



Hornchurch Cricket Club



CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

Although this season could in some respects be described as a little disappointing there was certainly encouraging progress made in several areas particularly with regards to youth cricket.

Whenever a new season begins in any sport there is always a degree of optimism and that was certainly the case with the club this year. As mentioned in our spring newsletter we felt we had addressed the issues that contributed to us being relegated the previous season. However the best laid plans do not always succeed and that's how it proved this year.

The talent within our first team squad was higher than at any time especially having signed the South African Test Bowler Roger Telemachus, unfortunately that talent was scarcely evident throughout the season and after a nervy finish to the season we thankfully managed to avoid relegation.

All other teams did well this year, particularly the 4th XI who finished runners up in the Premier Division. Playing in the top flight of their respective leagues is often a challenge and I know many of our youngsters have matured greatly due to playing at this high level. It must also be noted that we made Club history this year by fielding a Saturday 7th XI for the first time.

In April we attended some twenty junior and senior schools in Havering, inviting children to attend our "Cricket For All" coaching programme. Throughout the season well over 400 different children attended on a Monday evening where, Hot Dogs to some became every bit as much as an attraction as the coaching. Thanks must go in particular to Rita and Kelly for providing these treats. Also to Francis, our head coach as well as the many coaches and players of the Under 15 team who helped throughout the programme. On one particular night we had 260 children and as you can imagine that took a lot of looking after.

Well done to our youth teams this year, all had an excellent season with the Under 15's winning the Havering Cup. The youth presentation evening was also a great success with Ravi Bopara, the Essex player there to make the presentations.

In June we again hosted and organised the Havering Under 13's 6 a side competition with Albany School winning an exciting final against St Edwards.

Youth Cricket is so important to our clubs future and we are exceptionally grateful to everyone involved, whether in a coaching or managerial role.

Two familiar faces of our 1st XI are leaving us, Rob Rollins who will be playing for Woodford Wells next season and Ian Flanagan who is spending a year in Australia. Both have significantly contributed to our recent success and we certainly wish both of them the very best in the future.

20 20 cricket is certainly the clubs forte. Again we managed to reach the final and lose when seemly well placed. Several rounds of this cup provided nail biting finishes, particularly the games against Noak Hill and Upminster, but our team spirit shone through and we turned likely defeats into victories.

I believe our club is as strong as ever and as we again look in to making changes and improvements throughout the winter, may I assure everyone the clubs ambitions are as strong as ever.

On a personal note may I thank all members of our management committee and numerous others who contribute in many ways. The good family atmosphere that prevails both on the pitch and in our club house is of great credit to everyone, please make every effort to attend the AGM but if you are unable to attend may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas. - **Jeremy West - Chairman HCC.**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This is on Sunday 3rd December 2006 at the Pavilion, starting at 6.15pm prompt. Major decisions regarding the future of the Club are made at this meeting so it is imperative that you attend. You are reminded that under the Club's rules if you haven't paid your annual subscriptions you are not eligible to vote.

DID THEY REALLY SAY THAT?

Yorkshire 232 all out, Hutton ill - I'm sorry, Hutton 111. - John Snagge, BBC News

2006 SEASON

For those interested in statistics the following are a few provisional highlights of the 2006 season. A full breakdown of the Club Averages will be available at the AGM.:-

