



Bramshaw Cricket Club



March 2015

Chairman's Chat

It is now early spring and the cricket season is nearly upon us - just 4 weeks away which means plenty of work needs to be done at the club preparing the grounds and getting the pavilion ready for the first home game on the 25th April .

The main focus for the club at present is to get the Landford Ground ready for colts training. Late last year we were able to secure the use of the ground with permission to have permanent mobile nets at the ground. The club have already paid the Parish Council for the season. We are in the process of purchasing a practice net for use by the colts and senior players. The colts will have priority over the senior players for the use of them.

Training night details will be issued shortly.

The 2015 fixture card is at the printers and will be available before the start of the season , our web site has the full list.

Senior friendlies start on 25th April
Border League begins on 5th May
Hampshire League on the 9th May
Colts games on 8th May

Congratulations to our indoor team who have won their league. Well done to all who have played.

All the various League AGMS have been attended by one or more of the committee members over the winter period. There are only minor changes within the leagues this year , mainly administrative ones.

As always each year we have to deal with a new set of regulations. Last year it was hygiene in the kitchen and club house.

This year it is the use of chemicals and pesticides used on the pitch. We now have to record their usage on the cricket square and their storage. We therefore have a lockable pesticide storage cabinet to comply with the regulations.

As said earlier we have a lot of preparation work to do to get our season up and running. So any help that any member can provide will be gratefully received. We are proposing to give the pavilion its spring clean Saturday 18th April from 2.00pm onwards. This will include a thorough cleaning of the whole clubhouse.

The setting up of the colts training at Landford is a new venture for the club and will require a lot more help to get it up and running . A small amount of help from parents mainly on training nights will help us enormously in the early stages of running this new facility.

If you would like to help please contact Zane, Arthur or Brian. Details will be posted on the website confirming what is happening when over the next few weeks.

Will all playing members please make contact with the various captains to let them know of your availability for the start of the season.

Remember we do need more playing members so if you know of anybody please bring them along to the club.

Lets hope for a sunny summer and enjoyable cricket

Arthur Stickland - Chairman.

Dates for your Diary

Nets.

Net practice has started and is taking place at Hounslowdown School on Thursday 2nd. April, Thursday 9th. April and Thursday 16th. April 7.30p.m. – 9p.m.

Pavilion Clean up

Please come and help prepare **THE PAVILION FOR THE NEW SEASON** We are getting together on Saturday 18th. April from 2p.m.

Running the Bar

This season we are looking to forming a rota of members to run the bar. If you are interested in helping with this please contact Arthur, Brian or Andrew.

Landford Academy

We are hoping to start the new Landford Academy on Monday April 13th. From 6.15p.m. to 7.15p.m. Please contact Zane for more information. We are particularly asking for parents to please give us some of their time in helping to run this Academy.

Committee Round Up

Honours Board

The Honours Board is nearing completion and will be soon in the pavilion for all to see.

Landford Academy

It has been agreed with Landford Parish Council that we can run a Landford Cricket Academy during the summer months. We are aiming to start this on Monday April 13th. 6.15p.m. to 7.15p.m. It has been agreed to buy a mobile net, a slip catching cradle and a catching net.

Fixtures

Andrew has completed the fixtures for 2015 and will soon be distributing the new card to all members. We have been very lucky with the number of sponsors wishing to advertise in the fixture card. This obviously covers a large part of the printing costs.

April Fixtures:

Saturday 25th April Club XI Hythe & Dibden Home

Sunday 26th. April Club XI Lyndhurst Away

May Fixtures

Saturday 2nd. May Club XI Knights Valley Home

Tuesday 5th. May BL OT's & Romsey A Away

Saturday 9th. May 1st XI Hambledon 2 Away HL

Saturday 9th. May 2nd XI Fawley 3 Home HL

Sunday 10th. May Club XI Rockbourne Home

Tuesday 12th. May BL Calmore Sports (A) Home

Saturday 16th. May 1st XI Parley Home HL

Saturday 16th. May 2nd. XI Parley 2 Away

Sunday 17th. May Club XI Newport Gentlemen 2.30p.m. Home

Tuesday 19th. May BL Cadnam Away

Saturday 23rd. May 1st XI Rowner Away HL

Saturday 23rd. May Shrewton 2 Home HL

Sunday 24th. May Club XI Sarisbury Home

Junior Representative

We are very grateful to the work Tom Mason has done as Junior Representative. He now feels he is too old to represent the juniors and has asked that we find a replacement. Hannah Curl has now volunteered to take over this role – many thanks Hannah.

Clubmark

This year we are due a reassessment of our Clubmark status. Brian will be meeting with Clubmark representatives through the summer.

Disability Access Project

George will soon be laying the concrete slabs at the front of the pavilion to give a level access for disabled people.

Twitter Account

James Whitcher has very kindly offered to run The Bramshaw Cricket club Twitter account. Any messages you would like circulated please let him know.

Chemicals

We now have to account for all the chemicals we use on the ground. Arthur has also created a locked storage cupboard to keep all the chemicals we use.

Player Profile – James Whitcher

Age: 22

Born: Southampton

Cricket Profile: Right hand batsman, Right arm bowler

Personal: Tall, dark and handsome.

Occupation: STILL a student studying Sports Development, but I've managed to get some work for the County Council.

Likes:

Music: The Strokes, Rolling Stones, Jamie T, Black Keys, Arctic Monkeys.

Food: Pasta, Pizza, anything Italian is amazing.

Sports Played: Used to play some football until I was about 18. I'm on the volleyball team at uni but that's for social purposes only. Not sure if I play enough to count cricket?

Sports Watched: Anything and everything.

Favourite Films: Jurassic Park, Any Given Sunday, Pulp Fiction, Wolf of Wall Street... Frozen?

Favourite Actors: Robert De Niro, Tom Hanks,

Favourite Places Visited: Blue Mountains in Australia, New York, Rome.

Colour: Green

Dislikes: Ignorance, South Africans.

Who was your boyhood hero?

James Beattie. When I was mascot for a Saints game I even got to interview him for the Echo the week before.

Tell us one thing we wouldn't know about you.

I actually enjoy cooking quite a lot, which is probably going to shock my parents.

What is the one possession you couldn't do without?

I feel like I'm naked if I haven't got my phone.

What is your most memorable cricket match?

I took 4 wickets for 1 run off 7 balls in my first 3rd XI game at Minstead., but hitting the winning 6 to win the Border League Cup a few years ago is probably the best moment. Got MoM too!

Favourite Shot?

I struggle... So any that hit the ball and don't get caught...

Do you have any superstitions?

None.

When did you start playing cricket?

When I was 14 I came down for some nets with Tom Arnold and enjoyed it too much!

If you didn't play cricket what would you do?

Probably the same as what I've been doing the past 2 years, not much! Looking forward to playing more this year!