

This week saw the team take part in the annual 20 20 tournament at Tatsfield. With an unusual start time of 11 it was anyone's guess how many of the team would turn up on time or how they would perform. As always there was a battle for 12th man duties and a late call up when skipper learnt no one had called Liam.

The first match was against our hosts with Downe batting first, with Spindles joined by Trub. Matters progressed nicely before Spindles holed out to midwicket and the mayhem then began. Trub smashed the ball to all parts and was ably helped by Dangerous. Had it not been for some comedy running with Trub running out his colleague, a wicket seemed unlikely. Trub joined by Doughnut continued the mayhem until he eventually retired having reached his century. George joined the fray and the score continued for a record 234-2.

The clearly daunting total soon got harder as Liam picked up a wicket first ball with one smashed to Dangerous. To everyone's surprise Liam picked up more, first bowled then skipper taking one in the slips with a full length dive / lay down. Sweet joined in the mayhem whilst Liam took his fifth leaving the oppo on 23-7. Bear and Parf teased with some solid spin before Skipper unleashed himself taken one bowled. Sadly he was then let down by the soon ex-opponents Spindles and Trub but the game was well and truly won.

The second match was against unknown opponents The Swingers, presumably due to their batting style as opposed to their sexual deviancy, though they did have a large bowl on the table in their room.

New openers George and Dangerous set off with some nice strokes and superb running before George was caught. Trub then smashed it around for a quick fire 30 before an excellent catch in the deep. Spindles took a second ball duck, though as the first was a wide surely a golden. All of a sudden people were searching for pads as opposed to beer. The Bear hit some big blows and was almost caught though the fielder had strayed over the boundary. Bears eventual departure saw Liam enjoy the teams second ball duck followed in quick fashion by Parf. Dangerous and Sweet then took the score to 151 with some lusty blows including a monster six from Sweet. Once again Liam was a revelation as again first ball was smashed, this time to Parf who took an excellent catch in the deep. Two more c&b and miraculous one caught by Spindles left him one short of ten for the day. Parf and Trub took a wicket each, as did Tom who produced an excellent tight spell. With wickets tumbling the rate was rising and soon the match and trophy were won.

A very enjoyable day with the team scoring 385 from their allotted overs and a record of sorts from Liam whose joint 8 over spell over the two games picking up 9-36!