

THE CANARD

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Gone is The Goat — LONG LIVE RIVIERA!

After Fifteen Years As Such, 'Cabris Cricket Club' Votes To Become
"The Riviera Cricket Club"

YES, CAPTAIN PEEL WILL HAVE NO BANANAS ON THE BOUNDARY

Looking at this season's fixture list, I see there are at least 15 opportunities for Riviera Cricketers to don their whites and take part in what promises to be a fun, friendly and successful summer of cricket. With a pool of around 50 players, and new members responding to our initiatives, I am confident that we can create a good buzz around the club, drawing in friends and family to contribute both on and off the pitch. This newsletter, Gloria Ani's match lunches and Brian Ranger's anecdotes are all classic examples of what it takes to make a club succeed. Except the last one.

I am honoured to be taking over as Captain from Andrew Campbell, and would extend the thanks of the Club to him for the time and energy he dedicated to the club last year. As the new Club Captain, my principle objective will be simply to get 11 chaps on to the field who will represent the club in the right spirit of competition and sportsmanship.

Winning is important — enjoyment non-negotiable.
See you in the nets!

Peel Taggart, Club Captain

COMMITTEE STUFF

Various Committee deliberations have yielded great steam most of which The Editor has distilled into the following mild harmless hooch...
A new attractive flat-rate subscription has been set so



that Full Members pay £40 as do Student, Junior & Occasional Members; Supporter Members, however, pay £20. A Full Member is defined as one playing more than 5 games a season; while this has no financial import under the new system, it does confer different voting rights. A Supporter Member cannot be defined in polite society.

This (welcome) change means that Match Fees are to be re-introduced, at 10£ per player for every home game. This fee assumes that luncheon will be provided for every home game (though the minutes are silent as to what happens should that system happen to fail on an occasion); moreover, please note, ye of the baskets and china, the full Match Fee is to be paid whether or not the player takes luncheon and regardless of the player's subscription.

The Editor's suggestion that the Ken Fielder Trophy be resuscitated met with the Committee's agreement and Brian Ranger is to liaise with Entrecasteaux and Monte Carlo about the possibility of a 1-day tournament, perhaps a 7-a-side or some such. A Ken Fielder Day is likely to be held in the autumn.

The post of Social Secretary fell to Peel Taggart, who picked it up. Solomon & Gloria volunteered to do the catering and pending arrival of the men in white coats were thanked for this reckless entrepreneurialism.

Ground Preparation: Re-laying of the sacred 'track' was agreed and was indeed scheduled to begin on Sunday 23rd April but The Canard has learned that this will now not happen this year; some fund-raising games must take place first...

Net practice will be at Terry Allen's compound (*sic*), each Wednesday at 18h30...

The next Committee Meeting is on 11th July.

HOW WAS THAT? questions questions questions . . .

How will my pension be taxed in France? How can I maximise income from my capital? How can I protect my family from inheritance tax? Where should I be paying tax? How does the French tax system work?

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In 2006 it will be the turn of the South-West Region to visit us here in the S-E. On 13th May an ARCCSEF team composed of players from the 3 local Clubs will play the Trophy game at St Vallier, led by A.Slack, skipper of Entrecasteaux. On Sunday 14th both senior and junior teams will play on the bigger space at Entrecasteaux.

Siddalls generously sponsor both regions. Last year the S-E received £2250 which enabled ARCCSEF to cover rather more than half the cost of sending Senior and Junior teams to the S-W region in May and a Junior team to Paris in October — and also to provide qualified umpires for League matches. So, without Siddalls financial help, both regions would have difficulty in competing. We are a lot more than duly grateful for their aid and loyalty to the cause.

Ivar O'Brien

MATCH REPORTS

For listeners in stereo we publish no less than two accounts of the first match; nothing like a touch of flagellation, what?

League Match I Riviera C.C. v Entrecasteaux C.C. at St Vallier de Thiey, on 2nd April 2006

Entrecasteaux won by 7 wickets

Riviera won the toss and elected to bat.

Riviera: 54 for 10 in 27.4 overs

Larg 21*; Perera 4-6 (in 8 overs), Bandaranayake 2-6 (in 5.4 overs), Kumar 2-8 (in 2 overs).

Entrecasteaux 55 for 3 in 16.3 overs

Perera 23, Slack 21*; Hanka 2-7 (in 3 overs), Martin 1-13 (in 5 overs).

