



Hornchurch Cricket Club



NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2009

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

When the snow was falling in January the Cricket Season seemed a long way off, but now, two months later the new season is again upon us. The acute disappointment of last season is I am sure still fresh in the minds of most members and without harping on about this sour point, we should certainly have been looking forward to Premiership cricket this coming season. However, we are not, but start the new season in a very determined and optimistic mood. Although Richie Sherlock our overseas player last season did well for us, I am sure all in our club are delighted to have Cameron Nupier back with us this season. Cameron was a great success in 2007 and a genuine club man, who fitted in brilliantly. We also have a bonus, as this season he is bringing his brother Joel, a superb wicket keeper and batsman. Unfortunately he will not be able to play in our first team, unless of course he outshines his brother. Another positive encouragement is that Darren Robinson and Kym Beazleigh will again be part of us this year. Two exceptionally talented batsmen who are more than capable of winning a game single handed.

One significant change this year is the introduction of Red and Yellow cards for our 1st XI League matches, clearly all who are part of our teams have a responsibility to play in the right spirit, and not to give umpires any excuse to use one. A Red card would mean suspension and a deduction of points for that side, let's hope we don't fall foul of this new system, and it does not effect our league position come the end of the season.

As I have mentioned before the overall image of our club is important to maintain and perhaps improve. We have added an incredible amount over the last few years and we need for the league officials, umpires and visiting clubs to be impressed with us. Maybe a bit optimistic but with everyone taking responsibility I know we can endorse the good name of Hornchurch Cricket Club.

We were all saddened to learn of the passing of Ken Scolding in February. Ken was a life member of our club, being actively involved in playing and other numerous roles throughout his sixty plus years with Hornchurch. Ken had a most interesting life a stickler for doing things right and we all send our sympathy to Kay his wife and family at this time.

Once again there are changes in captaincy and I wish those in their new roles every success. Being a Captain is not easy, they are not going to please everyone so, please do your best to support them.

As was the case last year we are looking to our youth players to continue to progress. Congratulations to Billy Gordon who has been selected in the Essex Youth academy I am sure all will echo what a talent Billy is and his call up is not before time and well deserved.

Our Cricket for All Programme will be in action again this year. For this to work successfully we need the commitment from our coaches and other helpers. Paul Murray has done an incredible job in his role as head coach, and I personally thank him and the many others who successfully run our coaching sessions.

This year we have the Ashes Series in England and if it is anything like last time the interest in cricket will be accelerated greatly. Whether you are playing or watching may I wish all members an enjoyable season. I sincerely believe this season will be one of our best. Let's hope the weather is kind and our cricket is even better.

Good Luck! Jeremy West - Chairman HCC.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

After the disappointments of last year's finale I am glad the new season is nearly here. Over the last 2 seasons as captain I feel we have become the nearly club. Nearly gaining promotion, nearly winning the league cup, nearly winning the 20/20. I can guarantee you all I have never been so determined to get this club back in the Premier League.

We welcome back Cameron Nupier to the Club as our overseas player along with his brother Joel. I wish both the lads the best of luck. Also a welcome to Joe Fryd. Joe joins us from Brentwood as he has moved into the area. He is an attacking bowler and will fit in very well as part of the squad.

I think the squad we have this year is the strongest we have had for many years. We have about 20 players fighting for a first team spot so competition for places will be very good.

I take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best of luck and a successful season

All the best Muzza

CRICKET FOR ALL PROGRAMME/YOUTH CRICKET/NETS

This years CRICKET FOR ALL programme starts on Monday 11th May at the Harrow Lodge Pavilion, 6.30pm start. With its continuing success and increasing numbers we are looking for volunteers to assist in the mounting pile of paperwork. The following evenings have been allocated for training:-

Monday – U11's CRICKET FOR ALL PROGRAMME
Tuesday - U13's CRICKET FOR ALL PROGRAMME
Wednesday – Seniors/Others Net Practice
Thursday - U15's Squad Practice
Friday - U16 Squad Practice (5.30pm to 7.00pm)
1st/2nd XI Squad Practice (7.00pm onwards)

All Training starts at 6.30pm unless otherwise stated

The Club has put a number of new coaches through the grading system & these will be available throughout the week at all levels.

