

## Cricket – A Sport Where Everything Stops for Tea

Followed by nearly one billion people around the world, cricket is a game with a proud tradition and a brilliant future. Prince Philip once said “Some people seem to be under the incredible delusion that cricket is only a game”.



You are cordially invited to delight in the revelry and mystery of one of the world's greatest sports.

Cricket is:

- A sport where international matches last five days
- A sport where Laws prevail – many unwritten
- A sport where the ball can be delivered at speeds of up to 90 miles per hour, and most importantly,
- A sport where, in the heat of battle, everything stops for tea

The earliest record of Cricket in America is found in the dairy of William Byrd II of Virginia. He refers to an early morning game with family and friends on the front lawn of his impressive estate, Westover, on the banks of the James River in Virginia on April 25th, 1709. There is also evidence that some of George Washington's troops played a game of "wickets" at Valley Forge in the summer of 1778 - no doubt also a form of cricket. The first American Cricket Club was founded at Haverford College in 1834. Today the sport has blossomed into a nationwide recreational pastime with over 25,000 players across the United States.