Umpire(s): D.Trotman & a player at square leg (B.Ranger having been trapped in GB by strike action, his story and he's sticking to it.)

Beautiful spring day, lovely new club name — but the game... stayed the same! Batting first on a typically treacherous, deader-than-a-dodo St Vallier wicket, the renamed ex-goats struggled to make any significant impact against an average, albeit accurate, Entrecasteaux attack. Bowling his full eight overs from the 'Peter Bennet' top end, ex-goat Roshan Perera never managed to get a ball to bounce higher than eighteen inches and that says it all. With last-minute stand-in skipper Kevin dismissed in the first over [Captain Peel had been urgently summoned to the maternity ward late the previous evening, we wish both him and his lady all the very best...] Riviera were on the back foot immediately — not the best of places to play a fast grubber as veteran Graham found out five or six overs later. Both Jim and welcome-back Jonners (Griffiths) were then given out 'ankles in front', whilst Phil was unfortunate to chop Uddika back onto his stumps; Riviera were sinking without

trace. Steve and Irfan appeared to be staging a rally until the former, after many overs of defiance, threw the bat at the last ball before halfway drinks and the death-rattle took over. It was left to Dave to show the team what might have been the best tactic in a whirlwind not out 21 on a day when three figures could easily have been a winning target.

After a truly excellent luncheon prepared by Solomon and Gloria, the Entrecasteaux openers set out in search of the paltry 55 runs needed to win the first league game of the 2006 season — what did I say? I meant the first Barclays National Championship match ever! Skipper Slack safely negotiated the opening over from batting hero Dave, who, bowling up the hill, was probably the first person to get more than two feet of bounce out of the track, and what wasn't the home team's joy when Phil coming on at the top end had the other opener caught behind first ball. 2-for-1, could they do it? In vain did Kevin go through the list of his many bowlers, new boys Bob and Tristan, slightly older boys Kevin himself and 'born again' Jonners, all being

given a chance but the answer was to be a resounding 'no'. However, in dismissing two more batsmen, both falling to Bob, they did at least ensure themselves a bowling bonus point - the account has been opened!

Man of the match was without a doubt Roshan who, after scoring a wristy 23, including a typically flicked six over square leg, was finally done by a bit of his own medicine, being trapped on the

front foot but plum in front by a ball which might not have taken the daisies but would certainly have cleaned up the dandelions.

Excellent day, shame about the result.

Graham Kelsey

Disappointing start to the new season. In the absence of the new skipper who dreamed up a very limp excuse for not attending the first skirmish of his tour of duty (birth of his first child, pah!), Captain-elect Flynn won the toss and chose to bat, a decision that eventually contributed to the significant shortening of the game.

First to go was Flynn, not yet into his usual flamboyant swing, taking a slight but audible nick from a straightish ball. A few overs later Kelsey was trapped in an inevitable LBW after flailing around inside his crease for the better part of his innings. The massive promise of big guns Longley and Martin coming in at 4th and 5th bat respectively, proved... massively disappointing, Martin having already survived a very justifiable LBW appeal. The imposing form of Jon

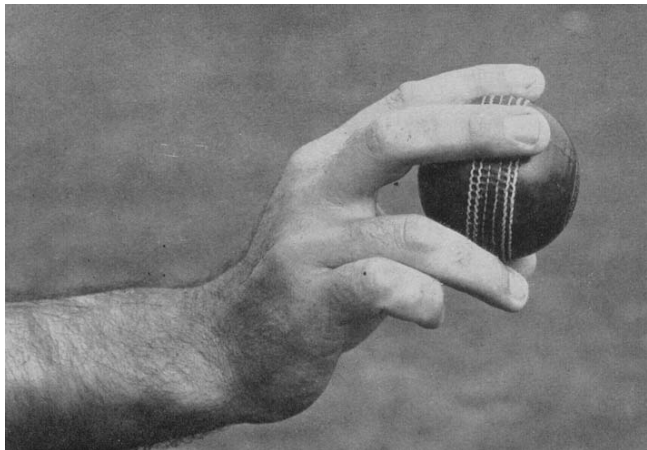
Griffiths took its long awaited strides back out to the crease only to be undone in short order. A very stoic 20-over knock from Dakin was brought

THAT AGM IN FULL... by Our Parliamentary Correspondent, Gin Naughty

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OVERHEARD ON THE BOUNDARY

Player Sweeping Mat: "Oh look, a spider with its young on its back. Aw..."
Known Vegetariani, eyes popping: "Oooh, let's squidge it."



