

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE ASSOCIATION OF CRICKET STATISTICIANS AND HISTORIANS



Founded in 1973 by a small group of keen statisticians, the Association widened its scope in 1993 to include the word 'Historians' in its title. Now an international body represented in 16 countries, it numbers amongst its members most of the world's leading statisticians and several of its most accomplished historians and biographers, not to mention many county and international scorers and a Test cricketer or two.

Our principal purpose has long been 'to promote and encourage research into the statistical and historical aspects of cricket throughout the world at all levels and to publish the findings'. However, for many members, their preferred form of involvement is to enjoy the fruits of others' researches - to read articles in our quarterly journal or to debate issues of the day on our email circle.



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Message from Andy Zaltzman

BBC Test Match Special Scorer

It is a scientifically-proven fact that cricket is the greatest invention in the history of the known universe. Furthermore, in this age of inescapable falsehood and unrelenting hogwash, facts are having their worst millennium on record.

What finer organisation to join could there be, then, than one devoted to (a) cricket, and (b) facts? If you are even slightly interested in either, or preferably both, of these two great pursuits, the ACS is waiting for you, with its community of members who have come to the entirely correct conclusion that a regular healthy dose of cricket statistics and history is guaranteed to set you on the path to happiness, wisdom and fulfilment.



OUR HISTORY AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Since its foundation over 50 years ago, the ACS has (among many other things)

- Produced widely-accepted details of which matches, anywhere in the world, should be classified as 'first-class', so that all statisticians can work from a common base.
- Introduced and defined the ListA classification for one-day games, which has been endorsed by the ICC.
- Undertaken extensive research into the biographies of first-class cricketers, which has discovered many new or corrected biographical details.
- Published – either in print or online – over 600 books covering both the statistics and history of cricket. These include many substantial player biographies, annuals covering men's and women's cricket and Second Eleven cricket in England and Wales, and a lot more besides.



THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

As part of your membership you receive:

- The quarterly ACS journal, *The Cricket Statistician*.
- An annual discount on ACS publications currently worth £8.
- A 33% discount on subscriptions for the CricketArchive and CSW cricket databases.
- A chance to engage with a thriving research environment via our online members' area.
- The right to participate in the auctions of cricket books that the ACS arranges from time to time.

How to join the ACS

Membership of the ACS is open to everyone, anywhere in the world. Full details of how to join are given on our website at www.acscricket.com and then follow the link 'Join the ACS'. You will see there that your subscription can be made by direct debit, or via PayPal, or by debit or credit card.

As you will see, different subscription rates apply depending on your age, on where in the world you live, and on whether you would prefer to receive our Journal and other official papers in hard copy or in digital versions.

If you have any queries about joining the ACS, or any other questions about the Association, please get in touch with our Membership Secretary, Huw Nathan, via membership@acscricket.com, or by post at 36 Runton Road, Poole BH12 1NX, England.