fenner's for BUCS, we can migrate other fixtures to Fenner's, including the three-day Crusaders University Match.
- We have established match fees for visiting teams and have been phasing out those games where the visitors do not pay, including BUCS. This will continue.

These three areas essentially account for our cost increases and in 2014 they will be better controlled. At the same time we will be making significant reductions to our general administration costs.

What else is there to report? We have enjoyed wifi at Fenner's recently and we have now upgraded this to the very latest standards at no extra cost. The on-line gambling widespread amongst our regular members will now be able to move up a gear. Richard Timms has also set up live scorecards on our website (www.cucc.net), so that the rest of the world, as well as our 1,200 members can follow our matches through the internet.

Finally, thank you for your support again this season. It is clearly important from a financial point of view, but also many people have commented on the wonderful atmosphere at Fenner's, so precious to us all. We are indebted to those people who give their time to make this possible: Charlie and Marlene, who run the the place, and Sally's team who put so much care into the catering. Finally, thank you to 'the Badgers'; not just regular members but social commentators, political pundits and heavy drinkers who help care for our club and take such a close interest in our cricket and our players.

Anthony Hyde (Club Secretary)

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The Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday 23rd April 2014 at 18.00 in Professor Siddle's Rooms, Churchill College.

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. President's Report
5. Elections to the Committee
 - i) To consider re-election of committee members whose term expires in 2014
 - ii) To make any other elections deemed appropriate
6. Nominations to the Parent Company
7. Accounts
 - i) To receive and approve the accounts for 2012/13
 - ii) To appoint accountants for 2013/14
8. Amendments to Club Rules
 - i) To confirm subscriptions for the coming year
 - ii) To respond to guidelines issued by the University Proctors
9. Report on Cambridge M.C.C.U.
10. Any other business

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C.U.C.C Financial Statement for year ended 31 July 2013

Income and Expenditure account	2013	2012
Income		
University Sports Syndicate	1,925	2,750
Quidnuncs' appeal	5,419	14,265
Donations and legacies	595	102
Subscriptions	10,448	8,239
Proceeds of matches at Fenner's	10,777	6,558
Sponsorship	1,140	1,195
Sundries	710	593
	31,014	33,702
Expenditure		
Blues Matches	14,752	10,758
Crusaders CC	8,238	4,069
CUWCC	5,053	4,051
MCCU	1,380	1,200
Pavilion and Ground	4,346	4,410
Administration	7,068	4,439
Hospitality/PR	2,875	916
Sundries	73	262
	43,784	30,104
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(12,770)	3,598
Balance sheet		
	2013	2012
Current Assets		
Debtors	5,330	9,941
Bank and cash balances		
Current Account	5,956	21,318
Community Account	15,508	1,150
Paypal Account	75	5,050
Total Assets	26,869	37,459
Current liabilities		
Creditors	(7716)	(5536)
Net Assets	19,153	31,923