Born in the first weekend of the season, Magnus Bradman Spofforth Einstein Winston Amadeus Panchez Wayne Taggart (right) opened his innings in auspicious style by preventing his father from preventing the annihilation of the Club in the first League fixture against Twixtturrets; or not. Seen here in Cambridge jymjams, Magnus reveals a perhaps genetic instinctive assimilation of the classic grip for a leg-cutter (above), in obedience to his father's call-to-arms for net practice; the grip is shown in Alec Bedser's greatly humble, exhortative book on bowling, entitled "Bowling". (Hodder & Staughton, 1952; 8/6 net in hard covers, with action pictures, such as that given, by Hubert Davey.)

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to a close with an uncharacteristic flash at some loose bowling on the last ball before drinks.

After the break Hanka sparked some hope with the first boundary of the game only to fall victim to his own excitement, hoiking an easy catch to the opposition skipper. Ghauri was next to fall, following a nicotine withdrawal crisis, bringing to an end a very uneventful stand. The rear-guard resistance of Ani was eventually broken giving new boy Nielson the perfect stage to make an immediate impact in the club annuls. This opportunity was squandered. Larg carried his bat back to the clubhouse with the top score, an undefeated 21.

Rivera had only managed to attain a virtually undefendable total of 54. Some LBW decisions were deemed dubious in various quarters but were not responsible for the unacceptably disappointing performance. Good but not exceptional bowling on a normal Rivera wicket could not really justify the home team's demise. On loan, Perera was the pick of the visiting attack. Perhaps its time for a recall?

In response, the runs were easily picked off by the visitors before drinks with a cost of 3 wickets. Martin and Larg steamed in with venom with an early wicket off Martin's first ball of the season caught behind by the ever-safe hands of Kelsey. Early hope faded as the visiting captain gained the upper hand. Hanka benefited from a catch by Dakin in gulley and the reward of a significant appeal when he whacked the wadding and helped Riviera gain the extra point. Cameo bowling performances from Flynn, taking responsibility, and Griffiths, had no real impact on the game. Griffiths did however show a degree of agility in the fields never before witnessed. The rest has done him good. New boy & Brett Lee look-alike Nielson looked rusty with the ball but provided nonetheless a well-concealed half-spark of possibility.

Steve Dakin

Riviera C.C. v Halifax Nomads

at St Vallier de Thiey,
on the weekend of 8th/9th April, 2006

Saturday 8th April

Halifax Nomads won by 7 wickets (10-a-side)

RCC 128 all out in 36.0 overs

Ghauri 34, Natoli 31, Larg 28; J.A.Smith 3-27 (in 8 overs), R.Horne 3-11 (in 8 overs), Jefferson 2-17 (in 4 overs)

Halifax Nomads 129 for 2 in 31.3 overs

D.Kirkbride 49*, M.Shaw 32, B.Lunn 24*; Lal Math' 2-23 (in 8 overs)

Sunday 9th April

RCC won by 6 wickets (10-a-side)

Halifax Nomads 110 for 8 in 40.0 overs

B.Lunn 28, J.Brearley 21; Taggart 3-14 (in 6 overs), O.Croom-Johnson 2-5 (in 6 overs)

RCC 111 for 3 in 22.1 overs

W.Lamb 33*, Taggart 29*, A.Bristow 26; R.Horne 1-15 (in 5 overs), Brearley 1-18 (in 3 overs)

Leading by example, Peel's first game as skipper, on the Sunday, was a shining example to us all. With some magnificent spin bowling and an exceptional 'arm ball', Peel carried his side through a cold day.

Winning the toss and choosing to field, Riviera quickly took advantage with tight opening bowling from new boy James and Phil. Wickets tumbled steadily with good assistance from other new boy Will and with some fine catches at point, a pretty rare sight at

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A.G.M.Attendee: "Yeah, Canard was OK but can we have more pictures next time?"



