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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Hi everyone.

I hope this fantastic Spring weather finds you all with an early-season energy and enthusiasm boost and looking forward to getting that kit bag out of the loft, attic or garage and ready to call play or start filling out those scorebooks.

Darren Turl and I were fortunate enough to umpire our first fixture on April 6th at Dumbleton and neither of us could remember either playing or umpiring that early before.

It's amazing to think that 12 months earlier, the majority of grounds were considerably behind with basic preparation and in some cases, still underwater!

So, what has been happening since the last newsletter?

The new ECB Umpire Development (training) course has been piloted with Bob Hampshire tutoring at an event in Oxfordshire and Bob Owen and I tutoring a course at Hatherley & Reddings CC.

The new course is very well written and compiled and with some fairly minor amendments, I think it will be successful - given good selling and advertising of the course, we hope to get plenty of 'bums on seats.'

Darren Turl organized a mentoring workshop that was tutored and led by our honorary president Clive Poulton and gave those in attendance some food for thought in building relationships with their 2025 mentees. A big thank you to both Darren and Clive for organising this.

Finally, the appointments team is pleased that on the whole, WTU is in good order, with the vast majority of our active members having their availability in decent shape, so a thank you from them.

I hope next time to be able to give you more news and details on the revamped website, so watch this space.

Hope to catch up with as many of you as possible during the season both on and off the field (and in the bar with a pint in my hand)...

Phil



SCORING MATTERS #YesItDoes with SUE DRINKWATER



CONGRATULATIONS: To Karen Brown for being accredited as a Level 1 scorer. It's great to have another scorer officially accredited and on the official ladder before we transition to the new Scorers' Pathway later this year.

DLS: A reminder that DLS has not been updated since version 5 came out in November 2022. They looked at how the stats had changed from recent professional white ball matches across the world and the resultant changes to par/target scores were

minimal, so a decision was made not to update in 2024. As such, continue to use v5 of DLS Professional.

PCS Pro: There have been several recent updates to PCS Pro, so make sure that you are fully up to date before the season starts. Although most of the changes are for the professional game and don't contain anything visible for scorers, we still need to do them and they are best done separately, so don't leave them all until the season starts and expect to do them all in one go!

Gloucestershire Scorers WhatsApp Group: All GACO scorer members were invited to join this at the end of March and we currently have 26 active scorers in the group. If you didn't reply to the invitation email but are an active GACO scorer member and want to join, then send an email to Sue Drinkwater to be added in before the 2025 season starts. Hopefully it will provide an easy way to ask scoring questions and share scoring experiences throughout the 2025 season. If it proves successful, we will open it up to non-ACO scorers in Gloucestershire too.

GACO Scorers Pre-Season Meeting: By the time you read this, we will have held the first GACO Scorers Pre-Season Meeting via Zoom on 16th April. This is a new initiative and may be followed by more scorer gatherings on Zoom (or even face to face at some point in the future) to discuss whatever is wanted in the Gloucestershire Scoring Community.

APPOINTMENTS – Steve Johnson

With the addition of new competitions and local events to the 2025 schedule and having lost a number of colleagues from the GACO panel, there are going to be a number of weeks during the first 8 of the league season in which we are currently likely to have gaps at both WEPL Tier 3 and GCL Div 1.

If you currently don't have a game and are able to help out, particularly on 17th May, 7th or 14th June, it would be greatly appreciated.

UMPIRE DEVELOPMENT



People who are seeking advancement for the 2026 season need to complete and return the ECB 'Promotion' form and take the MCC Laws exam. Please note that umpires who are successful in upping their grading are not guaranteed a place on a higher panel next summer – for example, if 12 people across Gloucestershire, Somerset & Wiltshire moved from M4 to M3 and there were

only four places available on the P1 Panel....

WEPL Captains' marks will be embargoed until the end of the season. Should poor feedback be received following a game and it is perceived there may be an issue of some description, the umpire(s) in question will be notified. This does not apply to either B & D or GCL matches.

Eight potential new umpires attended the 'Are You Ready to Call Play?' practical days at Hatherley & Reddings CC and Chipping Sodbury CC on Sunday 20th & Sunday 27th April respectively.

