



## ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN No. 29 – November 2017

### ACS Record Site

The ACS Online Cricket Records site is surely the most comprehensive and up-to-date site for cricket records anywhere on the internet, and more records are being added to it all the time. Recent additions include

- comprehensive sets of records in all classes of women's cricket, from minor matches right up to Tests, ODIs and international T20s;
- a first batch of records for first-class cricket showing 'Most consecutive' – most consecutive ducks, most consecutive innings without a duck, most centuries in consecutive innings (yes, Sangakkara's '8 in 11' is there too!), and the like;
- a first batch of 'leading edge' records – difficult to describe but easy enough to follow! If you want to know who has taken the fewest innings to record a sequence of 100 centuries (or 50, or 150 – or in fact any number from 9 to 199) this is the place to look. In addition, you can now find out who has bowled the fewest balls in an innings while conceding the most runs (did you know that in 1999/2000 a bowler in Pakistan returned an innings analysis of 0-0-10-0?) – or the most balls while conceding the fewest runs (542 balls in an innings for only 69 runs, anyone?) There is much more like this, and more to come too.

Members are encouraged to keep an eye on the site to see the latest additions and, of course, to use it whenever they are trying to remember, or to track down, a particular record in any class of cricket. The site is free (and open to non-members) – just go to the ACS website at [www.acscricket.com](http://www.acscricket.com), and follow the link to 'Cricket Records'.

Keith Walmsley

### Committee elections

Three committee places and the position of Secretary are up for election ahead of the 2018 AGM, and one of the current committee members, Roger Moulton, is standing down. If any member wishes to stand for election, please note that time is of the essence, as all nominations must be received by 15 November. Please send, either in writing or in a signed scan of a letter, any nomination – together with names and signatures of a proposer and a seconder (who should also be current ACS members) – to the Secretary at: 41 Ramsons Way, St Fagans, Cardiff CF5 4QY. Email [secretary@acscricket.com](mailto:secretary@acscricket.com)

### Special Offer from ACS Sales

Following the success of our previous quarterly sales, in which 27 out of 50 titles sold out, we are pleased to offer a further selection of 25 books for the last time at discounted prices. Postage costs are included in the listed prices for the Special Offer items, for both UK and overseas destinations. Therefore postage does not need to be added again when calculating the total cost for these items. If you order from the ACS Online Shop, all these calculations will be made automatically.

This offer will last until 31 January 2018, after which date we will dispose of the remaining stock. Details are in the publications flyer which accompanies this Bulletin.

### Overseas Postage Rates

As members may be aware, the Royal Mail has been raising postal rates to overseas destinations far in excess of both the UK rate of inflation and the rate at which the ACS has increased the prices of its publications. A recent review has indicated that the average postage costs to overseas destinations where ACS members reside is now well in excess of 30% of the cover price of a typical ACS publication. An extreme case is a *Lives in Cricket* book, priced at £15, which costs £7.55 to post to Australia.

For several years, the ACS has been applying a 20% postal surcharge on overseas orders. By maintaining this rate, the ACS is effectively subsidising its sales to overseas members. With the ACS having registered operating losses for the last five consecutive years, the committee have regretfully decided that, effective for orders received after 30 November 2017, the overseas postal surcharge will be raised to 30%.

We recognise that, because of the slowness of international mail, it may be difficult for overseas members to get paper orders to ACS Sales in time to take advantage of the 20% overseas postal rate that applies until 30 November. They may therefore want to consider eliminating these delays by ordering direct from the ACS Online Shop. The 20% rate will be honoured for all overseas orders received at ACS Sales, whether by mail or online, on or before 30 November.

From time to time the ACS initiates campaigns offering heavily discounted prices to try and encourage members to purchase old stock. For the reasons stated above the ACS now calculates the overseas postal surcharge on such discounted prices based on the original cover prices of the publications. The committee are confident that even with this change the resultant prices will remain highly attractive for overseas members.

To ensure maximum transparency for overseas members and customers, the above approach is being incorporated into the ACS Online Shop pricing formula and the sales flyer now quotes specific overseas prices for discounted items.

### Committee Meeting Report

The third meeting of 2017/18 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 30 September. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay, Huw Nathan and Mark Rowe.