Ivarassic Park . . . a photograph of pioneer softballers at Cabris in 1989, recently given to I.O'B. by the Canadian Bill Lafferty, who had been on sabbatical that year. It shows: back row, Ivar, Marlene Colley, Bill Lafferty (front), Sacha Windom (back), Bill Colley, David Lafferty; front row, three Colley children, Peter Bornebusch, Ole Bornebusch, Matthew d'Halluy, Katie Lafferty. This occasion pre-dates even the official birth of play on Cabris Common.

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St Vallier... Olivier Johnson replaced Phil at the top end, continuing superb line & length, with the opposition more on a fishing holiday rather than a cricket tour. Will replaced a fine accurate spell from James and the left-armer now brought some pace to the game. Finding it difficult to find a good length he produced a snorter that caught the batsman by surprise — a nudge from the Popeye-like forearm of lunge-groping keeper Terry Allen meant that Peel could bag an easy catch at slip.

Peel then made another Vaughn-type bowling change, bringing himself on. He was not afraid to toss the ball up and bamboozled the batmen by mixing it up with the occasional arm ball that took a wicket every time he "disguised" it. Having run through the middle order, more bowling changes ensued with the military medium cleaning up the tail. A paltry score of 110 was never going to be enough and Riviera polished off the game using only half of the 40 overs. Matt Johnson kicked off with uncharacteristic lusty blows before being run out, resembling an oil-tanker completing its 5-mile turnaround. Other new boy (just how many of these guys are there?) Andy, who had kept wicket in a tidy fashion, also whacked the ball around before being filmed bowled by a delivery that crept under his offside swish. Hey Peel — make sure this gets on the website!

The skipper then carried on where he left off in magnificent fashion and he & Will polished it off with some cracking strokes that obviously meant they were thirsty and the bar was now open.

Congratulations to Daddy Peel on his 100% record as skipper — bring on the rest!!

Phil Martin

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Fixture List 2006

as it stands at 14th April



You may write
on this sheet!

ECCG = Entrecasteaux Cricket Club Ground
 S.E. = South-East S.W. = South-West
 XI = Eleven vs = versus Seven = 7
 League Match means prompt start at 12 noon.

Sunday 2nd April	vs Entrecasteaux: League Match	home
Saturday 8th April	vs Halifax Nomads	home
Sunday 9th April	vs Halifax Nomads	home
Saturday 16th April	vs London Nomads	home
Sunday 17th April	vs London Nomads	ECCG
Saturday 22nd April	vs Salix XI	home
Sunday 23rd April		
Saturday 29th April		
Sunday 30th April		
Saturday 6th May		
Sunday 7th May	vs Monte Carlo: League Match	home
Saturday 13th May	S.E. XI vs S.W. XI: Siddalls Trophy	home
Sunday 14th May	S.E. XI vs S.W. XI: Siddalls Trophy	ECCG
Sunday 21st May	Seniors' Match	ECCG
Saturday 27th May	Seven-a-Side Tournament	Lodi
Sunday 28th May	Seven-a-Side Tournament	Lodi
Saturday 3rd June		
Sunday 4th June		
Saturday 10th June		
Sunday 11th June		
Saturday 17th June	vs Tappers XI	home
Sunday 18th June		
Saturday 24th June		
Sunday 25th June		
Saturday 1st July		
Sunday 2nd July	vs Entrecasteaux: League Match	ECCG
Saturday 8th July		
Sunday 9th July	ECCG 10th Anniversary Festival Match	ECCG
Saturday 15th July		
Sunday 16th July		
Saturday 22nd July		
Sunday 23rd July		
Saturday 29th July		
Sunday 30th July		
Saturday 5th August		
Sunday 6th August		
Saturday 12th August		
Sunday 13th August	vs Monte Carlo: League Match	home
Saturday 19th August		
Sunday 20th August		
Saturday 26th August		
Sunday 27th August		
Saturday 2nd September		
Sunday 3rd September		
Saturday 9th September	National Championships quarter finals	
Sunday 10th September	National Championships quarter finals	
Saturday 16th September	National Championships semi finals	
Sunday 17th September	National Championships final	
Saturday 23rd September		
Sunday 24th September	vs Dutch XI [noon start]	home
Saturday 30th September	Entrecasteaux Seven-a-Side Tournament	ECCG
Saturday 7th October	vs Fleet Street Strollers	home
Sunday 8th October	vs Fleet Street Strollers	home

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