A reminder that we're still looking for active WEPL umpires to help out on one Saturday of their choice this season with Boundary Edge Observations.

If you feel you can contribute to the observation schedule or would like a 'Promotion' form, please email development@gaco.org.uk.

UMPIRE EXPENSES 2025

A few notes from GACO Treasurer, John Lindley.

Most expenses are claimed by filling in the form on www.gaco.org.uk, the direct link for which is:

Expenses and Reimbursements - GACO

Please do this on a monthly basis.

Note, the following schools are pay on the day: Dean Close, Wycliffe College, Sir Thomas Rich's & Cheltenham College.

It has been agreed that expenses for County Seniors (Over 50s, 60s & 70s) will this year be £50 per game.



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HARDBALL CRICKET BAGS for BRISTOL YOUTH CRICKET LEAGUE

Jim Donaldson, Chair of the BYCL explains the progress of the Hardball Cricket Bag scheme and how it is benefitting youth cricket in Bristol.

In 2024, the DFCA/Omnitau Bristol Youth Cricket League (BYCL) received the very generous donation of £5000 from the Members of the former Bristol Association of Umpires and Scorers (BACUS). The BYCL set this sum aside, and have used it to support the 'Hardball Kit Bag Award' Scheme. This aims to support any Club in the area that is working positively to further develop their youth system with a junior team playing Hardball Cricket for the first time. While the super, well-used ECB initiatives of 'All Stars' and 'Dynamos', encourage Clubs to start their youth systems as a beginning for youngsters on their cricketing journey, the next step into Hardball Cricket is a far more significant and expensive step for both clubs and parents. Providing a 'Team Hardball Kit Bag' for use by all is a critically important part of this process. During each assessment, the BYCL checks the on-going development progress of any Club applying for an Award, with the relevant County Cricket Foundation.



In 2024, two Clubs, Pucklechurch and Bristol Pakistanis, were supported with Awards, and are continuing well into 2025. We are delighted that a further three clubs have been awarded Hardball Kit Bags this year. Photographed receiving their Awards from Damian Forder (DFCA Coaching) and Jim Donaldson (Chair of the BYCL), are Josh Wiltshire (wearing black) from Bitton and James Hall (wearing red) from St Mary Redcliffe. In addition, a new kit bag is also on its way to Bohemians in time for the season ahead. We feel that this is a very positive way to support local clubs in the on-going and challenging process of developing their respective youth systems. And it's thanks to the members of the former BACUS that we are able to offer this opportunity to local cricket clubs, and we hope that more will be encouraged to come forward in 2026.

GACO CRICKET CALENDAR

Events Completed March-April		
Sunday 9 th March	ECB Intro Umpire Course	Bedminster Down
Sunday 16 th March	WEPL Umpires' Meeting	BAWA Club, Bristol
	ECB Intro Umpire Course	Hartpur University
Sunday 23 rd March	ECB Panel Umpire Course	Hatherley & Reddings CC
Monday 7 th April	Get Into Cricket (14-18 years)	Golden Hill CC
Wednesday 9 th April	Club Intro Course	Langford CC
Sunday 20 th April	Are You Ready to Call Play? (New umpires' practical day)	Hatherley & Reddings CC
Tuesday 22 nd April	GACO Pre-Season Seminar	The Ship, Alveston
Wednesday 23 rd April	Get Into Cricket (14-18 years)	Down Hatherley CC
Thursday 24 th April	Boundary Edge Developers' Meeting	Zoom
Sunday 27 th April	Are You Ready to Call Play? (New umpires' practical day)	Chipping Sodbury CC
Monday 28 th April	Club Intro Course	Corse & Staunton CC
Tuesday 29 th April	B & D laws & regs pre-season meeting	Gloucestershire CCC
Tuesday 29 th April	Get Into Cricket (14-18 years)	Cam CC
Events To Come		
Saturday 3 rd May	League season starts	Various
Wednesday 7 th May	Get Into Cricket (14-18 years)	Shirehampton CC
Monday 12 th May	Get Into Cricket (14-18 years)	Tetbury CC
Thursday 5 th June	CPD session	Online
Thursday 29 th July	CPD session	Online

GACO PRE-SEASON SEMINAR

50 people were present at The Ship Inn on Tuesday 22nd April at this event, which featured an interesting CPD session around potential on-field issues led by Bob Hampshire and, amongst other things, long-service presentations made to Peter Smithard (a remarkable 44 years) and John Wheeler (27 years).