MEMBERSHIP

For clarity, here is a brief guide to HCC membership:-

Our CRICKET FOR ALL programme is free to all of those who attend. No charges of any kind are made for the use of facilities, coaching or any other aspect of the Monday and Tuesday evening sessions.

It is only when you start playing for youth teams that any membership fees are payable. When a player begins playing regularly in any of the youth section teams, they will be offered YOUTH membership (£5 per year). This continues until they begin playing regularly in senior cricket (Saturday & Sunday teams). When this happens they will be offered JUNIOR membership (£20 per year if paid before 31st May). This entitles them to the same selection rights as senior members of the club. Junior membership of the club continues whilst in full time education or under 18. Once past full time education or your 18th Birthday JUNIOR membership automatically becomes SENIOR membership. (£60 per year if paid before 31st May).

If an adult wishes to join the club then they fill in an application form and provide a deposit of £10 to be given TRIAL membership. Completed forms should be given either to their respective Captains or the Membership Secretary. They are then assessed over a short period and then if suitable offered SENIOR membership. TRIALISTS have the same selection rights as senior members during the trial period.

Hope this makes it all clear.

If you have moved, are about to move, or have changed telephone numbers during the closed season, or indeed have not recently completed a membership form 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.

KEN SCOLDING

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of one of the Hornchurch Greats Ken Scolding in February this year after a long illness. He would have been delighted that his funeral was very much a cricketing affair with the congregation consisting of former and present Club members, indeed the whole event was immaculately organised by the Club Chairman. A reading was heard from his son Peter (ex HCC), also attending were son-in law Norman Balmford (Club President/Treasurer), Doug Shewring, Peter Edwards, Mark Ede and Jackie Cubitt. Past Club members were well represented by Simon and Shaun Balmford, Ray Brookes, Mark Edwards, Eric Rose and Peter Morris. The service was followed by an afternoon at the Cranleigh where many humorous tales of Ken's exploits were told and remembered.

Ken joined Hornchurch in 1947 and was still an active member until a few years ago. As a well respected and long standing member of the Club, Ken will be remembered for his outstanding contributions, his love of the game and the smiles he brought to many people. The Committee and all the Club members would like to extend their deepest sympathy to Kate and his family.

Essex County Cricket Club recently awarded Ken a trophy for 25 years of Loyal Service to Hornchurch CC. Obviously at his time of life it was not an award for his fast bowling or for opening the batting, but for service behind the scenes (or screens!)

His award was for 25 continuous years, but Ken's dedication to Hornchurch Cricket Club goes back much further than a quarter of a century.

Ken, we believe, was born on 26th October 1915. He attended Eltham College and it was as an Old Elthamian that he moved from Chislehurst to Hornchurch. On the 10th May 1947, at a Committee Meeting held at the Harrow Lodge Pavilion, Ken was elected a member of the Club. Prior to cricket at Hornchurch, Ken was a paid up member of the Second World War. He was in the RAF and during the latter part of hostilities was transferred to glider operations. On 24th March 1945 he could be seen piloting his craft and it's cargo towards the Rhine. Having landed, next came the tricky bit. The one problem with gliders is that once you've completed your mission you have to make your own way back to good old Blighty. It's been said that after a good day at cricket and a better evening in the pub (the Pavilion didn't have a bar in those days) he had more trouble getting back from the White Hart than he did from the Rhine.

Ken would be the first to admit he was no superstar with bat or ball, but he was a good captain with the best of his work being done in the Pavilion (once again at the bar!). After a few years as Vice Captain of the Sunday XI he became Captain in 1955 and continued into 1956 when he also took over the Treasurers post from Alf Scott. This position he occupied without interruption until 1975. In between time he was Club Chairman from 1972 to 1975, Saturday 2nd XI Captain 1957 to 1964 and had various Vice Captain positions later on.

Many years ago, Ken wrote several short anecdotes about events involving the Club and its members. He will be amused that they still exist, so we will try and find a few of them to publish in future Newsletters. In recent years Ken has assisted with the 100 Club, preparing the Club for all manner of Social evenings, and catching the 'little bastards' (his name for Colts and Junior Members) who had not paid their subs.

