



Hornchurch Cricket Club



NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2010

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

With the bad winter thankfully now behind us we look forward to a dry and hot summer (or so the forecasters predict). We are certainly due one so hopefully the sun will shine on us and bring a bit of good fortune to Hornchurch Cricket Club.

I know at this time of year all clubs will appear optimistic but I really believe the coming season will prove successful for us in achieving our goal to get back in the Premier League. Under Captain Paul Murray's leadership the quality of togetherness, commitment and a strong desire to win which were evident last year will be even more so this year. Although we have lost Kym Beazleigh, I believe we have an adequate replacement in Simon Saviedeas, a friend of Myles Wells who has played at a high level in South Africa as well as in this country. Scott Davis is also returning, many will remember him being a more than capable batsman. We welcome both and wish them a successful season.

It is also great to have Cameron Nupier with us again this year. He is well respected at our club and such an asset to our team. Unfortunately his brother Joel will not be back this year, but Cameron is bringing a fellow Australian, Hamish, a quick bowler who will play in the second team.

With the experience Billy Gordon has gained from a winter in Australia, I believe he and the emerging Jamie Sorrell, Michael Bones and Jack Filtness will make our first team squad even stronger.

Once again we have six teams in the League this year and with a blend of experience and youth we look forward to success at all levels.

Last year I was proud to report a disciplinary free season and I sincerely hope the progress we have made as a club will continue. We want Hornchurch to be known as a club who play hard to win but know the meaning of respect for their opponents.

Our successful "Cricket for All" Programme will once again start in May. This has proved of great value to our clubs future. The success we had last season at youth level with many players progressing to our league teams is testimony to this as well as being extremely encouraging.

Paul Murray our head coach has done a fantastic job and I personally thank him and the other coaches on behalf of all members for their commitment to youth cricket. We have just completed the successful indoor net sessions during the winter where over fifty youngsters have attended. Thank you to all who have taken part in this.

May I again stress the importance of all members playing their part in our club. We all have a responsibility to commit ourselves to playing regularly and supporting our club in all it does. I have always believed we are a special sports club, both on and off the field may I wish everyone a most enjoyable season with bat, ball and the odd drink.

Good Luck!

Jeremy West - Chairman HCC.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Yet another year gone by and the season is once again upon us. As many of you know we finished 3rd **AGAIN** last year and will definitely be looking to go one better this year. The League is going to be alot tougher this year than it has been previous but I strongly believe we have the quality to do the job properly this season and finish were we should have done the last few years.

We have a couple of new additions to add to the squad this year. Simon Savidas has joined us. Simon is a South African who played cricket in the Gloucester League last year but has moved down south. Simon is a good friend of Myles and is looking forward to joining the club. Also returning to the club is Scott Davis. Scott played for the club a few years back and after having several years away from cricket is looking to return for the 2010 season. We wish the boys the best of luck and hope they score many runs.

I am also looking forward to a couple more of the youngsters pushing for a spot in the first team this year. Michael Bones and Jamie Sorrell both made there first team debut last year, and will both out to get there chance again in the season. Billy Gordon has returned from Australia where injury cut short his stay but after working hard since he has been back he is looking strong in the nets. I am looking forward to him coming on and bettering his achievements of last year.

I would also like to thank Mick Woodward who has kindly sponsored the 1st XI squad. Mick is from Essex Sports Village who have now taken over at the Aveley Fire Brigade ground where our 3rd X1 use to play. Mick has been involved in football for many years at Grays Athletic. He is new to cricket and I would like to welcome him and his family to Hornchurch Cricket Club.



Looking forward to catching up with everyone soon hope you all get many runs and wickets in the coming season.

All the best

Paul Murray – Saturday 1st XI Captain & Head Coach

CRICKET FOR ALL PROGRAMME/YOUTH CRICKET/NETS

This years CRICKET FOR ALL programme starts on Monday 10th 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 – U13's CRICKET FOR ALL PROGRAMME
Tuesday - U11/U13's Squad Training
Wednesday – Seniors/Others Net Practice
Thursday - 1st/2nd XI Squad Practice
Friday - U/15/U16's Squad Practice

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 to assist you 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.