MENTORING WORKSHOP

On Sunday 30th March, GACO President, Clive Poulton, ran a mentoring workshop for potential new mentors and those already mentoring at Hatherley & Reddings CC. This was a useful and informative session, while the open debate and sharing of experiences proved useful to all. Thanks to Clive for leading the event and Darren Turl (Recruitment & Mentoring Officer) for organizing the event.

If anyone else is interested in becoming a mentor this season, please contact Darren to discuss further.

CRICKETING ODDITIES



On Australia's 1994 tour of South Africa, the host's all-rounder, Brian McMillan, told Alan Border, after the Australian had twice nicked him between first and second slip for four, that he was going to shoot him after the game.

Nobody had really paid any particular attention to 'Big Mac', but the Aussie dressing room was stunned into silence when the bulky all-rounder burst in after stumps that evening, brandishing a handgun and

asking where Border was.

Everyone pointed in the direction of the captain, who was sitting by his locker, and parted as McMillan walked slowly and purposefully towards Border, gun in hand. As he reached the bench where the 38-year-old Australian was sitting, McMillan sat down, put the gun next to him and pulled a can of Castle out of his pocket.

'Fancy a beer?' he said.



UMPIRES – It's the start of a new season.

Have you:

Updated WTU in regard to your availability AND amended it if your availability has changed?

Ensured that your clothing still fits after the excesses of the winter and is it whole if it's been loitering alongside the odd mouse or two in the loft?

Checked your kit and equipment? Have you got enough bowlers' and team cards and up-to-date directive cards? Is all your equipment still in your bag? I'm sure I put the spare clicker in there at the end of last season...

Read through and noted any changes to the regulations of the early-season competitions in which you'll be standing? And have you re-familiarised yourself with the regs that haven't changed?

Umpired a pre-season friendly or stood in the nets 'to get your eye in'?

Located the expenses form you're going to complete and submit at the end of each month?



START-OF-SEASON QUIZ

1. The largest cricket club in the UK, while boasting many female teams, is named after a man. Is it: (a) Sonny CC (b) Samuel CC (c) Spencer CC (d) Sebastian CC?
2. The wife of which former South African international cricketer is President of the Cheltenham Cricket Society: (a) Mike Procter (b) Eddie Barlow (c) Allan Donald (d) Barry Richards?
3. Which of these countries has never played in the Cricket World Cup: (a) Luxembourg (b) Bermuda (c) Namibia (d) Kenya?
4. In which town is Scotland's most northerly club that plays league cricket: (a) Dundee (b) Portree (c) Aberdeen (d) Elgin?
5. Kepler Wessels is one of only 17 international cricketers to represent two countries, but which ones: (a) New Zealand & Australia (b) South Africa & England (c) India & Sri Lanka (d) Australia & South Africa?
6. Which double-barrelled cricket club plays at the Valley of the Rocks ground: (a) Grimsby & Cleethorpes CC (b) Lynton & Lynmouth CC (c) Falmouth & Penryn CC (d) Celtic & Rangers CC.
7. Which former Australian wicketkeeper was nicknamed 'Bacchus': (a) Rod Marsh (b) Ian Healey (c) Tim Paine (d) Adam Gilchrist?
8. The highest cricket ground in the world is in: (a) Pakistan (b) India (c) Nepal (d) New Zealand.
9. Which fast-food chain advertises prominently in the Big Bash, which is rather strange, as Cricket Australia constantly promotes healthy living: (a) Burger King (b) Foster's Fried Chicken (c) McDonald's (d) KFC?
10. Which Bond villain has a direct link to a well-known cricket commentator: (a) Aristotle (b) Francisco (c) Ernst (d) Dr Julius?



