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This is the second edition of **FOCUS**, the official e-Newsletter of the Swiss Federation Of Cricket Umpires & Scorers (aka sFOCUS).

We received a lot of positive feedback concerning our first edition, which is very encouraging. In particular, readers found the newsletter a good way of FOCUSing correspondence to the cricketing community.

If you have an article or some information, photos or tips that you would like to share, then don't delay and submit it to us by email to chair@swissfocus.org.

Match Reports

There were various match reports submitted last season that can all be viewed by clicking on the **Reports** tab on our website (www.swissfocus.org).

News Laws



On 1st October 2010 eight changes to the laws of cricket came into effect. As all eight changes are applicable to Swiss limited overs cricket, swissFOCUS have attempted to outline the changes here:

Bad Light – Previously the light was offered to the batsmen.

Now the umpires are the sole judges.

The Toss – Previously the umpires did not have to be present at the toss. They do now, as was always Swiss practice anyway.

Practice Bowl – A bowler coming on is no longer permitted to bowl a practice delivery to his teammate.

Fielding on the boundary – once a fielder has crossed the boundary he cannot return to complete a catch.

Front foot no-ball – if any part of the front foot crosses an imaginary line going from middle stump to middle stump when in the delivery, a no-ball will be called.

Broken bat hitting stumps – If any part of bat breaks off and breaks the wicket this will be judged as hit-wicket.

Run Out – once a batsman had made good his ground with his foot, he will be judged as 'in' if he is still passed the popping crease, even if he is in the air.

Batsman damaging the pitch – the number of warnings before 5 penalty runs is awarded has been reduced from 2 to one, same as a fielder - bowlers still have two warnings.

For further clarification on any of these changes in the laws, contact us by email at chair@swissfocus.org.

Annual General Meeting

The 2011 Annual General meeting will take place on Saturday 19th March 2011 at the Rest. Schönau in Berne, beginning at 11am. If you would like to become more active in the running of the Federation we welcome your nomination to any of the following posts:

Office	Incumbent
Chairman:	A.Mackay
Treasurer:	P.Cawsey
Secretary:	M.Koshy
Director of Umpiring:	A.Mackay
Director of Scoring:	M.Koshy
Webmaster:	R.Thomas

Scorers Course

On Sunday 20th August 2010 Ms. Mira Koshy ran the first sFOCUS Introduction to Scoring, which turned out to be a resounding success. Congratulations to Pip Topham & Matthew Barrett who become swissFOCUS recognised Scorers. Commiserations to those that failed. We encourage you to try again next season.

And a special thank you to those people at

Cossonay CC that helped.

Membership 2011

2011 swissFOCUS membership fees are now due. To renew your membership you can make payment to:

ACCOUNT NAME: SWISS FOCUS
IBAN No.: CH120900000854036042
Account No.: 85-403604-2
BIC: POFICHBEXXX

Qualification	Annual Fee
*Passed	CHF 20.00
*Recognised	CHF 20.00
Qualified	CHF 20.00 NEW!

* Talk to your club about the *en bloc* discount scheme

T20 in Berne

No less than 12 umpires stood at last year's T20 competition in Berne. A special thanks go to Farhan (Berne CC); Kamal Atapatu (Berne CC); Shahzad Muzaffar (CERN); Imtiaz Ahmed (CERN); Alex Mackay (Winterthur); Paul Cawsey (Cossonay); Adam Murfit (Berne CC); Abe Koshy (Berne CC); Robin Hadden (GRYCC); Sangam S. (Nomads CC); Ian Bond (Nomads CC); Bala (Olten CC).

Pickwick Cup Final 2010



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Mr. Alex Mackay, Mr. Ray Holyer (ICC) & Mr. Paul Cawsey at the Pickwick Final (ZH, 21.8.2010).

2010 SCA League Final



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Mr. Paul Cawsey & Dr. Bryan Pattison OBE umpires at the SCA League Final in Cossonay (VD, 26.9.2010).



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