



Bassetlaw and District Umpires' Association

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2014

Website: www.bdua.org

AGM 4th October 2014

This years AGM will be held on Saturday 4th October at Cuckney Cricket Club commencing at 2.30pm. Nominations for any position within the BDUA is open to all members and any nominations should be received by the Secretary at least 2 weeks before the AGM, duly nominated and seconded by other BDUA members.

BDUA Secretary/Treasurer

At the BDUA Management Committee meeting in June the Secretary announced his intention of standing down at the AGM.

There is therefore a vacancy!

Anyone interested can contact the Secretary for an informal chat.

It would be good if we could have a nominee in place and acceptable before the AGM to ensure a smooth handover.

PLAYERS BEHAVIOUR

Many umpires are continually complaining about the attitude and behaviour of players and that it is getting worse. The number of reported disciplinary matters does not support this statement. We have so far this season only two pending disciplinary hearings arranged for July. So we are halfway through the season with only two reported disciplinary incidents. You know and I know that this does not reflect the true position. Attitudes and behaviour are not good, if you are confronted with poor behaviour you should, in conjunction with your partner, initially deal with it using your man management skills; with a quiet word to the player concerned. If that doesn't improve matters get the captain involved and only after doing all of that if matters still don't improve report the incident. It is a fact that if umpires do not have the courage to report matters they will continue to get worse. The solution is in the hands of the umpires, take action on the field if that fails then report the player(s). By not reporting you will be condoning poor behaviour. If you want to see an improvement in player discipline then you **MUST** report bad behaviour.

At the time of this newsletter I will have written to the League Management Committee asking them to pass on our concerns to all BDCL clubs. Without clubs taking positive action to improve behaviour the recruitment and retention of umpires will get even more difficult. Already this season several experienced umpires have either reduced the number of games they umpire or given up umpiring completely. Everyone needs to understand that if this trend continues within the next couple of years we will not have sufficient umpires to cover even half of the league fixtures.

THEFTS FROM CHANGING ROOMS

In recent months there has been a spate of thefts from pavilion changing rooms. One of which resulted in car keys being taken and the car stolen! It would appear that this was well planned and systematic and covered not only Nottinghamshire but Derbyshire and South Yorkshire. Thankfully the people involved have been apprehended in the Doncaster area. Whether everyone involved has been caught or not we will have to wait and see. Must Umpires facilities are insecure to some extent and I think it would be prudent from now on never to leave any valuables, car keys, etc in your changing room. Far better to take them on to the field of play with you.

High Full Pitched Bowling

There have been several incidents this season where bowlers have had to be removed from bowling during matches due to having bowled 3 high full pitched deliveries.

The umpires involved have acted entirely correctly.

I would however take this opportunity to remind everyone that if a bowler deliberately bowls a high full pitched delivery then they should immediately be removed from bowling; not allowed to bowl again during the innings; and the in-

WEBSITE

The new website for the Association is still being constructed by Jack Tarr and it is hoped to be in place before the end of the season. Jack has been extremely busy with work which of course must come first but is hopeful of completing the website soon. The web address will be **www.bdua.org** Note **org** NOT **co.uk** Once it is up and running I will email everyone.

WINTER TRAINING COURSES

At the moment the Notts ACO appear to have no plans to run a Level 1A course in the north of the county this winter, unfortunately Peter McKenzie has indicated that he will not be involved in providing these courses.

I have e.mailed the ACO County Welfare Officer, Mr Brian Jones, asking him what plans the Notts ACO have for providing Level 1A and any other training courses this coming close season. As yet I have not received a reply.

I have also been in contact with the ACO Regional Education Officer, Mr Terry Dorr, who referred me to Brian Jones. He also replied that it is the responsibility of the County ACO to provide these courses and as far as he was aware both Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire were arranging these courses this winter. He went on to say that if there were any problems the BDUA were to contact him and he would ensure that any suitable candidates for Level 1A courses would be accommodated.