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## Treasurer's Report 2012

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### Treasurer's Report

When I heard the duties of the Treasurer of the SCA back in 2008 I felt the earth move under my feet. "The Treasurer shall monitor the receipt, accounting for, and disbursement of all current funds, including income from membership, publicity and sponsorship, junior and senior international travels, visit to ECC and ICC, and such other departments, and may have additional responsibility with the care of special funds coming from ECB or ICC... Last but not the least the income and expenses are monitored by two sets of eyes." That sounds suspiciously like a full-time job and will scare the volunteerism right out of you.

This year improved guidelines, framework and governance were put to practice by the EC. Budgets were approved and cash flows were handled in transparent manner. The dual approval system for payments in the online banking provided by UBS, though delays some payments but has been very helpful in implementing 4 eye principles for transactions.

Documents referred:

1. SCA Finances\_2012.pdf (Juniors and Seniors)
2. SCA Finances\_2012\_Juniors\_only.pdf (Juniors and Seniors)
3. SCA Finances\_2012\_Seniors\_only.pdf (Juniors and Seniors)
4. Budget\_20120623.pdf

Revenues for 2012 increased slightly from the previous fiscal year and expenditures remain flat except for legal. The increase in income is based on collection of fees and sponsorships.

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We see in the **Budget\_20120623.pdf** a surplus of **430 CHF** for 2012. At the end of the year we closed with a deficit of **615.34 CHF**. (See **SCA Finances 2012\_Seniors\_only.pdf**) This is mainly attributed for legal charges, bank charges, umpire charges and cricket balls.

Special thanks to our auditors for going through the accounts and records.

1. Internal Auditor - Mr. Sangam (Sangameswaran Subbiramaniam)
2. External Auditor – Mr Jose Kannanmannil **Steuer- und Finanzberatung UTO-Heuried GmbH**

### *Revenue / Income Stream*

The financial challenges for the next fiscal year, and beyond, involve main revenue streams: membership, E-shop sales, sponsorships and grants. The SCA membership has been growing in past 3 years and keeps the account ticking. With the migration to digital technology it is expected that the E-shop sales will gradually increase. To help keep E-shop revenues up SCA encourages all Cricketing community in Switzerland & abroad to conduct their purchase and pick up souvenirs in E-shop. At this point I would like to request you to join hands with SCA and push for more sponsorship for cricket in Switzerland.

### **Membership**

New club joining in 2012 helped to tick the membership upwards. **7350 CHF** were collected in 2012.

### **Yearbook**

This year SCA has chosen to come up with a Yearbook with a solid backing from the executive committee and general body. It provides summaries of the year and brings different operational reports to just that: a reflection of the most recent year of operation and a compilation of the clubs and a small briefing. The financials were worked out and as an end result we will have **200 CHF** surpluses for SCA.

### **Sponsorship**

The sponsorship has been a bit dry this year. This is reflected in both the seniors and juniors section. The juniors gathered all in all good **5992 CHF** which falls short of their last year's sponsorship of **9000 CHF**.

We have a long term association with the Pickwick sponsors. The invoicing got delayed this year and then the travel and coordination with the sponsors was misunderstood. This has been resolved and Mr President has taken the responsibility to be the point of contact. The Pickwick sponsorship for 2012 has been re-invoiced again in December 2012. Looking at our long term interaction and relations with Pickwick, the collection of the **2000 CHF** sponsorship should not be an issue.

### *Expense / Expenditure Stream*

On the expense streams: Executive member compensation for staff travel and expenses has been similarly held low. We must remember a sports service organization should provide ample expense reimbursement for travel. The SCA had improved spending on Pickwick and SCA league in 2012 and will carry on with this in 2013.

### **Junior**

We have a high level breakup of the junior accounts as per the transactions done using SCA juniors account. We ended up spending the entire amount that was available in the junior's account on junior activities in 2012. (See **SCA Finances 2012\_Juniors\_only.pdf**)

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It was decided by the EC along with the juniors that complete handling of the juniors accounts will be handed over to Zurich Crickets Cricket club where the SCA Youth Development Officer will be directly involved. The junior's account which is operated by the SCA will be closed per end of 2012. In future, when the ICC funding starts, then this process will need to be redefined.

### National XI

In line with the discussions we had at the last AGM (January 2012), the spending on the National XI has been pushed. We could spend on the team in terms of DBMT (110 CHF special cricket balls) and support the La Manga (41.67 CHF). We went up from **0.00 CHF** to **151.67 CHF**.

### League and Pickwick Cup

Once again In line with the discussions we had at the last AGM (January 2012), we have started spending more money on the league and Pickwick cup. From just around **200 CHF in 2011**, we have spent **1300 CHF in 2012**.

### Legal

This has been the major expense item for the year 2012. We incurred an expense of **4650 CHF** for the Bezirksgericht (District Court) which was approved by the general body and EC. The lawyer costs have been estimated similar to the 2011 expenses of **1600 CHF**. These 1600 CHF are provisioned for legal expenses in the Liabilities section. (See Balance Sheet in **SCA Finances\_2012.pdf**)

### La Manga

The success story of 2011 was repeated in 2012. We sent a team to La Manga where the participants contributed for their travel and other expenses. The SCA filled a very small gap of **41.67 CHF**. This leaves SCA a challenge for coming years where we should successively increase it to 500 CHF.

### Umpires & Coaching

There were no major activities which had financial implications involved in 2012. We spent **320 CHF** on the umpiring of Pickwick cup and League matches.

### Cricket Equipments, stocks & Inventory

The present list of items and stocks show that the items that SCA has is distributed across EC members. This is based on the respective needs of the items (e.g.: cricket balls, bowling machine, ICC grade balls, old records, etc). Thanks to them, we do not incur any storage or administration costs.

- 6 Boxes of Dukes Cricket Balls (possession of Treasurer)
- 4 x GM Super County Grade A cricket balls (possession of IMM)
- 6 x GM Maestro Grade A Test cricket balls (possession of IMM)
- Bowling Machine (possession of President)

### All Other Expenses

Cost controlling efforts have kept these to the minimum.

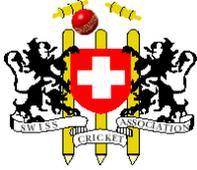
### Write-Offs

This has been raised consecutively every year for the past 3 years. The **2321.12 CHF** owned by Basel CC to SCA can be written off. We have recollect lot of debts in last 3 years. This one is now beyond 3 yrs and it could be a recommendation to the next treasurer to write-off these debts in 2013 provided the AGM agrees to it.

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### *Outlook*

To further strengthen our financial status, SCA will be examining options for change in membership fees for the future. Needless to say that this will be put forward to the general body before any decisions are taken. Increase in sponsorship should be another area we need to focus further.

On a conclusive note, I have a joy to share. Looking back at the recent financial history of the SCA, I see a profound and successful reduction of costs and controlling of funds. This is a joy because it means we are being the stewards we can be, and we are poised for greater benefit and careful treatment from International Cricket Council in coming years.

When we look just half a decade ago, there were hiccups, dislodging and non-availability of sponsorship for cricket. Refreshing itself in 2010 the current members of SCA and executive team have culminated in a financially sound association and able to manoeuvre through the difficult fiscal times. It is now executives' mission to maintain a fiscal responsibility that ensures the continued operation of this fine organization for many years to come.

Again, the fiscal stability of SCA is due to dedicated efforts by the clubs and executive members and the goal is to keep it that way. Your continued membership, support, dedication and hard work will make all the difference.

Thank you.

Nitesh Gandhi  
Honorary Treasurer

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