PAVILION USE

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

A WORD FROM THE HEAD COACH

This winter has seen the club have two indoor coaching sessions running for a period of weeks with U11's and U13's squad. The U11's have been given more basic cricketing skills but we have seen a vast improvement from start to finish from a very enthusiastic group of kids. We run U9's and U11's squad in the summer it will be a great opportunity for some of these youngsters to put there new skills into practice on the field.

The U13's have made great progress. We have some very talented youngsters within this group. Most of the boys have had some experience in the game but this year with a bit more experience i believe they will do very well.

I must thank all coaches for there help and support on a Monday evening in running the sessions and look forward once again to working with you all in the summer.

The U15/16's have been training on a Sunday. They are a very young group this year but with the determination and will they have every chance of making it a successful season.

Muzza

CLUB APPAREL

Cricket attire in the club colours complete with the HCC crest are available in various sizes from Doug Shewring.

Old Style Shirts

(Willow)

Long Sleeve £5.00

Short Sleeve £5.00

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

Badges £1.00

Sweatbands £3.00

Prostar Tracksuits(Black)

Small size £20.00

Top only (XXL) £10.00

Brand New Duncan Fearnley cricket shoes £10.00
Size 6



CLUB WEBSITE

The Club website is back up and running thanks to the efforts of Lance Malkin. We now hopefully have a system in place that will keep the site up to date with results and information on a more regular basis so don't forget to look.

www.hornchurchcc.org

If anyone has any ideas or can assist in the administration of the website please contact Lance or any member of the Management Committee

DOUBLE INDOOR SUCCESS

Over the winter the HCC Indoor Team have gained promotion to the Havering Indoor League Premier Division.

Over Essex 40's Indoor Team were runners up in the Final at Chelmsford losing to Hutton CC
Congratulations to all who participated.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Yes folks, it's that time of year when the Treasurer rubs his hands in anticipation of all that money rolling in. We have a lot of bills to pay early season so can you please send your dues to Norman Balmford as soon as possible. For your information the Subscriptions and Match Fees have not changed since last year, for clarity:-

| Annual Subscriptions | Paid by 31.5.09 | Paid after 31.5.09 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| PLAYING MEMBERS | | |
| UNDER 18 YEARS OR IN FULL TIME | | |
| EDUCATION AT 1.5.09 | £20.00 | £26.00 |
| OTHER PLAYING MEMBERS | £60.00 | £80.00 |
| NON-PLAYING MEMBERS | | |
| ASSOCIATE MEMBERS Single | £7.50 | - |
| Family | £12.00 | - |
| YOUTH MEMBERSHIP | £5.00 | - |

| Match Fees | Home | |
|--|-------------|--|
| THOSE AGED UNDER 21 YEARS OR IN FULL TIME EDUCATION AT 1.5.09 | £5.00 | For playing both games over the weekend a reduction of 50% of the Match Fee is applicable on the second game |
| OTHERS | £10.00 | |
| YOUTH TEAMS | £3.00 | |

It must be stated that several members are still outstanding debts from last year. Whereas the Management Committee are tolerant to legitimate circumstance we will this year be pursuing those owing with even more vigour than in previous ones. We will be naming and shaming those individuals who still owe. The Club Policy is clear:- **NO PAY = NO PLAY!**

CONGRATULATIONS

At last seasons Youth Presentation Evening the following youngsters were awarded for there efforts throughout the season:-

| | |
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| <u>U11 Team</u> | |
| J. Medlock | Batter of the Year |
| K. Scarioli | Bowler of the Year |
| M. James | Most Improved Player |
| J. Medlock | Player of the Year |
| <u>U13 Team</u> | |
| G. Tiwari | Batter of the Year |
| D. O'Sullivan | Bowler of the Year |
| L. Clay | Most Improved Player |
| S. Keanley | Player of the Year |
| <u>U15 Team</u> | |
| M. Bones | Batter of the Year |
| R. Spray | Bowler of the Year |
| R. Powell | Most Improved Player |
| M. Bones | Player of the Year |
| <u>U16 Teams</u> | |
| M. Bones | Batter of the Year |
| B. Gordon | Bowler of the Year |
| J. Filtness | Most Improved Player |
| B. Gordon | Player of the Year |