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 31.5.10	Paid after 31.5.10
PLAYING MEMBERS UNDER 18 YEARS OR IN FULL TIME EDUCATION AT 1.5.10	£20.00	£26.00
OTHER PLAYING MEMBERS	£60.00	£80.00
NON-PLAYING MEMBERS	£16.00	-
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 1.5.10	£5.00	For playing both games over the weekend a reduction of 50% of the Match Fee
OTHERS	£10.00	is applicable on the second game
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!**

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.

THE GROUNDS & GROUNDSMAN

During the closed season the Club changed Groundsman. Chris Boniface, who has been preparing the squares both at Harrow Lodge & Fielder Sports for a number of years has been replaced by Justin Carr. Justin's first task was to level the square at Harrow Lodge which we hope will improve the results (in our favour we hope!)

A significant amount of money has been spent during the winter with new Electronic Scoreboards being installed to both the grounds & the Net facilities have had to be repaired due to vandalism. Additionally, the bowling machine has been refurbished & the Gent's toilets have been modernised.

CLUBMARK



With an exceptional effort by Dave Kiff we are pleased to announce that the club has had it's Clubmark status renewed. This confirms the Club's commitment to providing a safe, effective and child-friendly Cricket Club & has been gained after a lot of hardwork from Dave

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. As last year the lower XI's Teas were superbly prepared by Mike Droy and we thank him for his sterling efforts however, we are in need of someone for this year so if you know of anyone please let Jackie know.

CLUB WEBSITE

The Club website is full of useful information, fixtures, results & averages 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.

CLUB APPAREL – SPRING SALES

It's SALE time! Reduced prices for Club attire as listed below:-

Shirts

(Willow)

Long Sleeve £5.00 Available in sizes 44, 46, 48

Short Sleeve £5.00 Available in sizes 44, 46, 48

(Smasher)

Short Sleeve £10.00 Available in sizes XL, Small, and Youth

T-Shirt £5.00 Available in sizes XXXL, XXL, XL, Large, Medium, Small, and Youth

Shorts

(Smasher)

Red/Black £5.00 Available in sizes XXXL, Large, Medium, Small and Youth

Shirt Badges

HCC Badges £1.00

All above are available on a first come first served basis from Doug Shewring.

Also Jackie Cubitt has a small number of Tracksuits (£20.00) and Training Tops (£5.00) available

Additionally, contact Doug for Club sweaters, trousers and Caps

A complete new set of HCC clothing is available including Tracksuit, Twenty 20, and Training gear – See Paul Murray for details.

CONGRATULATIONS

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

<u>U11 Team</u>	
K. Scarioli	Batter of the Year
L. Maydell	Bowler of the Year
A. Brown	Most Improved Player
M. Gilbert	Player of the Year
<u>U13 Team</u>	
S. Keanly	Batter of the Year
H. Long	Bowler of the Year
R. Freeman	Most Improved Player
L. Clay	Player of the Year
<u>U15 Team</u>	
A. Cossington	Batter of the Year
M. Wade	Bowler of the Year
A. Nisiri	Most Improved Player
G. Tiwari	Player of the Year
<u>U16 Teams</u>	
J. Sorrell	Batter of the Year
J. Fry	Bowler of the Year
G. Tiwari	Most Improved Player
J. Filtness	Player of the Year

