

# WARWICKSHIRE CRICKET UMPIRES AND SCORERS ASSOCIATION

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## Newsletter

### ECB ACO Update

Umpire Gradings have been completed by ECB, and have been circulated by the Association to all members of ACO. There is a detailed explanation of how the grading system operates and the level of matches that a particular grading entitles a member to officiate up to in the latest edition of the ECB ACO newsletter, which will be circulated shortly. However, an electronic copy can be downloaded at the ECB ACO web site (<http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/ecb-association-of-cricket-officials/newsletters>)

It is now possible to register and check your own personal details on-line with ECB ACO. An explanation of the process is contained in the latest edition of the newsletter. The registration home page can be found at <https://aco.ecb.co.uk/portal/desktopdefault.aspx>

### Fixtures and Membership

Fixture allocations will be circulated by David Ludlow shortly, although there are still some fixtures without Venues. David will notify all by email or by post for those without email addresses.

**Subs are overdue for this season.** Please send, with your completed membership form, to David Paxton ([David-paxton@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:David-paxton@tiscali.co.uk) or 01926 852901).

**DON'T FORGET YOUR CRB DETAILS. NO CRB – NO APPOINTMENTS.**

All members who have either recently renewed their CRB, or are new members obtaining a CRB for the first time, please forward the CRB Number and the issue date urgently to [mark.gumbley@sky.com](mailto:mark.gumbley@sky.com)

### Training

The Chairman repeated his plea for any experienced members who were interested in becoming Trainers, Assessors and Mentors to contact him, as the Association is actively looking for volunteers to assist with the Association's programme to assist officials in the county who wish to progress. Please contact Mark on [mark.gumbley@sky.com](mailto:mark.gumbley@sky.com) or 07702 525699.

### ECB Pathway for Officials

The Chairman spent some time explaining the ECB Pathway for officials, a diagram of which can be found at <http://www.ecb.co.uk/ecb/ecb-association-of-cricket-officials/officials-pathway,1765,BP.html>

For most, the starting point is the Level 1 course, which is run locally in the County, usually between the new year and Easter. This is the entry level laws-based qualification for those wishing to officiate in feeder league cricket.

A new Level 1A course will be introduced this autumn to bridge the gap between Level 1 and Level 2, which will be run locally. This is a laws-based course intended for those who have completed Level 1 course and have a minimum of one or two seasons of umpiring experience and aspirations to progress to Level 2.

The Level 2 course is a nationally run course (at present) by ECB, and is laws and field craft based, but also is a formally recognised national sporting qualification. The course is intended for those wishing to umpire in Premier League cricket, and requires post-course assessment during the following

season. The WCUSA aspires to run its own Level 2 course locally this winter.

The upper levels of the pathway, Level 3 (multi-day cricket) and Level 4 (first class cricket) are still in their infancy, but access to these courses requires candidates to have taken and passed the Level 2 course.

For more details of any of the training courses, or to register interest in a place on any course, please contact John Jameson on [johnjameson240@talktalk.net](mailto:johnjameson240@talktalk.net) or 01564 775710.

## Young Players in Open Age Cricket

Please be aware that ECB has recently published guidance on young players playing in open age cricket. Details can be found at <http://static.ecb.co.uk/files/juniorcricketers2009-10465.pdf>.

In summary, no player in school Year 7 or below may play in open age cricket. A player in Year 8 may play, but only with 'Explicit Written Consent'.

## Other News

**The WCB are still looking for volunteer umpires** for the Board's U13 club competition

this summer, particularly in the North and East of the County. This follows a successful pilot in South Birmingham last season. If interested, please contact David Ludlow on [david.ludlow100@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:david.ludlow100@yahoo.co.uk) or 0121 246 4307.

**Congratulation to David Ludlow** who was selected to officiate in the finals of the Club Indoor Knockout at Lords a couple of weeks ago.

**Congratulations to John Jameson** who has recently received an OSCA from Warwickshire Cricket Board for his services to officiating.



**Get well soon Colin McKenzie**, who has recently been laid up with problems with his eyes.

## This Newsletter

Please email any contributions to [Mansoor.Qureshi@umpire.com](mailto:Mansoor.Qureshi@umpire.com)

## Programme of Meetings 2010

Please note the venues for May and October particularly as these are variations to the norm, and the corrected date for April.

**All Meetings will commence at 7.45pm. Next meeting in Coventry on 20th April.**

Date	Venue	Guest Speaker / Format
20 April 2010	Standard Social Club, Coventry	Pre-season open evening
18 May 2010	Moseley CC, Solihull	Tom Kane
15 June 2010	Moseley Suite, Edgbaston	TBA
20 July 2010	No meeting – day at the cricket	Warwickshire v Notts (free tickets)
17 August 2010	Moseley Suite, Edgbaston	TBA
21 September 2010	Newdigate Social Club, Bedworth	TBA
19 October 2010	David Heath Suite, Edgbaston	TBA
16 November 2010	Standard Social Club,	End of year review

# John Nash

*81 Not Out.*

## A profile

*Compiled By: Ian Warner*



***John Fredrick Nash.***

**Started Umpiring:** In 1991 in Midland Combined Counties League. First Game Kenilworth Wardens v Redditch with colleague Ron Kings.

**Playing Career:** Allens Cross (where he met his wife star Table Tennis player) until 1960 then for Kings Norton Referees before finally retiring in 1966.

**Biggest Influence:** Peter Ogden from Coventry, Training Officer for Midland Counties Cricket Umpires Association. Peter Stephens President of Worcestershire Umpires always on hand for advice.

**What made you want to be an Umpire:** Always thought he would Umpire, would stand at square leg after batting.

**Biggest Match:** Various over the years. Warwickshire pre season friendlies. A number of Warwickshire 2nd X1 matches, Toured with M.C.C.C. to Australia and Singapore, South Africa, Holland & St Lucia.

Umpired in Western Province League in Cape Town in 2007.

**Other Sporting Interests;** Football played in Kings Norton League until started refereeing at the age of 30, continued for 47 years until 2007.

Chairman of Kings Norton League for 9 seasons. On council of Birmingham County F.A. for 42 years.

**Other General Interests:** Busy with family, lots of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Could do with 2 more days in every week.



**Food:** Will normally eat anything put in front of him.

**Favourite Cricketer:** Eric Hollies for numerous performances over the years, including bowling Don Bradman in his last test.

## **TOM KANE**

will be our  
**GUEST SPEAKER**  
for

May monthly WCU&SA meeting  
at Mosley Cricket Club  
**on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

Tom is the West Midlands ECB ACO  
Training Officer, and will talk about ECB  
ACO's training proposals and  
developments.