

Saturday 14th March
Social match vs Malaysian Bar XI
STC 25 overs

After winning the toss on what started out an idyllic afternoon for cricket the STC, captain Geoff elected to bat. After asking Matt to open the batting with him (to which he replied “is that wise?!”) they strode out, but not before Ben’s gave some advice to Matt – just don’t get out first ball.... he should have directed it to the other opener. Captain GDZ (Golden Duck Zylva) was bowled first ball. Cries of “what a player” from the Bar team. Enter Ranjit. Geoff’s opening partner didn’t do much better. After hitting the first delivery, a generous full toss for 4, he then found the top edge and prayed for 10 seconds for it to be dropped.... His prayer wasn’t answered. Opening partnership – 0.

Ranjit had a strong innings and was the main contributor to the Kelawar innings, retiring on 30. Padma added 6 to the board then the newcomer from the Australian Defence force in JB, Dave Gandy fired an impressive 19 including a powerful 6 over the deep mid wicket boundary. Out LBW.

Next came Drummond, who faced 3 balls, the second of which he too hit a nicely timed 6 over the deep mid wicket boundary after which the question was posed “has Drummond ever hit a 6 before?!”. Next ball he spooned gently to cover (*apparently he can’t resist a gentle spooning – Ed*).

A handy contribution from Simon came next, keeping the scoreboard ticking over with some nice shots adding 10 runs. Webby was on 13 when he smacked a ball straight to one of our own - Jason “no I really am a lawyer” Lee -fielding for the oppo at a close in mid off who took a very good catch.

Anu had an aggressive start adding 18 in a short time only to be caught and bowled off a delivery which bounced twice (isn’t that a no ball??!) (*actually it is a legal ball – Ed*).

Mike then contributed a solid 18 but was stumped which brought Chris Storer in who added 5 then Phil adding 1. Ranjit then came out of retirement for the last ball to add another 2. A healthy total of 146 was set however after only 6 overs a torrential downpour halted play. The Bar was on 2 for 37.... 10 of those runs being extras (*wides and byes cos the keeper was useless and luckily hurt his hand which should make him think twice before taking the gloves again – Ed*).

Malaysian monsoonal weather can be blamed for the vast quantities of Tiger consumed after the tunnel under the race track was flooded.





