

This season we won 10, lost 11 with 1 tied and 3 games were cancelled. The game which was tied, against the PCAPH team, was one of the most exciting games for years. The away weekend against Riviera CC in St. Vallier was unfortunately cancelled.

It was an unusual season with no nets or home games until late July but it was worth it to install our new wider strip and practice strip. Many thanks to John for supervising the work and for those club members who helped to lay the mats!

No doubt the lack of net practice affected our early results! At the end of June we had won 2 and lost 7. From then on we won 9 and lost 4.

We also played outdoors in March - the weather was so good that the indoor tournament at the Bout-du-Monde was switched to outdoors.

Many thanks to Imtiaz for captaining the side after my injury and for the great win in the league against Geneva XI Stars and topping the Western Division! Unfortunately, we lost a close game in the semi-final, mea culpa!

There was an unfortunate incident in a league match which led to Dawood being banned for 3 matches but the GICC team who invaded the pitch were not sanctioned at all. This must be addressed by CricketSwitzerland to ensure such a pitch invasion is sanctioned in the future!

Four records were beaten:

- Highest 9th wicket partnership, which was 81 set in 2007, is now 120 between Imtiaz Ahmed and Shahzad Muzaffar
- The highest score in a friendly is now 335, the previous was 290 set in 2008
- John Osborne beat the best batting average over a season with 73.7, previously it was 64.8, set in 2004 by Luke Kirwan
- Shahzad Muzaffar took the most catches in a season (15). The previous best was 14 set by Tim Elvin in 2007

Congratulations to John Osborne for another century in Bellingham – he has now scored the most centuries for the club! In addition to his century, twenty-two 50s were scored – more than usual. Special mention should be made of Matthew Martin who scored 92 and 80 in the league. In fact, Sayan has donated a trophy to be given annually to the player who made the best contributions in the season and Matthew merits it this season for his fine innings in the league matches.

46 different players turned out for the club this season (10 of who only played once), Sayan Chaudhuri and Shahzad Muzaffar played the most games (17).

The best bowling of the season was 4 for 9 by Sayan. The only other 4-wicket hauls were by Richard Parker (4-28, in a league match) and Imtiaz (4-34). Sayan took the most wickets (18). Claston had the best economy rate of 4.0.

Sayan will be sorely missed for next season.

In addition David Bolton, Will McNaught and Tim Elvin have asked to be removed from the members list. Hopefully we will find some good new players for next season.

Now we have a practice strip and a new net given to us by Sarah Fransen (many thanks to Tim Elvin for transporting it and assembling it) then the early results next season should be better. Unfortunately the new net has since been damaged by a stag getting its horns caught in it. This has happened twice, see photos on the web-site. Something needs to be done for next season.

Increased security made the match manager job more difficult and also made it impossible for us to host GRYCC any longer. Some of our regular external players have still not got an access card – one of these days they will be refused access to the ground.

Note that next year is the 50th anniversary of the CERN Cricket Club!!

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