



Orpington Cricket Club

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Playing

The availability for Sunday cricket has declined which is one of the issues we wanted to address this season bearing in mind what the club wants to achieve. It is apparent that the Sunday captain is only getting about 30% replies back from asking members to play on Sunday – that is unfair on Hayden and is something that we ask all members to address by replying to him in a prompt manner. In addition it is surprising and indeed disappointing that club members don't want to take the opportunity to practice their skills in a less stressful environment by playing Sunday cricket.

In regards to Sat cricket, Sanesh has arrived and despite an injury scare we hope that he will add strength to the first team. We have got 4 league sides each Saturday and soon hope to start running a 5th social side as numbers improve. Results have been mixed to date and we hope you all commit to practising hard and making yourselves available as these two things combined will help all of the sides to reach their goals.

As a reminder, subs need to be paid by 31 May 15. Anyone not paying these in full (or having made a payment plan arrangement with Steve Bradford by this date) will not be eligible for selection. You have been warned!

Finance

Our first 2 Jack Petchey award winners are Kieran Walton and Adam Page. Future winners will be announced soon. From the monies raised from Kieran and Adam we have bought some training and fielding nets, some spring training stumps from our sponsor Cook and Mathews and also a new colts bowling machine.

A Spreadsheet has been kept up to date of who has paid their annual subs and then passed to Chris Watts so that he can keep the captains informed and for Gill Moffat to arrange membership cards that have been provided by Westcombe Park. This is something that the parents of the colt's junior section can also participate which has been introduced by WP so members are able to purchase cheaper drinks when at the cricket club. Anyone wishing for more information regarding this should contact either Dave Robinson, Steve Bradford or Chris Watts.

We had several pitch hires in May (to the KCB for a schools competition) which help the finances and also create goodwill and support for our club. Thanks to Brian Lane and Ben Clarkson for overseeing the administration on these dates. We are also up and running now with our Sunday 2s side which it is hoped will increase participation rates and raise additional finance for the club.

Facilities and Equipment

We are still waiting to hear back from the grants applications that we have made through the hard work of Steve Moffat. We hope to be able to pass on good news via the next newsletter.

The New bowling machine is fine and we are happy with its performance, although we still need to test the other 2 bowling machines of which we believe one of them could just be a battery issue. One to check when there is training on Wednesday.



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We need to get back into good habits of roping off the two cricket squares – please can everyone chip in to make this happen as smoothly and easily as is possible.

Club Welfare Officer Update

Mary Mason continues to monitor the processes and procedures that we have in place and passes on regular information and updates to the committee, captains and other appropriate club members. We are thankful for the tireless work that Mary does and would remind everybody to take their responsibilities seriously in this area. For this month's reminder we would like to confirm that mobile phones should not be used in the changing rooms (at both home and away matches).

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. As you will all be aware social events, in addition to being fun opportunities to mingle and interact, also raise vital funds for the club. Your support to these events is therefore crucial.

The Golf day on the 3rd July has now been advertised and we have had responses back from members, please let Pablo know if you want to play as this was a great event last year at one of our local golf courses. The cost is £50 and includes 27 holes of golf, coffee and bacon rolls on arrival, lunch, sandwiches after the golf and of course the all important prize giving!

The Quiz Night – 10th July has also been advertised on Facebook, OCC website and also via email. So start thinking about getting your side together and let Pablo know as this is a fun night and a good social evening. 6 players per team. Who could resist the opportunity to take on teams including our Pointless superstars Brian Gallagher and Shirley Coleman?!

On another note if anyone has not yet had their WPRFC registration cards please see a committee member who will arrange for you to get this so that you can enjoy the discounted bar prices that Westcombe Park have introduced. Please send photo to graham@seppings.com so that he can add this to your card.