INDOOR CRICKET – by Jim Hyland

Cheltenham competition 2024/25 roll-of-honour.

Winner

Division 4 Dumbleton
Division 3 Cheltenham Civil Service “B”
Division 2 Cheltenham “B”
Division 1 Cheltenham
KO Plate Dumbleton
KO Cup Gloucestershire University

Runner-up

Down Hatherley
Bayshill
Apperley
Cheltenham Civil Service
Hatherley & Reddings
Apperley

The Cheltenham Play-off winner was Cheltenham CC who then competed in the Gloucestershire County play-off day alongside Frampton-on-Severn CC who won the Gloucester competition and Rockhampton who were Bristol League champions. A great day's cricket resulted in Cheltenham beating both of the other teams to progress into the national competition.



The County play-off finalists with officials before the Gloucestershire event on 23rd February.

USEFUL LINKS

GACO Website: www.gaco.org.uk

Twitter (X): @GlosUmps

GACO Clothing: [Clothing and merchandise - GACO](#)

MARCH MADNESS

GACO Chairman Phil Mattingley's preparations for the new season highlight the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes.

Saturday March 1st – Correspondence exchange with the ECB Training Officer (Carly Beach) in regard to tutoring both initial and new umpire development courses moving forward.

Sunday March 2nd – SACO (Somerset), WACO (Wiltshire) and GACO discussions – adding umpires' names only (no personal contact details) onto WEPL website in addition to WTU and/or Play Cricket sites.

Monday 3rd March: Speak with John Lindley regarding umpire fees for the upcoming season.

Tuesday 4th March: Initial National Panel conversation with ECB's Richard Glynn-Jones via 'Microsoft Teams'.

Wednesday 5th March: Attend the Cheltenham Indoor League presentation at Cheltenham CC and present long service awards to umpires Jim Hyland & Andy Todd and scorers Sue Drinkwater, Mike Turner, Geoff Trett, Andrew Marson & Linda Collinson.

Thursday 6th March: Phone conversation with Harry Watts at GCF regarding County Cup and Trophy umpires. Sort dates so we hopefully don't get any clashes with other competitions and arrange Round One to take place before the league season starts.

Friday 7th March: DBS & GDPR discussions with John Peplow Gloucestershire County Safeguarding Officer to gain clarification on current DBS renewal issues.

Saturday 8th March: DBS & GDPR discussions with David Elworthy from ECB to gain clarification on current DBS renewal issues.

Sunday 9th March: Preparation for the new ECB Umpire Development course. This is a brand-new ECB initiative and looks both interesting and up to date.

Monday 10th March: Conversations with both Rishi Maktedar and Andy Davis regarding details of the handover of secretarial duties from RM to AD. Andy is the new GACO secretary, while Rishi has now switched to an IT role, working on the new GACO website.

Tuesday 11th March: Exchange of emails with two potential new umpires who have moved into the area with a telephone follow up later in the day.

Wednesday 12th March: Meeting with Rishi regarding the new website. RM has been in contact with the GCF web supplier and things look like they're on the move.

Thursday 13th March: More work on next year's GACO bi-annual conference. John Lindley is the main man behind this, but I'm sorting out the speakers. Productive conversations with both Ben Peverall and Bob Hampshire.

Friday 14th March: Initial discussion with Steve Johnson regarding appointments and the problems resulting from the delays in some DBS renewals.

Saturday 15th March: The appointments/DBS issue is more problematic than first thought – more discussions with SJ today.

Sunday 16th March: It's the annual WEPL pre-season meeting at the BAWA Club in Bristol today. There's a CPD session led by Bob Hampshire, Les Clemenson's statistical round-up of 2024 and plenty of networking to boot. Good news in that there's only one change to the new season's WEPL regs, with time allowed to bowl overs increasing by ten minutes from 3 hours 5 minutes to 3 hours 15.

Monday 17th March: Conversation with Harry Watts regarding registrations for upcoming club intro courses.

