

Sunday, 17th Jan: *Charity Shield Super 8s*

We had a great start to the 2010 season last Sunday: 24 players from Australia, NZ, India, South Africa, Botswana, England, Scotland, Ireland, Peru, Chile ... and Cornwall ... made up 3 teams for the inaugural Cricket Peru Charity Shield Super 8s.

The very first game, a 10 over per side match between a Dave Murphy VIII and a Miles Buesst VIII amazingly resulted in a tie, with Chris Hodgson the last man out for Dave's team, for 31, having fought a magnificent rearguard action to get the score to 80 and match Miles' team's score.

The second game, between Dave's team and Nick Appleyard's team resulted in a comfortable win in the end for Nick's team, chasing 86, although they were in trouble with 6 wickets down before Nick A was joined by Ewan Parry for the decisive, unbeaten partnership.

The third game was cut down to a 6-a-side game between Miles' team and Nick's team (Nick Appleyard was replaced by Nick Fitzpatrick as captain, as he had to catch a flight to Toronto that evening). Nick's team batted first and a score of 45 off 5 overs seemed to be a bit below par; but Miles' team's batting never recovered from a slow start and some good bowling by new Indian wunderkind, Vishal, and stuttered to 33 off their 5 overs.

So, congratulations to Nicks's team, which included 3 Peruvians, to winning both their games and lifting the imaginary Charity Shield.

Also congratulations to Vishal who won the very real bottle of Pisco as *Most Valuable Player*.

Honourable mentions to Chris Hodgson, Ewan Parry, for the above-stated heroics; and Tom Jolly who opened the bowling for Miles' team, in his best plimsoles, to devastating effect.