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Terry Jenner

John Fingleton writes: I first met Terry Jenner ([obituary, May 27](#)) about 15 years ago when I was umpiring a charity cricket match at Windsor Castle between the Lord's Taverners and Old Australia. He was bowling from my end when, off the last ball of the day, he made a ferocious appeal for LBW against Nicholas Parsons. Although it was undoubtedly "plum out", I had to explain to him that LBWs had no place in charity cricket, especially against someone as revered as the great NP, and he seemed to accept the decision, albeit perhaps with less than the best of grace.

A few years later we met again, in the Cricketers Club in London where, on recognising me, he berated me for depriving him of the only wicket he would ever have taken on English soil — but with an impish smile. I then discovered that this sad tale had, in the meantime, become the closing paragraph of his autobiography.

Thereafter we became the closest of friends, and met regularly both in London and Adelaide. He was one of the great characters in a sport that attracts any number of them and it was a privilege to know him — and, not least, to have lunched with him on the day 13 months ago when, desperately ill, he returned to Australia, under the care of a companion doctor, and with an absolute determination to survive another 12 months.

He must have bowled a rare no-ball in his second over — for he made it to 13!

Mark Williams, chief executive, the Lord's Taverners (1999-2007), writes: You rightly focus on the contribution by Terry Jenner ([obituary, May 27](#)) to Shane Warne's phenomenal success. But I know from first-hand experience that, as part of repaying his dues to society, he valued equally his help for aspiring young wrist spinners. In the ten years up to his heart attack in 2010 he ran an annual wrist spin programme for the England & Wales Cricket Board designed to unearth an English equivalent to Warne. Under the auspices of the Lord's Taverners, the Brian Johnston Memorial Trust paid for the two most promising spin bowlers selected by Terry each year to travel to Adelaide to attend his clinics. They stayed with Terry and Ann in their Adelaide home and all returned better spinners and better young people for the experience. No one was prouder when one of his charges, Adil Rashid, first played for England.

I also recall Terry calling me after the Lord's Test of 2005, before which, as your obituary describes, Warne had asked him to try to help remedy his poor early-season form with Hampshire. Australia's subsequent victory, their only one in England's triumphant Ashes-winning year, owed much to Warne's wizardry, not least his mesmeric bowling to the young Ian Bell. The point of Terry's call was that this most confident of Australians had rung him immediately after the Test and, apparently still in need of reassurance from his mentor, had said: "How do you think I bowled, skipper?"