Tuesday 18th March: Follow-up meeting with Richard Glynne-Jones to gain feedback from my NP application.

Wednesday 19th March & Thursday 20th March: Planning and preparation for proposed divisional umpire training for GCL clubs and the idea of having club umpires for sides outside GCL 1 & 2 in 2026.

Friday 21st March: Phone conversation with Rishi to try to firm up dates and put together a timeline regarding the new website.

Saturday 22nd March: Conversation with Steve Johnson about appointments and fees for this season's Varistha T20 competition.

Sunday 23rd March: All-day ECB Umpire Development course at Hatherley & Reddings with Bob Owen and a group of enthusiastic attendees. Very enjoyable.

Monday 24th March: Preparation for the upcoming Umpire Mentoring Workshop. Speak with Darren Turl (Mentoring Manager) as to the format of the event.

Tuesday 25th March: Collate and send feedback from Sunday's Development Course to ECB.

Wednesday 26th March: More conversations with Steve Johnson and John Lindley regarding the ongoing DBS saga.

Thursday 27th March & Friday 28th March: We have to return a Development Plan / budget forecast to ECB for ACO activities this financial year. Lots of discussions and

calculations with Sue D, Harry W, John L and the two Bobs. Looks like we're going to need a Zoom meeting next week, though to finalise everything.

Saturday 29th March: Conversations with Harry W amongst others regarding arrangements for Club Intro courses at Fairford, Langford and Corse & Staunton.

Sunday 30th March: Mentoring workshop at Hatherley & Reddings this morning. There's lots of very useful discussions amongst the ten attendees, with GACO President Clive Poulton leading a really productive session.

Monday 31st March: Work with Darren T to put together the mentor/mentee groups for the new season. Really important we get these as 'right' as possible so that both new and experienced officials can get the best possible returns from the scheme.

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GACO ONLINE SHOP



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The GACO shop, which can be accessed via www.gaco.org.uk (or use the link below) is up and running ready to do business prior to the new season. Order any item from the shop, which comes complete with GACO logo and have your item(s) delivered directly to your door. Everything from match clothing to leisurewear – check it out now:

[Clothing and merchandise – GACO](#)

THE WEST OF ENGLAND PYRAMID

Opening Games: Saturday 3rd May 2025

Premier One (Tier 1 – M3)

Bridgwater v Bedminster; Bristol v Thornbury; Burbage v Bath; Downend v Frocester;
Potterne v Taunton St Andrews.

Premier Two (Tier 2 – M4)

WEPL Gloucestershire/Wiltshire Division

Cheltenham v Corsham; Dumbleton v Hatherley & Reddings; Goatacre v Chippenham;
Purton v Wootton Bassett; Tewkesbury v Painswick.

WEPL Bristol/Somerset Division

Bishopston v Congresbury; Clevedon v Keynsham; Lansdown v Golden Hill; Midsomer
Norton v Taunton Deane; Weston-super-Mare v Old Bristolians.

Tier 3 – M4

WEPL Bristol & North-East Somerset Division

Bedminster II v Bristol West Indians Phoenix; Bradley Stoke v Bristol II; Bristol
Pakistanis v Twyford House; Frenchay v Brislington; Pak Bristolians v Knowle.

WEPL Gloucestershire Division

Aston Ingham v Chipping Sodbury; Bourton Vale v Stroud; Frocester II v Charlton
Kings; Hawkesbury Upton v Gloucester; Thornbury II v Langford.

WEPL Somerset Division

Iminster v Taunton Deane II; North Perrott v Wellington; Shapwick & Polden v Butleigh;
Temple Cloud v Wembdon; Yeovil v Bridgwater II.

WEPL Wiltshire Division

Corsham II v Westbury; Hinton Charterhouse v Biddestone; Marshfield v Avebury;
Swindon v Trowbridge; Winsley v Potterne II.

Tier 4 – M5

Bristol & District Senior Division

Bath II v Winterbourne; Cleeve v Portishead; Coalpit Heath v Claverham; Hanham v
Downend II; Golden Hill II v Stapleton.

