

The Chris Hora memorial game took place on Sunday 26th August at the club. What a fantastic day for all involved!! Proceedings kicked off with the cricket match, a team of Orpington Players – Past and Present led by Life Member and former OCC Captain Paul Hemple against an invitation X1 led by Whitstable's Sam Denly. The opposition had a couple of surprises up their sleeves with His Honour Lord Prince Sterling and the ever young Chandra de Mel turning out for them!

As the cricket started, so the other competitions began in full swing. Our own Sam Clarkson went in goal for the penalty shoot-out with Harry Graham providing some much required back up throughout the afternoon. The golf tournament run by Doug Broom and John Griffiths provided a closest to the pin competition for both men, ladies and even the kids had a go. Table tennis ran throughout the day and a competition followed in the evening. In between Pies and Wooz ran a barbecue and the kids ran amok with a bouncy castle that seemed to please most parents!!

At the tea interval, the most serious competition started with a bowl off between Frank and Stockers which provided much entertainment for all and formed part of a mini heptathlon for both. Your Editor will spare the blushes of the overall loser but it sure beat it's a Knockout for overall laughs value.

The cricket match finally drew to a close at 6.30pm with the opposing side proving to be too strong this year. Sam Denly happily accepted the award on the basis that he promised to bring a team back next year so that we can win the trophy back!!

In the evening prizes were handed out for the following:

Penalty shootout: Frazer Money

Golf: Nick Waller

Golf Ladies: Shirley Coleman

Dick of the Day: Stockbridge!

Best dressed lady: Helen Williams

The raffle followed and then it was on to the evening entertainments.. We may not have won the cricket but we held our own in the drinking games! Running to the stumps demanded a rematch which the opposition eventually won, but Orpington fought a resounding victory in Ping Pong Shots!! Some very dodgy singing followed and the bar finally shut at midnight. Chris would have wholeheartedly approved of the day and been very humbled at the numbers of players past and present giving up their time to play and the army of helpers who ensured the day was a huge success for the club.

Here's to next year!!!

THE TEAMS

Orpington Past and Present

Paul Hemple
Jon Hlnks
Richard de Mel
Pete Shaw
George Fuller
David Robinson

Sam Denly Invitation X1

Sam Denly
Prince Sterling
Chandra de Mel
Liam Tegg
Olly Robinson
Seth Simmons

Steve Marle
Yamma
Alex Harding
Sam Stuart
Nick Waller

Jack Delo
Connor Sanders
Arran Garvey
Amadou Ainscough
Jake Guinan