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Friday(ish) Flash – 7th October 2011

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

BAD NEWS

The Subs for 2011/12 are now due and payable as at the 1st Oct 2011. If you are playing you should now be paying.

The Club has offered to all members a discount of \$10 when payment is made up until 31st October 2011.

GOOD NEWS

Our Tennis complex will be busy next week with the Dunlop Slazenger Junior Open Tournament starting on Monday 10th to Friday 14th Oct.

All Club play is canceled and if the Tournament requires to play under lights to get the program through, those Monday and Tuesday night players will be advised.

Call in and check out the quality of play from many juniors around the country.

APPRECIATION

A few months ago your Committee gifted to Paige and Kyle a donation of \$1000 each on your behalf in recognition of the extreme effort these two young people had put into their sport and the achievements they had made in the past season. I am pleased to pass on to members the letters of thanks received from Paige and Kyle, which give us all an understanding of their commitment and an insight into where their future is heading. We can all be extremely proud of these two Juniors as we endeavor to support them in this small way.

Their letters tell their own story of their appreciation and pride in belonging to this Club.

MAREE'S BITS

Dunlop Slazenger Junior Open

Thanks to all those that have helped to date and are helping next week. Your support is invaluable!

To anyone that gets this awesome Friday Flash - don't forget that the kitchen will happily accept your items of baking to sell :)

With the tournament on it does mean that the courts will not be assessible Monday to Friday next week. We apologise for the inconvenience.

(Ed's note: contrary to what Maree says, everyone is welcome to assess the courts next week. Tell us what you reckon about them, give them a score out of ten or debate the pros and cons of the various surfaces. You never know, someone may be interested.)

Oops, I just saw that Maree called the Friday Flash “awesome”. Everyone please ignore the above piece of pedantry.

FINALLY

I can't think of any Americans at the club, so unfortunately this offering probably won't offend anyone. I shall have to double up my offensiveness in the next Flash...



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN

To the citizens of the United States of America from Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

In light of your immediate failure to financially manage yourselves, and also in recent years your tendency to elect incompetent Presidents, and not adequately govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the revocation of your independence, effective immediately.

If need be, please look up 'revocation' in the Oxford English Dictionary.

Her Sovereign Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will resume monarchical duties over all states, commonwealths, and territories (with the exception of Kansas, which she does not fancy).

Your new Prime Minister, David Cameron, will appoint a Governor General for America without the need for further elections.

Congress and the Senate will be abolished. A questionnaire may be circulated sometime next year to determine whether any of you noticed.

To aid in your transition to a British Crown dependency, the following rules are hereby introduced with immediate effect:

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1. The letter 'U' will be reinstated in words such as 'colour,' 'favour,' 'labour' and 'neighbour.' Likewise, you will learn to spell 'doughnut' without skipping half the letters, and the suffix '-ize' will be replaced by the suffix '-ise.' Generally, you will be expected to raise your vocabulary to acceptable levels. (If need be, please look up 'vocabulary' as referenced above).

2. Using the same twenty-seven words interspersed with filler noises such as "like' and 'you know' is an unacceptable and inefficient form of communication. There is no such thing as U.S. English. We will advise Microsoft on your behalf. The Microsoft spell-checker will be adjusted to take into account the reinstated letter 'u" and the elimination of '-ize.'

3. July 4th will no longer be celebrated as a holiday.

4. You will learn to resolve personal issues without using guns, lawyers, or therapists. The fact that you need so many lawyers and therapists shows that you're not quite ready to be independent. Guns should only be used for shooting grouse. If you can't sort things out without suing someone or speaking to a therapist, then you're not ready to shoot grouse.

5. Hereafter, you will no longer be allowed to own or carry anything more dangerous than a vegetable peeler. Although a permit will be required if you wish to carry a vegetable peeler in public.

6. All intersections will be replaced with roundabouts, and you will start driving on the left side with immediate effect. At the same time, you will go metric with immediate effect and without the benefit of conversion tables. Both roundabouts and metrication will help you understand the British sense of humour.

7. The former USA will adopt UK prices on petrol (which you have been calling gasoline) of roughly \$10/US gallon. Get used to it.

8. You will learn to make real chips. Those things you call "french fries" are not real chips, and those things you insist on calling potato chips are properly called crisps. Real chips are thick cut, fried in animal fat, and dressed not with catsup but with vinegar.

9. The cold, tasteless stuff you insist on calling beer is not actually beer at all. Henceforth, only proper British Bitter will be referred to as beer, and European brews of known and accepted provenance will be referred to as Lager. New Zealand beer is also acceptable, as New Zealand is pound for pound the greatest sporting nation on earth and it can only be due to the beer. They are also part of the British Commonwealth - see what it did for them. American brands will be referred to as Near-Frozen Gnat's Urine, so that all can be sold without risk of further confusion.

10. Hollywood will be required occasionally to cast English actors as good guys. Hollywood will also be required to cast English actors to play English characters. Watching Andie Macdowell attempt English dialogue in *Four Weddings and a Funeral* was an experience akin to having one's ears removed with a cheese grater.

11. You will cease playing American football. There are only two kinds of proper football; one you call soccer, and rugby (dominated by the New Zealanders). Those of you brave enough will, in time, be allowed to play rugby (which has some similarities to American football, but does not involve stopping for a rest every twenty seconds or wearing full kevlar body armour and leotards, like a bunch of nancies).

12. Further, you will stop playing baseball. It is not reasonable to host an event called the World Series for a game which is not played outside of America. Since only 2.1% of you are aware there is a world beyond your borders, your error is understandable. You will learn cricket, and we will let you face the Australians (World dominators) first to take the sting out of their deliveries.

13. You must tell us who killed JFK. It's been driving us mad.

14. An internal revenue agent (i.e. tax collector) from Her Majesty's Government will be with you shortly to ensure the acquisition of all monies due (backdated to 1776).

15. Daily Tea Time begins promptly at 4 p.m. with proper cups, with saucers, and never mugs, with high quality biscuits (cookies) and cakes; plus strawberries (with cream) when in season.
Dog Save the Queen!

Enjoy your tennis.

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