Averages & STATS 2008

As promised in the last Newsletter here is a summary of last years statistics. A full breakdown of the Club Averages will be available at the start of the season.-

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| Senior Matches Played | - 147 |
| Won | - 67 |
| Drawn | - 24 |
| Lost | - 47 |
| Abandoned | - 9 |
| Number of Players | - 131 |
| Total Runs for | - 23,628 for 956 wickets (Average 24.70) |
| Total Runs against | - 22,830 for 1054 wickets (Average 21.66) |
| <u>League Positions</u> | |
| Saturday 1 st XI | - 3rd (Won 9, Lost 4, Drawn 36, Abandoned 2) |
| Saturday 2 nd XI | - 6th (Won 6, Lost 6, Drawn 4, Abandoned 2) |
| Saturday 3 rd XI | - 6th (Won 5, Lost 5, Drawn 5, Abandoned 3) |
| Saturday 4 th XI | - 2nd (Won 10, Lost 1, Drawn 6, Abandoned 1) |
| Saturday 5 th XI | - 2nd (Won 8, Lost 2, Drawn 2, Abandoned 0) |
| Saturday 6 th XI | - 6th (Won 3, Lost 7, Drawn 2, Abandoned 0) |
| Highest Innings for | - 356 for 4 vs Springfield, Sunday 2nd XI |
| Highest Inning against | - 294 for 4 vs Chingford, Saturday 3rd XI |
| Lowest Innings for | - 25 all out vs Rayleigh Fairview, Saturday 5th XI |
| Lowest Innings against | - 32 all out vs Stanford-Le-Hope, Saturday 6th XI |
| Most Runs | - 1347 - Paul Murray (893 – Michael Bones, 754 – Kym Beazleigh) |
| Highest Individual score | - 130 – Paul Murray vs Upminster, Sunday 1st XI |
| Total Hundreds | - 11 |
| Total Fifties | - 94 |
| Most Hundreds | - 5 – Paul Murray (2- M. Bones) |
| Most Fifties | - 6 – B. Gordon (5- Paul Murray) |
| Most Overs | - 220.1 - Marc Whitlock (215.4 – Richard Sherlock) |
| Most Maidens | - 53 – Jason Syms (41 - Richard Sherlock) |
| Most Wickets | - 53 – Marc Whitlock (47 - Richard Sherlock) |
| Best Bowling | - 8 for 29 – Jason Syms vs Basildon & Pitsea, Saturday 4th XI |
| Total 5 Wkts | - 22 |
| Most 5Wkts | - 3 – Jason Syms |
| Most Catches | - 12 – Luke Edwards |
| Most Wkt Victims | - 38, Paul Murray (22Ct, 16St) |

The 9th wicket partnership record from last year (77* - C. Nupier/D. Kiff) didn't last long in the record books as it was swiftly broken by R. Burd and M. Bones with a stand of 88 against Gravesend in the Evening Standard Trophy Match.

And finally the prestigious Duck Cup for 2008 goes to M. Keanley with 6 ducks in 24 Inns

“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. It is currently undergoing a complete overhaul so watch out for further news during the season. Further information can be obtained from Jackie Cubitt.

CAPTAINS 2009

Playing officials for the coming season with contact details are as follows:-

| Team | Captain | Telephone No. | Vice Captain | Telephone No. |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Saturday 1 st XI | Paul Murray | | TBA | |
| Saturday 2 nd XI | Dean Skipper | | TBA | |
| Saturday 3 rd XI | Barry Bones | | Dave Kiff | |
| Saturday 4 th XI | Alan Foxton | | Mike Rowe | |
| Saturday 5 th XI | Chris James | | Don Miller | |
| Saturday 6 th XI | Nigel Smith | | Doug Shewring | |
| Sunday 1 st XI | Paul Murray | | TBA | |
| Sunday 2 nd XI | Billy Gordon | | Michael Bones | |

YOUTH TEAMS

| Team | Manager | Telephone No. |
|-------|---------------|---------------|
| U9's | Ahsan Freed | |
| U11's | Lee Gilbert | |
| U13's | Steve Durrant | |
| U15's | Tony Walpole | |
| U16 | Barry Bones | |