Senior Matches Played	- 166
Won	- 65
Drawn	- 21
Lost	- 63
Abandoned	- 17
<u>League Positions</u>	
Saturday 1 st XI	- 7th (Won 6, Lost 4, Drawn 6, Abandoned 2)
Saturday 2 nd XI	- 7th (Won 5, Lost 9, Drawn 2, Abandoned 2)
Saturday 3 rd XI	- 8th (Won 4, Lost 7, Drawn 5, Abandoned 2)
Saturday 4 th XI	- 2nd (Won 10, Lost 2, Drawn 2, Abandoned 4)
Saturday 5 th XI	- 8th (Won 3, Lost 10, Drawn 4, Abandoned 1)
Saturday 6 th XI	- 5th (Won 5, Lost 8, Drawn 2, Abandoned 1)
Highest Innings for	- 363 for 2 vs Wanstead, Saturday 3rd XI
Highest Inning against	- 325 for 6 vs Bentley, Sunday Britannic Lodge XI
Lowest Innings for	- 65 all out vs Hornchurch Athletic 3rd XI, Saturday 7th XI
Lowest Innings against	- 44 all out vs Ludlow, Sunday 2nd XI
Most Runs	- 1147, Ian Flanagan (933 – Paul Murray, 919 – Lee Benson, Sibby Shah)
Highest Individual score	- 153*, Tony Willison vs Gidea Park & Romford, Saturday 4th XI
Total Hundreds	- 24
Total Fifties	- 129
Most Hundreds	- 3, D. Simpson, Ian Flanagan
Most Fifties	- 8, Lee Benson (7 – I. Flanagan, R. Rollins, K. Beazleigh)
Most Overs	- 241, Francis Baptiste (234 – Marc Whitlock, 229 – Dean Skipper)
Most Maidens	- 52, Doug Shewring (38 - Francis Baptiste, 32 – Jamie Went)
Most Wickets	- 43, Dean Skipper (39 – Marc Whitlock, 36 – Barry Bones)
Best Bowling	- 6 for 24, Lee Benson vs Basildon & Pitsea, Saturday 2nd XI
Total 5 Wkts	- 15
Most 5Wkts	- 4, Myles Wells
Most Catches	- 13, Robert Rollins, Anthony Sealey (12 – Dean Skipper)
Most Wkt Victims	- 56, Paul Murray (32Ct, 24St)

Dave Kiff accepting on behalf of the Club the 4XI Runners Up pennant from Cliff Barnes



Although there were a number of high scoring partnerships no Club records were broken this year

And finally the prestigious Duck Cup for 2006 goes to:-

Cyril Wolstenholme who had 8 innings & 6 ducks!! – better luck next year

DID THEY REALLY SAY THAT?

On the first day, Logie decided to chance his arm and it came off. - Trevor Bailey, Radio 3

REFLECTIONS OF THE 2006 YOUTH TEAMS

Since joining the Club over the past few years I have had the privilege of managing the U13 'A' as well as the U15 'A' Teams. During this time both sides won the Havering League Cups beating some very good opposition on the way. This year I have been witness to some of the best cricket at this level for many years. The techniques that the players have now acquired are testament to the excellent coaching facilities now at the Club and the dedication that they themselves have put in to improve their game.

Because of the limited over style of games played by the U15's this season, many of the players did not feature prominently in the matches. Nobody moaned, no dissent, every single player involved showed a team spirit and maturity far beyond their years. A credit to the Club, their parents should be proud of them just as much as we all are at Hornchurch CC.

The future looks bright for the Senior Teams with several Youth Team players already making their mark in the higher levels.

Both Steve Durrant & I firmly believe that the "Cricket for All" programme is, and will continue to produce quality players enabling Hornchurch CC to become the best in the county.

P.W. Evans – Youth Chairman HCC

TROPHY WINNERS 2006

Trophy winners for 2006 are as detailed below.

Robertson Cup	Sat 1 st XI	Fielding	Paul Murray
Cander Cup	Sat 1 st XI	Batting	Ian Flanagan
Mitchell Cup	Sat 1 st XI	Bowling	Jamie Went
Hennin Cup	Sat 2 nd XI	Batting	Matt Stallad
Hembery Cup	Sat 2 nd XI	Bowling	Chris Sabatino
Thurner Cup	Sat 3 rd XI	Batting	Rob Bannister
Edwards Cup	Sat 3 rd XI	Bowling	Lowell Mason Snr
Rainsford Trophy	Sat 4 th XI	Batting	Tony Willison
Scolding Cup	Sat 4 th XI	Bowling	Alan Foxton
Notley Cup	Sat 5 th XI	Batting	Michael Bones
Balmford Cup	Sat 5 th XI	Bowling	Frank Grann
Brooks Cup	Sat 6 th XI	Batting	Luke Edwards
Shewring Cup	Sat 6 th XI	Bowling	Doug Shewring
Stuart Cup	Sun 1 st XI	Player	Paul Murray
Rose Bowl	Sun 2 nd XI	Player	Lee Bones
	Sun BL XI	Batting	Sibby Shah
	Sun BL XI	Bowling	Billy Gordon
Ede Cup	Colt 2005	Player	Jack Wade
Cawthorne Cup	Over 40	Player	Lowell Mason Snr
Hickinbottom Cup	Most Improved	Player	Lee Benson
Presidents Cup	Clubman 2005	Member	Rita Murray
Sport for All			Charlie Jacobs

