



## Orpington Cricket Club

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## OCC Newsletter April 2015

### Playing

The Visa for the overseas player has been confirmed now and Sanesh de Mel will arrive during the week ending the 3<sup>rd</sup> May. We hope that he will be a good addition to the Club 1<sup>st</sup> team XI and hope that everyone takes the opportunity to welcome him to our club. We have made a big push to get the availability right this season and Chris has introduced the doodle to make things easier for people to check the coming weeks and show their commitment, early signs show good availability for the start of the season and we wish this to continue throughout the year. Can all playing members make sure that your registration forms have been returned to Gill Moffat. If you are sending this electronically all you need to do is type your name in the signed box and send back Gill.

The friendlies have just started and we wish to have a players meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May to discuss the direction of the club for this coming season, match fees and also what the captains expect from their teams. We will be entering into a T20 competition this season which will be captained by Tank, so if you wish to play please look out for when this is advertised. Please don't forget to let a committee member know when you have paid your subs.

We would like to congratulate the latest winners of the Jack Petchy award, being Adam Page for March, and to Kieran Walton for April who passed his umpiring course at the first attempt.

### Finance

We have entered a couple of award schemes which if successful will be used to enhance the playing facilities and equipment at no cost to the club (details will follow if we are successful). In addition, we have received £800 from the Jack Petchy scheme, and subs are coming in steadily.

We broke even in respect of the winter nets and have spent £100 on a contribution towards the new defibrillator recently acquired by Westcombe Park for use by all associate clubs.

Our big fundraiser this year is an end of season auction – details will follow, and it goes without saying that member support of this key event will be crucial if we are to raise the £3k targeted from this event.

### Facilities and Equipment

There was a great effort made at Moff's Natwest cricket force working party which was greatly appreciated. Jobs done included, repainting sightscreens, repairing the roll on cage, the white tarp/sheet put around the nets, the wheels put back on the covers, the scorebox cleaned and re-organising the pallets. The Colts may need to use the bottom pitch until the end of July until the top pitch is repaired. We still need to do a stocktake of the tin and test the bowling machine and along with some of the money we received from the Jack Petchy we have purchased an automatic bowling machine which comes with 48 balls.



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Again most of this would not be accomplished without the help from the members of the club so well done to everyone that took part, some photos of the work are on Instagram, so you can see the hard work done by the party.

### Social

All the social events have been confirmed for this season and you will start to see these advertised very shortly and during the course of the season, so take note of the dates early and check the fixture cards.

To kick us off will be the Golf day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July which was a great event last year at our new venue Birchwood GC.

We then have;

Quiz Night – 10<sup>th</sup> July (OCC)

The Race Night – 7<sup>th</sup> Aug (OCC)

The Chris Hora Memorial Day – 30<sup>th</sup> Aug (OCC)

The Colts Presentation / Auction - 4<sup>th</sup> Sept (OCC)

The Annual Dinner – 7<sup>th</sup> Nov (The New Inn, Hayes)

All these events were well supported last year and we wish this to continue as they are a great medium for all of us to get together and enjoy ourselves and they also contribute vital funds for the club without which we simply could not survive.

On another note if anyone has not yet had their WPRFC registration cards please contact Gill Moffat – these cards allow you to enjoy discounted bar prices so don't delay! Westcombe Park have asked that a picture is associated to each card – please could you send an electronic photo to [graham@seppings.com](mailto:graham@seppings.com) so that he can add this to your card.