Gloucestershire Cricket League Division One

Kingsholm v Cirencester; Cheltenham Civil Service v Cheltenham II; Corse & Staunton
v Lydney; Chipping Campden v Rockhampton; Redmarley v Tetbury.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Umpire and Football League Referees' Assessor, Simon Snartt, falls under this month's *Officiating Matters* spotlight.

Position in GACO	Umpire
Profession – now or previously	Local government officer for 34 years now working in Planning Enforcement. Also work for PGMOL as a football match official observer.
For how long have you umpired/scored?	3 seasons
Main cricket team played for / associated with	Winterbourne CC
Role in that team (eg opening bat)	Bowler
Favourite ever cricketer	SK Warne



What is your favourite sporting moment?	2 nd May 1990. Bristol Rovers 3 Bristol City 0.
If you could learn a skill instantly, what would it be?	Patience
Saturday night: Go home or go out?	Go home
Name three things other than cricket that you enjoy doing.	Football, gardening (allotment holder) and holidays.
Name three things you really don't like.	Pundits and commentators in sport who do not know or understand the laws of the sport they are commenting / pontificating about. "Experts" who have never officiated a game at any standard in their life yet can do so much better than the on-field exponents.
What were your best & worst subjects at school?	Best: French. Worst: Maths.
Describe your favourite meal	Indian
Create a 3-item meal that you really wouldn't like	Celery, mushy peas & tripe.
If you were to write a book, what would it be about?	Never giving up and never stop believing that you will eventually find an answer.
Three words to describe yourself.	Methodical, impatient & dedicated.
What is your favourite saying/quote/mantra?	'I don't make the laws, but I will enforce them.'
What is your 'nightmare' scenario?	Tight game - either side can win when rain stops play. One side wants to get out there and the other does not. Managing expectations.
If you were stranded on a desert island, which three things would you like to have with you?	I phone, something to play music on and to cure my insomnia, a book of Swindon Town's greatest moments!
Greatest sportsperson ever	Alun Wyn Jones
Greatest invention ever	I Phone
Greatest band ever	Queen
Greatest ever film or musical	Les Miserables
If you could meet one person in the world, who would it be and why?	Nigel Owens – an inspirational story and an excellent referee.
What are/were your hopes for the 2025 cricket season?	To continue to learn and develop and to bed in seamlessly to Premier 1 cricket.

AND FINALLYWHAT'S YOUR DECISION?



In a frantic run chase, Smith and Jones are desperately trying to chase down a first-innings score of 245. Smith hits the second ball of the 33rd over through the covers, only for it to be fielded on the boundary. Much to the batter's dismay, the bowler's end umpire signals 'Short Run' as he turns for the second, while the striker's end umpire signals 'Short Run' as he frantically turns for a third.

Seconds later, the striker's end official is in action again as signals 'Short Run' as Jones fails to make his ground while turning for the pair's fourth attempted run before sliding in at the bowler's end just prior to the bails being removed. 'Not out,' decrees the umpire, before consulting with his colleague on how many, if any, runs have actually been scored.



March's Conundrum

In a County U18, 2-day game, the sixth wicket falls and the umpire calls "Time" to commence an interval for drinks. When does the next batter's innings commence?

The seventh wicket falls immediately after the interval for drinks. When does the next batter's innings commence?



The first batter's innings commences on the call of 'Play'. The next batter's innings commences the moment he steps over the boundary rope.

QUIZ Answers

1. © Spencer CC
2. (b) Eddie Barlow
3. (a) Luxembourg
4. (d) Elgin
5. (d) Australia & South Africa
6. (b) Lynton & Lynmouth CC
7. (a) Rod Marsh
8. (b) India
9. (d) KFC
10. (c) Ernst (Blofeld).

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Phil Mattingley, Sue Drinkwater, Jim Hyland, Steve Johnson, Jim Donaldson, John Lindley, Simon Snartt, Bob Owen.

We hope you've enjoyed this edition of 'Officiating Matters' and thank-you to all our contributors. If you have anything that you think might be of interest to our ever-growing readership, please email development@gaco.org.uk with your offering. The next edition is due out in two months' time at the beginning of July.