



# Bassetlaw and District Umpires' Association

## NEWSLETTER

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**Website: [www.bdua.co.uk](http://www.bdua.co.uk)**

**Remember to use our website for all the latest news, events, umpire training etc.  
Do you have an e.mail address? Yes, then please let the Secretary have it asap.**

### AGM

The AGM of the Association took place on 3rd October 2009 at Cuckney CC. Reports were received from the Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer and Hon Appointments Secretary. There would be no increase in subscription charges and the usual discounts would apply if paid early. The expense fees paid to umpires for season 2010 would be: £35 per match plus £10 if standing alone and £10 only if match cancelled after travelling without a ball being bowled. As of next season it has been agreed with the League Management Committee that all games deemed by them to involve Promotion or Relegation in all Divisions would have at least one Umpire assigned to them. The President presented the Joe Richardson Memorial Trophy to Dennis Smith, thanking him for his 38 years continuous services as an active umpire. He commented that normally there was a long discussion within Committee as to whom to make the award but this year that had proved unnecessary. The Chairman congratulated Clubs for the way they had completed the Umpire assessment procedure it had been excellent. Individual assessments will be available at the November meeting, when the Chairman will be available to discuss any queries with members. All Officials and Committee members were re-elected unopposed.

### OUTCOME OF THE MEETING BETWEEN BDUU & BDCL

A meeting was recently held to talk about the disciplinary problems being encountered by our members week in week out, most of which fell below the reporting criteria but had resulted in much disillusionment among Umpires.

The points agreed are as follows.

1. Captains to be required to attend Disciplinary hearing with their player (s).
2. Umpires not required to attend Disciplinary hearings except in exceptional circumstances.
3. All games in the League to have a debrief after the game in the umpires room with both Captains and both Umpires.
4. Umpires to inform Captains before leaving the ground if they are to report a player to the LMC.
5. Copies of umpires reports to be sent to all affected parties by the League Secretary.
6. Decisions for any Disciplinary Hearing to be called to be made by the League Secretary, Disciplinary Chairman and Vice Chairman and not the full LMC, for speed of process.
7. Any suspension of a player may be linked with the deduction of points from season 2010.
8. The outcome of any disciplinary hearing to be reported back to the BDUU Secretary via the League secretary.
9. The issue of consuming alcohol during a game to be highlighted to clubs via a pre-season newsletter.

It is hoped that the above measures along with a stricter interpretation of the Code of Conduct by Clubs, Captains and Umpires will bring about a much needed improvement in player behaviour. We can but hope.

### **ACO MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of any County Branch of ACO is dependent on where you live. Notts ACO membership within our Association is at present just 38 members. I do not know the figure for our members living in Derbyshire, Yorkshire or Lincolnshire. The reason I raise this is because to progress along the umpiring ladder membership of ACO is essential. If you wish to become an umpire in any County Premier League you must be a member of ACO. Similarly for any umpire appointments to ECB organised matches you must be an ACO member. All of the above is subject to qualification and assessment by BDUA and ACO, which is not onerous. I would therefore ask all non ACO members in the BDUA to give serious consideration to joining ACO. Many of you I know are not interested in umpiring at an higher level and I fully understand that but it would be nice to see the BDUA with as close to 100% ACO membership as possible. If you are interested please in the first instance contact me or go to the ECB ACO website [www.ecb.co.uk/ecbaco/](http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecbaco/) for an application form.

### **FIXTURES 2010**

**The Hon Appointments Secretary is desperate for Umpires for Sunday and Bank Holiday fixtures next season. Please indicate on your availability sheet whether you are available for these fixtures in 2010.**

### **CHANGING ADDRESS, E-MAIL ADDRESS & PHONES**

Do you have an e-mail address? Would all umpires with an e-mail address please inform the Hon Secretary what it is. If you have changed address or telephone numbers both landline and/or mobile again please inform the Hon Secretary. Many thanks.

### **CRB RENEWAL**

At the beginning of November we held support sessions for renewal of CRB clearance. Some members were encouraged to apply early so that, in future years, the Association can concentrate this work in the winter months. Unfortunately, TMG has refused to accept early applications and has returned some to our members. If this applies to you, please keep the forms and contact Peter McKenzie three months before your renewal date.

**John Heaman**

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce that John has been elected Vice President of the League for season 2010 and therefore he will be League President in 2011. John has been a stalwart of our Association for many years. He represented the BDUA on the League Management Committee and was instrumental in the setting up of umpire assessments. He still continues to travel around the grounds doing boundary assessments of umpires on your behalf. His election is thoroughly deserved and I am sure he will be a great success.

### **Notts ACO Branch Dinner**

The Notts ACO Branch Dinner will take place on Friday 19th March 2010 in the Notts CCC Pavilion Long Room. All members are invited plus non-ACO members. Tickets will be priced at around £25. The Menu has yet to be agreed as has the Guest Speaker. If you are interested contact John Hayes who is organising the event. It will be first come first served so don't delay.