

CHILLI, RICE AND PHIL TAYLOR!

Slaithwaite CC Quiz Night by Mark Edmonds

April 1st saw Slaithwaite's Annual Sports Quiz, held at Hill Top. A total of 17 teams were on hand, pitting their wits against each other and, at times, question master for the evening, Derrick Maguire. Teams representing a variety of other cricket clubs in the area were present including representatives from Golcar and Leymoor, to name but two.



The quiz consisted of three sections, each of 30 questions apiece, with 10 questions on three separate sports ranging from football to US sport to summer and winter Olympics. Each section had a £10 prize which meant that if you won a section you had your £10 entry fee returned (which promptly went straight back into the bar's coffers in some cases!). The three best teams would then answer ten questions on sport in general with the highest score for that round then winning the £20 top prize.

The first round was won by the Tax Dodgers, consisting of fellow Slawit CC journalist Rob Hardie, Drakes Huddersfield League Umpires Association member Roger Harrison and me, as it happens, much to the chagrin of some teams around us. That feeling became even stronger when it turned out that we had also won the second section, giving us a £10 profit as a group!

The end of the second round also signalled the introduction of the food for the evening in the form of chilli and rice. The break allowed some people to focus on the end of the Manchester United game showing on the big screen while others fiercely debated the number of world darts titles Phil Taylor had won with the quiz master! As everybody settled down to the third and final round of questions, it soon became apparent that the Tax Dodgers would not be completing a clean sweep. Section three was won by Jolly Giants, who included David Thorpe from Golcar CC and Graham Parr from Leymoor CC in their ranks.

It was a case of peaking too early for the Tax Dodgers as they again struggled in the final round with the Jolly Giants and Thomas from Leeds (so called because of team captain Steve Whitham from Golcar looking like Thomas from the latest Halifax Building Society TV advert!), who had been quietly consistent throughout, being impossible to separate. It went to a tie-break with the Jolly Giants closest to the answer – so completing a double victory for the side.

Although there were cash prizes at stake, it was the banter and enjoyment that was the most important part of the whole evening, whizzing by in what seemed a lot less time than the actual three hours. It is events like these that make Slaithwaite the club that it is - everyone is welcome and good-natured.

The next social event at the club is the appearance of local band Still Buzzin, who will be playing at the club on April 12th. For further details, please refer to the events link on the home page.