**Pattaya CC defeat Southerners CC by 7 wickets in a social match at Pattana on 19 March 2022.**

This social match was heralded in by a very hot and humid weather and the sound of creaky old bones that had managed to escape for some exercise. The match evolved into a 25 over Bangkok League match with a few modifications, namely: Retire at 30 runs; maximum of 4 overs per bowler; wides to be scored as 2 runs and not re-bowled and irrespective of the result, 25 overs will be bowled by each team. No matter the result, the winner of this match was going to be social cricket and the Man of the Match was liable to be Mr Extras.

Andy Emery was Captain for the day and won the toss. In time honoured PCC fashion, he decided to bowl first. Matt Young (somewhat worse for wear) and John Kyle opened for SCC whilst Jainish Parikh and Habby Singh opened the bowling. Matt got a 4 of Jainish’s first ball, but he didn’t last long as Jainish had him caught by Andy Emery of his next over for 6. John continued to bat well and retired on 32 by which time many partners had come and gone. The first was Raj, who put on his dancing shoes and went down the wicket after Andy Emery, but he forgot to hit the ball and was stumped by Colin Clark several yards out of his crease for 2. Big hitting Delano Buchner was next. He was dropped by Habby diving to his right at short cover and then swung and missed Andy Schofield to depart for 3. SCC were struggling at 30 for 3 from 9 overs. Mudasir made a brief appearance for 10 and was brilliantly caught by Jainish at deep mid-wicket off Luke Stokes’ expensive bowling. RK was bowled for a Golden Duck by one of Peter Gangur’s high flying dibbly dobblers. They always confuse the batsmen as the ball takes several seconds to arrive at the crease. 60 for 5 at drinks, ie 15 overs. The PCC Bowling Irregulars were proving hard to get away and wickets kept falling, although Simon provided some resistance with 10 Not Out. Animal had Venu caught by Jainish for 6 and Andy S had Max LBW for 2. Nadeem decided it was far too hot for all this running about and retired for 4, leaving that last 2 of the 12 batsmen (social game) to be bowled for ducks by Amit (Andy Chicken and JP). SCC finished on 106 for 9. The best of the PCC bowlers were Amit at 2 for 12 from 4 overs and Andy Schofield 2 for 9 from 3 overs, but the catching had been iffy with 4 drops.

PCC opened with Habby and Amit against Chicken and Venu. It was a good contest between them, but Habby had the better of the batting and retired on 31 after 18 balls faced having hit 3 sixes and a four. Amit was fortunate having been dropped twice. Peter replaced Habby, but not for long as he was LBW for 1 to Raj. Andy Schofield went out for a steady 11 before he decided to retire at drinks in the 15th over with PCC on 86 and well ahead of SCC. John Kyte’s tidy bowling restricted the run rate and he had Amit LBW for 18, but Andy Emery was starting to get more boundaries. Jainish turned up, faced 4 balls and left, courtesy of Mudasir catching a mis-timed slog off Delano’s bowling. By this stage, the 19th over, PCC had surpassed the SCC score and thus won the match by 7 wickets, but there were 6 more overs to be bowled, so they continued. Andy Emery was dropped twice before he retired on 30 and Colin departed soon thereafter, having noodled a sensible 13 before being caught by Delano on the boundary. This left Luke and Animal, 12 and 6 Not Out respectively, to close out the match on 164 for 4 and thus PCC had also won by 58 runs. The best of the SCC bowlers was Raj at 2 for 24 of 4 overs.

It was a great social match. Anyone wishing to get involved with social or league level cricket should contact the Club Chairman, Simon Philbrook on 0870395790. For those that wish to practice there are Nets at the Outback Sports Pub which PCC use on Tues and Thurs at 6pm. Come and join us.