Averages & STATS 2009

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.-

Senior Matches Played	- 146
Won	- 65
Drawn	- 25
Lost	- 46
Abandoned	- 10
Number of Players	- 136 (103 Bowled)
Total Runs for	- 25,693 for 988 wickets (Average 26.00)
Total Runs against	- 25,547 for 1074 wickets (Average 23.79)
<u>League Positions</u>	
Saturday 1 st XI	- 3rd (Won 12, Lost 2, Drawn 2, Abandoned 2)
Saturday 2 nd XI	- 4th (Won 8, Lost 3, Drawn 5, Abandoned 2)
Saturday 3 rd XI	- 5th (Won 7, Lost 4, Drawn 5, Abandoned 2)
Saturday 4 th XI	- 2nd (Won 11, Lost 1, Drawn 4, Abandoned 2)
Saturday 5 th XI	- 7th (Won 5, Lost 8, Drawn 5, Abandoned 0)
Saturday 6 th XI	- 9th (Won 0, Lost 11 Drawn 3, Abandoned 2)
Highest Innings for	- 345 for 4 vs South Loughton, Sunday 2nd XI
Highest Inning against	- 302 for 2 vs Loughton, Saturday 6th XI
Lowest Innings for	- 59 all out vs Gidea Park & Romford/Loughton, Saturday 5th XI
Lowest Innings against	- 64 all out vs London Theatres, Sunday 2nd XI
Most Runs	- 1090 – Jamie Sorrell (1066 – Paul Murray, 1012 - Billy Gordon)
Highest Individual score	- 183 – Billy Gordon vs Horton Kirby, Sunday 2nd XI
Total Hundreds	- 17
Total Fifties	- 113
Most Hundreds	- 3 – Kym Beazleigh (2- Paul Murray, Billy Gordon, Michael Bones)
Most Fifties	- 8 – Billy Gordon (6- Jamie Sorrell, Paul Murray)
Most Overs	- 281.4 – Dean Skipper (221 – Ahsan Freed)
Most Maidens	- 50 – Dean Skipper (41 - Alan Foxton)
Most Wickets	- 55 – Dean Skipper (54 - Alan Foxton)
Best Bowling	- 7 for 41 – Craig Smith vs Westcliff-on-Sea, Saturday 1st XI
Total 5 Wkts	- 20
Most 5Wkts	- 5 – Marc Whitlock
Most Catches	- 19 – Ashan Freed
Most Wkt Victims	- 43, Paul Murray (28Ct, 15St)

The longstanding 10th wicket partnership record from 1934 was finally broken last year by Dean Skipper and Jamie Sorrell with an unbroken stand of 156 against Fives & Heronians in a 2nd XI League Match – will it be another 75 years before it's broken again?

And finally the prestigious Duck Cup for 2009 goes to George Clarke with 5 Ducks in 19 Innings. It must be noted that the 2008 recipient - M. Keanly (6 ducks in 24 Inns) continued at the start of 2009 with 2 more Ducks but made a comeback scoring 901 runs after that so keep going George.

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.

Having collated all the known Senior Matches over the past 227 years of the Clubs history it would appear that when the 7th game is played during this season we will top the 8000 mark, with 36.5% of those games as winners, 35.9% as losers. Teams breakdown for the Stato's amongst you:-

	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	Tie	Aband
Saturday 1st XI	2204	916	457	731	11	89
%		41.6	20.7	33.2	0.5	4.0
Saturday 2nd XI	1540	580	293	603	7	57
%		37.7	19.0	39.2	0.5	3.7
Saturday 3rd XI	1008	334	259	377	5	34
%		33.1	25.7	37.4	0.5	3.4
Saturday 4th XI	429	156	108	129	2	34
%		36.4	25.2	30.1	0.5	7.9
Saturday 5th XI	140	54	25	54	0	7
%		38.6	17.9	38.6	0.0	5.0
Saturday 6th XI	109	38	18	60	1	4
%		34.86	16.51	55.05	0.92	3.67
Saturday 7th XI	1	0	0	1	0	0
%		0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Sunday 1st XI	1070	366	323	323	2	56
%		34.2	30.2	30.2	0.2	5.2
Sunday 2nd XI	864	258	276	298	3	29
%		29.9	31.9	34.5	0.3	3.4
Sunday 3rd XI	270	63	74	125	0	8
%		23.3	27.4	46.3	0.0	3.0
Sunday 4th XI	2	0	0	1	0	1
%		0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	50.0
Sunday B. Lodge XI	108	40	7	59	0	2
%		37.04	6.48	54.63	0.00	1.85
Midweek	89	45	13	28	0	3
%		50.6	14.6	31.5	0.0	3.4
Tour	51	17	15	18	0	1
%		33.3	29.4	35.3	0.0	2.0
Recorder Cup/Evening Standard/ Club Cricket Conference	39	19	0	20	0	0
%		48.7	0.0	51.3	0.0	0.0
Bertie Joel Cup	30	10	0	20	0	0
%		33.3	0.0	66.7	0.0	0.0
League Cup	34	19	0	14	0	1
%		55.9	0.0	41.2	0.0	2.9
National	5	0	0	5	0	0
%		0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	7993	2915	1868	2866	31	326
%		36.5	23.4	35.9	0.4	4.1