OLD HANDBOOKS

There are a number of Club Fixture Cards & Essex League Statistic Handbooks for 2006 available. Anyone interested should contact Doug Shewring. First come, first served, deadline is the start of next season when Doug is going to throw them away.

DID THEY REALLY SAY THAT?

Q: Darryl, who are your favourite actors?

Cullinan: Dustin Hoffman and some Aussie bowlers in the act of appealing.

CLUB APPAREL

Cricket attire in the club colours complete with the HCC crest would make an excellent Christmas present and are available in various sizes from Chris O'Sullivan.

Old Style Shirts

Long Sleeve £16.00

Short Sleeve £15.50

New Style Shirts

Shirt £18.00

Trousers £18.00

Training/Leisure Gear

T Shirts £10.00

Shorts £10.00

Track Suits £40.00

C4A T Shirt £5.00

Sweaters (All Wool)

Long Sleeve £47.00

Short Sleeve £39.00

Misc

Old Style Baseball Cap £16.00

New Style Baseball Cap £5.00

Sun Hat £8.50

Badges £1.50

Sweatbands £3.00



SHEPHERD NEAME ESSEX LEAGUE UMPIRES GRADINGS

Independent Umpires who officiate at all 1st XI and some 2nd XI matches grade the facilities, playing area, hospitality and discipline of players throughout the season. We attained scores of 7.93 (max 10.00) for Discipline, 39th out of the 40 Clubs in the League, a very disappointing score.

A score of 16.48 (max 20.00) for the Pitch Condition, 5th out of 40, proving that we consistently play on a quality surface.

With a score of 14.75 (max 15.00) for Hospitality, 2nd out of 40, it goes without saying that the teas win the day everytime, only losing points on our changing rooms, an area we at management level are currently reviewing.

We need to improve our Club discipline next year as this has dropped significantly over the past few years.

MEMBERSHIP

If you have moved, are about to move, or change telephone numbers during the closed season, would you please inform Lance Malkin as soon as possible. This will enable us to send important information to you in the future as well as keep our records up to date.

UMPIRES AND SCORERS

The Shepherd Neame Essex League have embarked on a campaign to recruit Umpires and Scorers to stand in the lower team matches. Players have a responsibility to know the laws of the game so why not come along and get a better understanding of the lbw law instead of using the philosophy - if it hits your pads you're out (mentioning no names!).

Courses are held at the Pavilion every Wednesday during the winter. Anyone interested should contact Doug Shewring or Norman Balmford for further details.

WINTER COACHING & TRAINING

The winter coaching and training sessions are currently being finalised and will start in January for the youngsters locally. Dates, times and venues will be advised separately.

For the rest two nets will be available at Chelmsford on Friday 19th January 9pm till 10pm, contact Doug Shewring.

Sunday morning trainings sessions at Chafford School 11.30am till 1.00pm are already underway, contact Barry Bones for further information,.

DID THEY REALLY SAY THAT?

In the back of Hughes' mind must be the thought that he will dance down the piss and mitch one.

- Tony Greig, Channel 9

HORNCHURCH'S MINUTES

A few glimpses back into the past minutes of the Club's Management Meetings:-

November 12th 1889

It was proposed by Mr Stafford and seconded by Mr Gooch that the annual subscription of a playing member be not less than half a crown (12½ pence) payable on election.

(Even if we charged the same today there are those members who would still be late in paying!!)

March 20th 1890

A letter from Mr CJ Fox, Secretary South Essex Waterworks saying, " will give supply to ground for Twenty shillings for the season".

1891

Taken from the Balance Sheet:-

Garrod, for keeping Grey Towers Ground in order – 22 weeks at 8 shillings a week, total £8.16 shillings.

