

2011 Swiss Cricket Association Awards in Bern

On Saturday 5th November 2011 at the 2011 Berne Cricket Club Curry Evening and in front of an enthusiastic crowd of nearly 150 people made up of cricketers, ex-pats, Berne CC members, award winners, juniors & parents and guests, the Swiss Cricket Association presented the 2011 National Cricket Awards.

Congratulations to the award winners:

The first group of awards were the Bob Barber Awards for the best performing players in their respective age groups, presented by none other than ex-England Test player, Bob Barber.



l-r: P.Henderson, Callum, Simon & Mr. Bob Barber

Two of the winners were Zurich Crickets CC members, the Under 15 players Callum and Simon. Scoring over 600 runs between them as an opening pair in competitive matches, their 110 against a Cambridgeshire team and 59 against Holland were among their most memorable.

Callum won the Best Batsman at the Zuoz tournament, while Simon won the Best Bowler at the Under 15 Indoor Tournament in Zurich and again in Zuoz. Of all the Swiss bowlers he was the most economical (4.18).

Callum had a solid season behind the stumps. A vociferous player, he has been a great motivator for the team. Indicative of his efforts behind the stumps were the mere twelve byes in five matches in Denmark.

After combining all aspects of the players' game, using the Most Valuable Player website, it was found that there was nothing to distinguish between the two players and so the award was deservedly shared by Simon and Callum.

Overall it was a tremendous season for the Swiss Under 15 squad led by captain George Gaillet, who also worked wonders with the ball. The team worked hard, made massive improvements, were a young side and have done much to promote Swiss junior cricket outside Switzerland this season. They have impressed county coaches in Hampshire and Cambridgeshire, and their performance against Holland in Copenhagen, this year's winners of the European Division 1 Under 15 Championships in Scotland, won them many admirers.

| Age group | Name | Club |
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| U11 | Rohan Jain | Gingins CC |
| U13 | Neil Wright | Basle Dragons |
| U15 | Callum Hirst & Simon Henderson | Zurich Crickets |
| U17 | Arjun Vinod | Geneva Youth |
| U19 | Ali Saleem | Geneva Youth |

Next it was the turn of the S.C.A. President, Mr. Alexander Mackay, to present four Services to Cricket Awards to four individuals that had devoted their time to Swiss Cricket over the years and had stood down at the Annual General Meeting earlier in the year.



Ex-president J. McKillop receives his Services to Cricket award

| Name | Club |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Mr. Sangam Subirmaniam | Nomads CC |
| Mr. John McKillop | Cossonay CC |
| Dr. Bryan Pattison OBE | CERN CC |
| Mr. Robin McGhee | Cossonay CC |

Lastly, Ms Mira Koshy, Chairlady of the Swiss Federation of Cricket Umpires & Scorers (swissFOCUS) presented the swissFOCUS Spirit Of Cricket Award to Mr. Raja Hafeez of Geneva XI Stars CC for their exemplary behaviour both on and off the cricket field.

Winners of the Spirit Of Cricket Trophy

Geneva XI Stars Cricket Club

After the presentations award winners and attendees enjoyed a delicious curry prepared by members of Berne Cricket Club.

Afterwards there was a raffle with lots of generous prizes and the auction of an S.C.B. team shirt signed by all the players. And after desert & coffee the evening was rounded off to dancing to the delightful tunes of Chanaka.

The Swiss Cricket Association would like to thank Berne CC for an enjoyable evening and for the opportunity to formally present the 2011 S.C.A. National awards.