**The Thelma Lack Memorial Trophy - 2015**

The recipient of this trophy, awarded annually, will be selected exclusively by me, and will not be presented for any particular reason or purpose.

The criteria may be a champagne moment, a match-winning performance, an outstanding tea or even an extra special effort to be available to play under exceptional circumstances.

This year, as usual, there were a number of items which came under my scrutiny.

Ben’s first season as captain, started slowly but came good towards the end of the season.

As last year the trip to Bamville on a glorious Sunday afternoon.

Rakesh’s outstanding contribution to all things Arkley (and he organised our trip to Barbados).

Some great batting by Ben, persistent niggling bowling from Phil K and the generally pretty good standard of fielding. These feats will have been acknowledged elsewhere.

The fact that the younger players listened, and learned, from their elders, which I thought improved their contributions to the cause immensely.

Having made these observations I now come to my decision making.

I feel that the greatest joy I received through watching Arkley was the greater input from the younger players. They are finding their feet and helping in all aspects of the game – on and off the field.

James has been previously acknowledged for his efforts. Jake and George will achieve greater accolades away from the confines of Arkley cricket. Therefore for their current contributions and their assistance in maintaining the future of Arkley - this year I would like to make the award to Anay, Akash, Aaron and Kiran. Long may they enjoy playing for us and continue the Arkley traditions.

They are super lads, a great credit to their families and they deserve every good thing that comes their way.

“Way to go” guys – three months each and keep the trophy clean!