

# A Message from Our President

To All Members and Friends

The year 2000 marks the 128<sup>th</sup> year of this venerable cricket club. The club had a good season of friendly games in 1999. It is clear, however, that we need to improve the talent and capabilities of the league team as we face the 2000 season. Members are asked to help in recruiting players, especially players who would enhance the league team.

Cricket continues to expand in the area as well as in the U.S. Immigrants from cricket playing countries, as ever, are the cause of this expansion. The pressure for playing fields has not eased. Many teams continue to share grounds. The expansion in players continues to be greater than the expansion in facilities.

Almost all new-teams in the area join a league and limit their season to league games. This has resulted in fewer non-league games available. Many new migrants work on Saturdays with the result that their teams are unable to play on Saturdays. They play league games on Sundays. It has become more difficult to schedule friendly games once the league season starts in early May. We continue, however, to schedule as many friendly games as we possibly can.

This year we agreed to play a triangle series including Mad Dogs CC, Gypsies CC, and SICC. We believe that these games should prove challenging as well as enjoyable. We have a long acquaintance with Mad Dogs but Gypsies are new to us.

As this yearbook goes to press we are putting the final pieces together for our first trip to the Durham Cricket Festival. The festival starts on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of July and will finish on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2000.

The Executive Committee and I wish everyone a very enjoyable season.

**Clarence Modeste**