



Orpington Cricket Club

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OCC Presentation Evening 2010

For the third consecutive year the Orpington Cricket Club Annual Dinner Dance was held at Broke Hill Golf Club on Saturday 6th November 2010.

The venue, once again proved to be a huge success. For the first time in a few years, the full allocations of tickets were sold well in advance of the event – highlighting that the OCC is a club very much on the up! People were able to relax at the bar and on sofas, while others could dance the night away! As per the norm, a number of presentations and awards were made during the course of the evening, as are highlighted below.

Firstly, after our 100 club draw had been carried out by representatives from the committee, we presented cheques to those people who had won and were in attendance - In all £825 of prizes were drawn.

Following a lovely meal we moved on to the key element of the evening, presentation of the season's awards.

During the 2010 season, Terry Markell, a founder member of the club during our move to our Goddington Dene home in the early 1970s, sadly died. Terry's son, Neil, a current playing member at the club and junior coach awarded a new trophy to the club in Terry's memory, to be awarded each season to the 'most improved player'. Mike Knight was the deserving winner of this inaugural award.

Most Improved Player – Mike Knight

Over the course of the last year, David Robinson has been working extremely hard to negotiate a new, long term contract with Westcombe Park for Orpington Cricket Club to remain at Goddington Dene. It was a very long process involving reams and reams of paper and meetings, but we were delighted to announce on the evening, the signing of a new contract, meaning OCC will be based at Goddington Dene for the next 35 years! For his efforts with Westcombe Park, David Robinson was rightly presented with the highly deserved Outstanding Contribution award by Neil Bradford. Once again, on behalf of everyone at OCC, I would again like to thank David for his efforts.

Outstanding Contribution – David Robinson

This season also saw the presentation of the inaugural 'Frank Plankton Award' for the most bizarre or simply stupid moment of the 2010 cricket season. There were a number of



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relieved contenders not to have won this award, however fittingly, in his 40th and final season playing at OCC, there was really only ever going to be one winner!

The Frank Plankton Award – Keith Stockbridge

Winners of the remaining awards are listed below. Congratulations to all of you for the achievements which earned this recognition.

Batsman of the Year – Andrew Groves

Bowler of the Year – Paul Schmidt

Colt of the Year – Ben McCracken

Most Promising Youngster – Alex Graham

OCC Hall of Fame – Russ May

Outstanding Performance – Alex Watts

Top Pitch Award – Andrew Groves

In addition to the cricketing awards detailed above, we also awarded our outstanding tea makers Jim and Trudi with some flowers and other gifts. The biggest cheer of the evening was reserved for the announcement that they will continue to be providing teas at Orpington for the 2011 Cricket season.

Thanks must also be given to the all the people that helped in organising this event [Robbo, Kelly, Jon Whiting to mention but a few], it is hard work and all help is appreciated.

Away from the awards, I would also like to thank our DJ for helping us out throughout the night, and to the staff of Brook Hill who offered a supreme service with both the serving of food, and also the serving of drinks! Thanks also to Gemma and Jo for helping to shift as many raffle tickets as they did, and to the generous amounts of decent prizes that were donated to the cause. All in the entire raffle raised not far short of £600 which is clearly a tremendous achievement. In a new OCC theme – we also held the Auction of a signed Arsenal football shirt, an OCC shirt signed by West Indian Cricket Legends and a 4 ball at Broke Hill Golf Club . . . on top raising another £500 or so for the club.

See you all next year.

Chris Watts [OCC Social Secretary 2010]