CAPTAINS 2010

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

Team	Captain	Telephone No.
Saturday 1 st XI	Paul Murray	
Saturday 2 nd XI	Dean Skipper	
Saturday 3 rd XI	Barry Bones	
Saturday 4 th XI	Alan Foxton	
Saturday 5 th XI	Chris James	
Saturday 6 th XI	Nigel Smith	
Sunday 1 st XI	Paul Murray/Dean Skipper	
Sunday 2 nd XI	TBA	

YOUTH TEAMS

Team	Manager	Telephone No.
U9's	TBA	
U11's	Darren Proud	
U13's	Lee Gilbert	
U15's	Steve Durrant	
U16	Barry Bones	

"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.

THE A TO Z OF CRICKET

A few definitions of cricketing terms:-

APPEAL- a 250 decibel scream made to overcome the obvious congenital deafness so common in the umpiring profession.

BYE- a way of scoring a run or more by cleverly missing the ball. The umpire raises one arm as if he wants to leave the room. The wicketkeeper wishes he could.

CAUGHT BEHIND- trapped in the turnstiles.

DOWN THE LEGSIDE – wicketkeepers nightmare resulting in steely glares back to the bowler who treats it with the usual contempt.

EXTRAS- or in politer circles, sundries. Here we have the collection of no balls and byes. Extras is quite a fellow. Sometimes he is so skillful he is the top scorer of the day.

FRONT PAD SYNDROME – a disease often afflicted to opening bats & often cured by the fast bowler digging in a "short one".

There will be more in later Newsletters.

EARLY FIXTURES

April 10 th	1 st XI	TBA	Away	1.00
	2 nd XI	TBA	Away	1.00
April 17 th	1 st XI	Gore Court CC	Home	2.00
	2 nd XI	Gore Court CC	Away	2.00
April 18 th	2 nd XI	Navestock CC	Home	2.00
April 24 th	1 st XI	Chingford CC (L. Cup)	Away	1.00
	2 nd XI	Chingford CC	Home	1.00
	3 rd XI	TBA	Home	1.00
	4 th XI	TBA	Away	1.00
April 25 th	2 nd XI	South Weald CC	Away	2.00
May 1 st	1 st XI	Woodford Wells CC/Loughton CC (L. Cup)	Home	1.00
	2 nd XI	Woodford Wells CC/Loughton CC	Away	1.00
	3 rd XI	Chelmsford CC	Home	1.30
	4 th XI	Chelmsford CC	Away	1.30
	5 th XI	TBA	Away	1.00
May 2 nd	1 st XI	Sawbridgeworth CC (Conf. Cup)	Away	1.00
	2 nd XI	TBA	Home	2.00

The Shepherd Neame Essex League programme for all XI's starts on May 8th with the opening opposition as follows:-

1 st XI	–	Orsett CC	Away	– Note 12.30 start
2 nd XI	–	Leigh-on-Sea CC	Home	
3 rd XI	–	Hainault & Clayhall CC	Away	
4 th XI	–	Orsett 3XI CC	Home	
5 th XI	–	Southend-on-Sea 4XI CC	Home	
6 th XI	–	Stanford-Le-Hope 4XI CC	Away	

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

April 25 th	U16's	Goresbrook CC	Home	2.00
May 9 th	U13's	Harold Wood CC	Home	9.30
May 3 rd	U16's	Woodford Wells CC	Home	1.00
May 12 th	U15's	Havering-atte-Bower CC	Away	5.30

The U9's fixtures don't start until 23rd May and the U11's a few weeks earlier on 9th May with fixtures against Hornchurch Athletic and Gidea Park & Romford respectively.

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.

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. Above all remember to enjoy yourself – it's your hobby! If you have any comments or suggestions for the next proposed issue of the H.C.C. Newsletter, then please contact Don Miller.