EARLY FIXTURES

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|------------------------|--------------------|--|------|------|
| April 11 th | 1 st XI | Hartley Country Club CC | Away | 1.00 |
| | 2 nd XI | Hartley Country Club CC | Away | 1.00 |
| April 12 th | 2 nd XI | Hartley Country Club CC | Away | 1.30 |
| | 1 st XI | Gore Court CC | Home | 2.00 |
| April 18 th | 2 nd XI | Gore Court CC | Away | 2.00 |
| | 1 st XI | Old Southendians CC (L. Cup) | Home | 1.00 |
| April 25 th | 2 nd XI | Old Southendians CC | Away | 1.00 |
| | 3 rd XI | Old Southendians CC | Away | 1.30 |
| | 4 th XI | Old Southendians CC | Home | 1.30 |
| | BL XI | South Weald CC | Away | 2.00 |
| April 26 th | U16 XI | Hutton CC | Home | 2.00 |
| | 1 st XI | Colchester E.Essex/Chingford CC (L. Cup) | Away | 1.00 |
| May 2 nd | 2 nd XI | Colchester E.Essex/Chingford CC | Away | 1.00 |
| | 3 rd XI | Chelmsford CC | Away | 1.30 |
| | 4 th XI | TBA | Home | 1.00 |
| | 5 th XI | Hutton 6XI CC | Away | 1.30 |
| | 1 st XI | TBA | | 1.00 |
| May 3 rd | 2 nd XI | TBA | Home | 2.00 |
| | BL XI | TBA | Home | 2.00 |
| | U13 XI | Upminster CC | Home | 9.30 |
| May 4 th | U16 XI | Kelvedon & Feering CC | Home | 2.00 |

The Shepherd Neame Essex League programme for all XI's starts on May 9th with the opening opposition as follows:-

| | | | |
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| 1 st XI | - | Chingford CC | Home |
| 2 nd XI | - | South Woodford CC | Away |
| 3 rd XI | - | West Essex CC | Away |
| 4 th XI | - | South Woodford CC | Home |
| 5 th XI | - | West Essex 4XI CC | Home |
| 6 th XI | - | Wanstead CC | Away |

Note that all League matches start at 1.00pm

The earliest fixtures for some of the Youth XI's are:-

| | | | | |
|------------------------|--------|------------------------|------|------|
| April 26 th | U16's | Hutton CC | Home | 2.00 |
| May 3 rd | U13 XI | Upminster CC | Home | 9.30 |
| May 4 th | U16 XI | Kelvedon & Feering CC | Home | 2.00 |
| May 10 th | U16's | Bentley CC | Away | 2.00 |
| May 13 th | U15's | Hornchurch Athletic CC | Home | 6.00 |

The U9's fixtures don't start until 21st June and the U11's a week earlier on 14th June with fixtures against the old enemy Upminster CC

As you can see we have a full and congested fixture list and therefore require full availability. Can you therefore contact Dave Kiff with your early availability.

THE REST IS HISTORY

With a Club with such a long history as ours often little snippets of information become available from unusual sources so if anyone has any information relating to the history of the Club please contact Peter Edwards or any member of the Management Committee.

SCORERS/TEA LADIES

It is a directive from the league that all 1st XI sides have a scorer with point deductions if not present. We have of course this covered with the ever present Mrs Went, but should there be a time when she is not available we will need a stand by. We are therefore looking for scorers at all levels. So if any member can think of, or knows somebody, possible a relative or an acquaintance who wishes to be involved in a progressive Club then please let Doug Shewring. Teas will be provided and you will be rewarded handsomely (don't tell the Treasurer!). So all you can eat, watching an afternoon's cricket of the highest calibre and being involved in one of the best clubs in Essex – got to be onto a good thing!

Whilst mentioning Teas, as you are all aware we offer the best teas in Essex, nay the country. These culinary delights are prepared by Jackie who would like a little help so if you know of anyone who is willing to assist then please contact overworked Jackie Cubitt.

EDITORS COMMENT

We hope this newsletter has kept you up to date on Hornchurch CC ahead of what we hope will be a successful season both on and of the field. We have everything crossed for the England Team in the Ashes Series and must not forget that England's Women are World Champions – congratulations are extended to them.

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

