

## ACS MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN NO 9 - DECEMBER 2010



### Committee Meetings

The **fourth meeting** of 2010/11 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 25 September. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay and the Secretary, Andrew Hignell.

Following various delays with recent publications, it was decided to set up a subcommittee which would monitor imminent publications by liaising with editors and authors, make scheduling decisions according to a quarterly timetable with strict cut-offs, and make recommendations on pricing and print runs.

There was also discussion of problems with the timetabling of proof-reading the *Cricket Statistician*.

David Jeater revealed the results of his researches into county boundaries as recognised by the English cricket authorities for registration purposes, and how they had changed over the years.

There were updates on the progress of various publications, including Peter Wynne-Thomas's proposed *History of Cricket Statisticians and Historians* and a book of SACBOC/SACB non-racial scorecards.

The ACS Style Guide was under revision, and it was hoped that a new version would be issued later in the year, along with other guidelines for authors such as those on legal liabilities.

The **fifth meeting** of 2010/11 was held at the Space Centre, London, on Saturday 27 November. Apologies were received from Ric Finlay.

The committee agreed terms of reference for the new Publications Subcommittee, which made its recommendations on scheduling for the next quarter.

Zahra Ridge, who had been typesetting *The Cricket Statistician* for the past two years, has been forced to withdraw at short notice because of other commitments. She was thanked for her work. It was agreed to approach an alternative typesetter for the Spring Journal; there would be a formal tendering process for subsequent issues.

The sales of the latest books of overseas scores have been disappointing. Although we hope still to continue publishing score-based publications, they will have to be priced at a level to reflect their likely market.

A design was agreed for the new ACS tie.

The dates for the next committee meetings are 29 January and 26 March (after the AGM). Any member wishing to raise any matter should contact the Secretary.

## **Guide for Authors**

The ACS Style Guide has been revised and will shortly be available on the ACS website, together with a brief guide covering legal liability and how to reduce the risk of litigation. Copies may also be obtained from the Secretary.

## **Members' Meetings**

The ACS London meeting took place on 6 November at the Yorkshire Grey Public House in Holborn. After a buffet lunch, David Kendix (Chairman) introduced Angus Fraser, the guest speaker, by recalling some of his career highlights with Middlesex and England.

In the course of the next hour Angus spoke, and answered questions, on a wide number of cricketing topics including his predictions on the outcome of the 2010/11 Ashes series ("It might not be as straightforward as some think"); ex-players moving into the Media; the potential of Steve Finn and Chris Tremlett as England fast bowlers; the improvements to the England set-up following the creation of central contracts and a Team England ethos; his memories of earlier England coaches and managers, including Ray Illingworth; the county structure for 2011 and beyond ("keep the 18 counties and reduce the amount of Twenty20 cricket"); changing the 40-over domestic competition into a 50-over format to mirror what is happening at international level; spot-fixing and the possible exploitation of other sports by betting cartels; the careers of Owais Shah and Andy Caddick; his favourite TV commentators and cricket writers ("Nasser Hussain, Mike Atherton, Christopher Martin-Jenkins and Steve James") and the pathways for promising schoolboy cricketers to follow.

After a short interval, the second part of the meeting involved an informal Q and A session with various members of the committee. The meeting closed at 4pm after a vote of thanks from Brian Heald.

The ACS is looking to hold another London meeting at a similar time next year but is also open to holding a social event elsewhere in England during 2011. However we will first need a venue that is suitable in terms of location, facilities and cost. If a member can propose a place and be prepared to act as local liaison, the committee will help with the publicity and organisation.

## **The Journal**

We must apologise for the late arrival of this and indeed the previous edition. There have been problems and, as mentioned in the Committee meeting notes above, we now need to look for a new typesetter. Zahra Ridge has raised the presentation of the Journal to a new standard, and we hope to maintain this in the future. If this edition's production has in any way fallen short, we would ask for your forbearance.

## **Annual General Meeting**

A reminder that the 38th AGM of the members of the Association will be held in the Gateway Centre at the County Ground, Derby on Saturday 26 March 2011. Coffee and tea will be provided from 10.45 am, with the formal meeting – for current members - commencing at 11.15 am.

The Annual Lunch will then follow between 1 pm and 2.15 pm. Guests and non-members are very welcome to join us for the Lunch following the completion of the AGM. Further information about the meeting, plus booking forms and menus, will follow in the next mailing.

An informal get-together of Association members, guests and friends will take place in The Days Inn Hotel, next to the County Ground, on the Friday evening, 25 March, from around 7 pm onwards. The get-together would also include a three-course meal and further details about this will also follow in the next mailing.

Members seeking overnight accommodation may be interested to know that The Days Inn Hotel will be offering, once again, a special discounted price of £49 per night per room (including breakfast) for those people attending the AGM. Please ring 01332 363600 and quote "ACS" when making your booking. For further information about the hotel, please visit their website at [www.dayshotelderby.com](http://www.dayshotelderby.com)

## **Research Grants**

Research Grants are available from the Association for members wishing to undertake original research on a cricket-related topic which will also lead to the publication of the findings. The recently-published book on New Zealanders by Tony McCarron is one of the publications produced as a result of this scheme.

Each grant will be for up to a maximum of £750, whilst it is expected that the research will be completed and the work ready for publication within two years of the grant being awarded. Normally, 25% of the agreed grant will be paid prior to submission of the final work for publication.

Further information can be obtained by emailing the Secretary ([secretary@acscricket.com](mailto:secretary@acscricket.com)) whilst application forms can be downloaded from the Association's website.

## **Membership Update**

We extend a warm welcome to the following 9 new members:

Mr J.Brown, Banbury, Oxfordshire	Mr J.R.Patel, New Britain, Connecticut, U.S.A.
Mr P.Harris, Finsbury Park, London	Mr C.S. Ridler, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire
Mr A.Hastings, Allerton, West Yorkshire	Mr D.Wilson, San Jose, California, U.S.A.
Mr R.Hodgkinson, Shepshed, Leicestershire	Mr D.Wu, St. Mary's, NSW, Australia
Mr P.C.F. Lawell, Albert Park, Victoria, Australia	

We regret to announce the death of the following member:

Mr R.J.W.Scowen, Formerly of Barking, Essex