



Orpington Cricket Club

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Playing

The availability for cricket still seems to be a bit sketchy at times and a lot of juggling has to be done when this occurs but we are still managing to get 5 sides out. We still need to get back to playing with our full strength sides as there are teams either pushing for promotion or fighting for relegation, so please make sure you get your availability in to the captains as soon as you can.

Just a reminder that when playing you are representing Orpington Cricket club and you should conduct yourself in the manner accustomed to what OCC stand for. Just like in any other sport the senior players are looked up to by junior members and therefore your actions should be one of an adult who has the responsibility of looking after and protecting the younger members of the club and not give off a bad perception of yourself and the club.

On a good note the colts section are really doing well with the U15's top of the league, U13's top 3, U11's won the league with a game to spare and the U14's are in the next round of the cup so the future is looking good. If you can make any of the colts' matches then it would be great to see you there supporting them.

The Jack Petchy Achievement awards continue to approve our award applications and we are pleased to report that the feedback that we are receiving is positive in respect of the recognition of young people's achievements at the club (Jan – Jun 15).



Finance

OCC have paid their annual subscription to WP. There are only a very small number of outstanding subs payments remaining due to OCC from our members – if these relate to you then please get the payments made. We have a healthy number of senior members, up from last season, and the life membership is also continuing to raise much needed revenue. Raising money is a steady process coming from various sources and events that are run during the season like the Quiz which raised over £400 for the club. A change to the gift aid scheme means that it allows us to claim small cash donations through our events during the year (of up to £20 per head). Key to the financial success of the club going forwards this season will be the annual race night (being held at OCC on Fri 7 Aug) and the end of season double extravaganza – The Colts Presentation Evening followed by the OCC Auction (OCC Fri 4 Sept). In addition, the ever popular Chris Hora Memorial day is being held at OCC on Sunday 30 Aug – another opportunity to support club fundraising in a fun environment.



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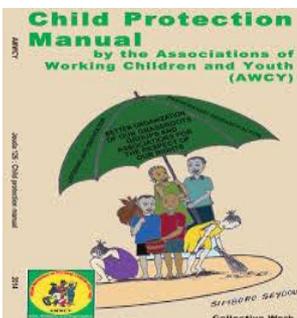
Facilities and Equipment

Due to a recent incident it has become apparent that there are insufficient cleaning products and facilities available which is being addressed with WP. Also we have noticed the state of the kitchen has at times been below par which again is something that is being addressed with WP. We do appreciate that some of the difficulties have arisen due to workmen carrying out refurbishment work within the clubhouse and everyone must be prepared to accept some minimum disruption given the longer term benefits this work will bring to all concerned. We are also conscious of the increased usage of the outfield in the Summer months, particularly re rugby training, and the negative impact this has had on the quality of the surface. Again this point is being pursued with WP.

Can we as a club please make sure that after a game if we use the outside terrace area that we clean up after ourselves and that means placing any plastic cups that we have used into the bins and food we have eaten, and any other rubbish placed in the bins which have been provided outside. It should not be left in a mess for someone else to clear up after us. This also accounts for the top pitch during games if you need to take a bin up there then please can the captains organise taking one up top and bring it back down after the game.

A Lost property area is something that the club is looking into at the moment and will liaise with WP to come up with a solution. OCC will have a noticeboard put up in the club for our information etc which will be accessible to all members. We will also put up the Chris Hora Plague on the net facility.

All those members that do not yet have your membership cards these can be found behind the Bar just ask one of the staff to get this for you and you can start enjoying cheaper prices.



Club Welfare Officer Update

Our annual accreditation process re Clubmark will shortly be upon us. As a reminder no one has filled the vacant development officer position on the OCC committee which is a significant problem, particularly in respect of development related work such as Clubmark.

We are shortly going to carry out a first aid kit stock check and anything missing will be replenished.



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The club now has a defibrillator. We are seeking reassurance from WP that this excellent addition to the facilities is accessible by our members at all times (even when the clubhouse is closed).



Social

The Quiz Night – 10th July went well and fun was had by all and I would like to say congratulations to Shirley teams for yet another successful win.

As you can see above the next social event is the race night on the **7th August** at the club which will be another great night and social event. If you have not yet got a horse and want to enter then please see one of the 6 captains or a committee member Pablo, Robbo, Steve Bradford, Wattsy, Caroline Barr, Mary, Pete Shaw or Kelly. In addition we are once again running a tri-cast predictions board. £150 will go to the winner of this competition and all for a £1 entry per square! Please seek out the board and have a couple of goes (the board is behind the bar with Clare). Let's have another fun night and raise some money for the club and support this event as I know OCC members always do. Proceedings will take place at 8pm and the bar will be open from 7pm on the night and there may also be a game on this night so watch this space.

Details will follow re the Chris Hora Memorial Day (OCC Sunday 30 Aug) and the end of season colts' presentation evening and subsequent auction night (OCC Fri 4 Sept). These are key events for the club so please book them into your diary and show your support.