

## The Mallard Trophy



The Mallard Trophy is the Club's only annual award, to honour the player who during the season has shown most consideration for the scorer, by getting a duck (0).

At the end of the season, the player with most ducks wins. In the event of a tie, any first- ball duck counts double. If still tied, whichever of those now tied players scored the first duck in the season wins. All perfectly logical and fair!

In days gone by, when we used a 'portaloo', the player with the first duck in the match had to dispose of the contents afterwards. Players natural declined to volunteer to bat towards the top of the order. In the unlikely event that no one scored 0, the captain got the job. It was not always easy to find a skipper...!

The winners are : 1989 Mike (Wilfy) Warren, 90 Terry McCallin, 91 Peter Sutton, 92 Gary Shearing, 93 Steve Lyddon, 94 and 95 Jim Brooks, 96 Gerald Worrall, 97 Henry Anderson, 98 Peter Sutton, 99 Jacob Brooks, 2000 Mike Warren, 01 Peter Sutton, 02 Mike Warren, 03 Owain Jones, 04 Mike Warren, 05 Peter Sutton, 06 Josh Sutton, 07 Peter Sutton, 08 and 09 Gerard Cantwell, 10 Josh Sutton, 11 Phil Callan, 12 Josh Sutton, 13 Mike Warren, 14 Ian Rogers, 15 Gerard Cantwell, 16 David Hassard, 17 Paul Barclay, 18 Peter Hoghton, 19 Simon Gibbs, 20 George Lippiatt.

To give due recognition, the original idea for this auspicious Trophy comes from that little literary gem 'The Guide to Real Village Cricket', by Robert Holles, which everyone interested in the grass roots of this wonderful game should read. It is fair to say that Priston is nearer the subsoil than most, and all the better for it!

Paul Barclay