Garrod, for grass seed – 6 pence (2½p)

March 11th 1893

Taken from the Club Inventory Sheet:-

1 Set of stumps (complete)	2 pairs of gauntlets
10 Odd stumps	2 pairs of pads, fit for practice
7 bats (3 want binding, 2 want new handles)	3 pairs of pads, fit for matches
2 boys bats	3 old balls
5 pairs of batting gloves	4 new balls

(Daren't think what our Inventory would look like today)

1893

The Committee acknowledged the obligation they are under to the Hornchurch Snowflakes for their capital entertainment by which means the substantial sum of £8.6..6p was added to the Club funds

1896 Report

A summary proves that the total has been £31.12..4p more than in 1895 when it was £29.15.4p. The Committee thinks that when the outlay in materials for the season is taken into consideration, the members will see the increase is unavoidable. The nett result is, whereas the Treasurer found himself at the commencement of the season with 7 shillings and 4 pence in hand, he is now £3.17..6p out of pocket.

(Nothing changes – Treasurers always moaning!!)

1896 Report

By the death of Mr Joseph Fry, the Club has lost a much esteemed and respected member, and one ever ready to support it with his purse and presence. Himself a good cricketer of the time when tall hats were worn in the field. He took delight in watching Hornchurch up to his very last year.

1896 Report (or is it 2007?)

This season devote as much time and energy as possible to good honest hard work on practice night. The committee have no hesitation in stating that with so many young and promising members in its ranks the Hornchurch Cricket Club will soon earn for itself a name that will place it high in the list of Clubs in South Essex.

(Over 100 years have past and those words sound very familiar!!)

Our thanks go to the Clubs' Collector of Historical matters Peter Edwards for the above. If anyone has anything they think may be of interest or importance to the history of the Club they should contact Peter.

PAVILION USE

Members are reminded that the pavilion and it's facilities are available for private functions. Any bookings should be made with the Club Secretary, Jackie Cubitt.

"100 CLUB"

The 100 Club exists to provide much needed funds for the Club and also gives members and friends a chance to win prizes. Draws take place on a monthly basis at the Pavilion throughout the year, with the summer draws taking place on a Saturday evening whilst the winter one takes place at the monthly Management meetings.

As the title suggests there is a maximum of 100 numbers in each draw and each number costs £12 per annum - only £1 a month. There are three prizes each month £20, £10, £5 with two bumper draws in June and December of £100, £50, £20. Recent winners are:-

May				August			
1st	25	Brian Davies	£20	1st	81	D Tunney	£20
2nd	56	Doug Shewring	£10	2nd	46	Rita Murray	£10
3rd	68	Mike Renny	£5	3rd	45	Ann Storey	£5

June				September			
1st	36	Lance Malkin	£100	1st	24	Graham Pope	£20
2nd	3	Kelly Nolan	£50	2nd	28	Jackie Taylor	£10
3rd	81	D Tunney	£20	3rd	27	Jason Syms	£5

July				October			
1st	16	Jeremy West	£20	1st	64	Bob Leavy	£20
2nd	39	Mike Church	£10	2nd	53	Chris James	£10
3rd	18	Pat Sweeney	£5	3rd	27	Jason Syms	£5

November				There are now only four numbers available so why not have one of them. They are:- 23, 47, 92, 98
1st	64	Bob Leavy	£20	
2nd	56	Doug Shewring	£10	
3 rd	79	Bob Coombs	£5	

Those who have been winners but owe monies have not been notified of there 'success'
To obtain a number contact Brian Storey.

EDITORS COMMENT

I hope this has been an informative Newsletter. Look out for the spring edition where we will have details on players, coaches, Cricket –for – All programme & the all important early fixtures.

The Management Committee, would like to take this opportunity in wishing all our members, parents and supporters a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year and let's hope that next year we can bounce back, continue improving and make Hornchurch the best in Essex.

COME ON ENGLAND, LET'S RETAIN THAT URN!!

If you have any comments or suggestions for the next proposed issue of the H.C.C. Newsletter, then please contact Don Miller.