

Dear MCC,

The last couple of months have been a bit of a haze since I stopped work, moved house and of course have been on the BAC 1-11 cricket tour, but now the dust has settled I am at last able to write this note of thanks.

I am only too well aware that the enormity of what has been achieved and this would not have happened if the MCC committee had not come up with the idea of a charity day and raising funds for MNDA in the first place and by doing so catching the imagination of so many people and for this I am particularly grateful. I am also well aware of the huge amount of time and effort that has been put into this charity campaign to make it such a success and whilst I know it would be wrong of me to single anyone out I am going to anyway!!!

So I would personally like to say a big thank you to Sarah and the Nutcrackers for their 10k run at the beginning of the campaign which certainly set the tone (and no doubt their fitness to help win the Ladies match!). Graham Byfield for contributing so many of his wonderful prints of the club, with the downside that so many were given away they lost their rarity value! And of course it was a privilege that Dave Greener came out especially for the occasion. His hilarious repertoire even had the American girls in fits of laughter (even though I'm led to believe some of his jokes had to be explained to them later).

And then the Ladies match, well what can you say, it had it all and then some. The Dames all looked, well womanly, and seemed in some cases to be enjoying it a bit too much but all to be commended for putting up a good front. The men's match had all the usual drama and a suitably high scoring match and were then followed by "SuperDan & Motty". I am still trying to get that vision out of my head, but what a display and what courage!

It is an understatement to say that I was totally overwhelmed by it all and the support I received that weekend cannot be put into words but has really helped me through some challenging times. It will long be talked about, not only in Lloyd's but also numerous drinking establishments around the city and probably the odd boardroom (if past tours are anything to go by). So thank you MCC for such an incredible weekend and one I will certainly never forget.

With best wishes

Quentin