



## The Philanderers CC

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Firstly, may I give you three dates for your diaries which have been arranged since the previous Newsletter. The Golf Championship will take place at Royal Worlington again on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August. I have decided to return to the two Dinner concept once more. The Annual Dinner will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September at the Rupert Brooke in Grantchester whilst the Christmas Dinner will be held at the Three Blackbirds in Woodditton on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Now turning to the forthcoming season which is very rapidly approaching I feel the need to ask for co-operation from the membership in respect of the following matters. I hope that I don't sound too schoolmasterly but assistance with the following will be most helpful for myself.

**Catering** at matches will once again comprise food in individual bags for players and umpires, at least while the pandemic restrictions prevail. As we proceed game by game would any players preferring to provide their own catering, please give me early notice whilst those of the vegetarian persuasion, or with allergies, also to get back to me with this information beforehand.

**Scorers** would be most helpful especially at Sunday fixtures. I have now assembled a small panel of highly competent umpires so the next step is to get more help on the scoring front please. Think, all that invigorating fresh air!

**Match fees** are now invariably paid on-line and which is absolutely fine but would those who prefer this payment method please do so within a few days of each game. I would prefer that there is no repeat of last season when I spent ages chasing up late payers if you would be so kind.

**Match Reports** for placing on the website are invariably well crafted and often things of beauty, well almost. However, there is a tendency for them to be produced late, sometimes a week or two after the event. This sadly negates a significant part of the reason for having the Reports which are meant to keep our worldwide following, primarily the Aussi Pro of-course, up to date with our matches and results. So, this year I am going to enforce a 72-hour deadline -

brutal I appreciate!! - for them to be produced before I then place the basic statistics on the website instead. I would much prefer for this not to happen.

**Club apparel** is now available in respect of club shirts, sweaters, caps & ties and all of which is detailed on a separate document being sent out with this Newsletter. I would much prefer that everyone is attired in club apparel as it shows more of a team ethic. I hope that our new players especially will dig deep into their pockets, or indeed those of their parents, to make a purchase.

Apology for all of the above admin stuff but boring as that may be its accomplishment is necessary for the club to function properly and more easily and will help me enormously. Thank goodness action is now close at hand and which reminds me that the fixture lists are currently being printed and will be ready for distribution from the opening game onwards. The first fixture is again versus Cambridge University Crusaders and which will doubtless test our resolve. Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at Fitzwilliam starting at 11.30am - get some fresh air, actually speak to real people and support the team.

Phil

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*Recently retrieved from the archives a painting of the club's original committee meeting!*