The President, David Kendix, attended the meeting to report on the ICC's revised document on the Classification of Official Cricket. This now recognised the ACS view that henceforth all matches abandoned after the toss (eg because of an unfit pitch) should stand in the official records. It also clarified the rules on full playing substitutes, with the threat that first-class status could be withdrawn from matches not following these rules, and introduced a trial on concussion substitutes.

Chairman John Bryant reported that the ACS had signed a new contract with Cricket Archive, securing the supply of scorecards and statistics. They had also agreed a 12-month marketing contract with *The Cricketer*, intended to raise the ACS's visibility.

The Treasurer recommended new measures to counter a continuing negative trend with profitability and cash flow, including a more realistic reflection of the cost of overseas postage, which would rise to 30% of each book's cover price. A subcommittee was set up to consider measures to address the chronic losses on ACS publications.

The dates for the forthcoming committee meetings are 25 November, 20 January and 24 March. Any member wishing to raise any matter should contact the Secretary.

**The next AGM will be on 17 March 2018 at Derby.**

## Halifax Cup scores

Some time ago, a book containing the scores of the Halifax Cup matches in North America, and some associated details, was announced as one of our 'forthcoming publications'. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons it did not prove possible to publish the book at that time.

Although the committee still support this project, at present it is not possible to foresee when or whether the book will be ready for publication. Accordingly, it has been decided to make refunds to the small number of members who paid to receive a copy of the book when it was first announced, with our apologies for keeping them waiting.

## Annual Subscription Reminder

From 1 December 2017, UK membership will cost £22 a year, overseas membership £29, and junior membership (under 18) £10. **There will be a £2 discount for all adult members paying by direct debit.**

New members subscribing for the first time before 1 December 2017 will pay the new rates listed above but will enjoy continuous ACS membership until 30 November 2018.

Direct debit is our recommended method, as it is quick, secure and cost effective. You can download the direct debit form from the website as a pdf file. Print it out, complete and sign, then return it to the Membership Secretary at 36 Runton Road, Branksome, Poole, Dorset BH12 1NX.

You can also join the ACS online via PayPal. Use the drop-down menu to choose the appropriate membership category. It is not necessary to have a PayPal account to use this facility; payments can be made by debit or credit card. (There is no discount for PayPal subscriptions, as the ACS pays a charge on each transaction.

## Change of Address

Please note a new postal address for the Membership Secretary Huw Nathan:

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36 Runton Road, Branksome, Poole, Dorset BH12 1NX, England  
Email: [membership@acscricket.com](mailto:membership@acscricket.com)  
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## Membership Update

**We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:**

Mr Gaurav Chhawchharia of Sunnyvale, USA  
Mr Dave Clear of Gravesend, Kent  
Ms Anna Colao of London N11  
Mr William Hamilton-Box of Oxford, Oxfordshire  
Mr Richard Hill of Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire  
Mr Harvey Holt of Grimsby, Lincolnshire  
Mr Michael Jones of North Wootton, Norfolk  
Mr Kevin O'Connell of Harborne, West Midlands  
Mr Robert Williams of Kilmarnock, Fife

**We regret to announce the death of the following members for whom we offer our condolences to their families and friends:**

Mr Idris Barrett, lately of Otley, West Yorkshire  
Mr David Harvey, lately of Nuthall, Nottinghamshire  
Mr Nick Haycox, lately of Great Doddington, Northamptonshire  
Mr Brian Heald, lately of Cranham, Essex  
Mr Richard Merricks, lately of Rye, East Sussex  
Rev Canon Geoffrey Smith, lately of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk

## Members' Ties

Members' ties are available at a significant discount until 31 January 2018 (when the prices of the ties will revert to their prior level).

UK sale price of £9.60 includes postage and 20% VAT;  
Overseas sale price of £10.50 includes postage.

ACS Online Shop  
<http://acscricket.com>

## County Cricket: Sundry Extras

David Jeater has published a collection of short biographies on the ACS website. He explains: 'Many cricketers who have contributed to the County Championship have special achievements in other fields. Perhaps we can think of them as the Sundry Extras of county cricket.'