



DARTFORD

Cricket Club est. 1727

CLUB NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2011

Welcome to the new DCC Newsletter which will be circulated monthly by email to all club members and hard copies will be on display in the clubhouse. Also accessible online at www.dartfordcc.co.uk where all news is published.

INDOOR TRAINING and NEW MEMBERS

Senior Nets are going well - the season is fast approaching and now is the time to get back in the groove. It's a good work out and we also try to have a laugh. Nets run from 10:45 till 14:00 at Acacia Hall – remember your £5!! **Last indoor session is 27 March!** There are a few new faces (and some old ones), we all know how tough it can be starting at a new club so please make everyone welcome and make sure you introduce yourself.



CRICKET WEEK

DCC cricket week returns for 2011. A great opportunity for the whole club to come together and have fun. **Monday 1st to Sunday 7th August inclusive** (and a party on Saturday 6th!) Players needed for the Weds-Friday games (3rd, 4th, 5th) so book some time off now. **We need someone (or two) to be responsible for cricket week – please speak to Jay or Alex.**

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If you have any news or are interested in helping with this newsletter please get in touch, during the season we would like match reports from all games and plenty of pictures taken so if you're the next David Bailey (Pav Man) drop me an email: cranie123@googlemail.com

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NEW CLUB SPONSORS!

Without the support of our sponsors, running our club would be an even harder challenge. Please welcome our new sponsors and show them your support! We now have Renault Retail Group, Orchard Garage, Green Spice and Willostix! If you have your own business or know any companies who may be interested in the wide range of exposure we can provide, please speak to Jim or Alex.



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FUND RAISING and SOCIAL EVENTS

There will be an events schedule for 2011 circulated in the April edition of the newsletter. The first two fund-raisers and socials to be aware of are:

Real Ale Night - Friday 25 March.

A very popular night run by Dave Hill which many of our members attend. Would be good to see some junior parents there if you like your ale?! It is a ticket only event so please contact Dave for more details on 07812 476512 if you are interested.



Race Night - Friday 29 April at 7pm.

Lots of fun for all the family, please come along and enjoy yourselves! Tickets from Spencer and Alex, see website for details.

DAZZLA'S DIARIES ON YOUTUBE

New club captain Jay Dassrath has posted his latest video diary (number 4) on YouTube. They are well made and very funny with lots of banter aimed at our members in the senior section. Look forward to more of these in the season.

LUCOZADE PLAYER OF THE WEEK



New for 2011, an award presented by Jay at the end of each indoor senior training to the individual who has put in a lot of effort that week. Winners of the coveted golden bottle so far: Bakes, Rhino, Clarkey, Rishan, Earl, Sunny, Beef and Joe. Keep it up fellas!

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NATWEST CRICKET FORCE – SATURDAY 16 AND SUNDAY 17 APRIL AT 10AM

Probably the most important day(s) in the year is for Cricket Force – get it in your diaries now! We are progressing plans for a new pavilion at Hesketh Park but in the meantime we have a very long list of mini-improvement projects we want to achieve this year at the current pavilion. The more people and pairs of hands the better – we need everyone, juniors, parents, any family or friends to come along and help us. The day is about coming together and improving our facilities. Refreshments will be available (breakfast, teas/coffees, BBQ, and bar open!).

Questions:

Do you work for Natwest or know anyone that does? Do you have your own company or work for a company that can provide or donate materials or equipment to the club to help refurbish the interior and exterior? Showers, toilets, changing rooms, hall, lounge, kitchen etc. For example, it would be great to replace the outdated curtains in hall and lounge with new modern blinds – do you know anyone who can donate these?

More details will be coming around soon, please get thinking about ways you can help. Make sure the whole day is in your diary! If you can't make both days please come along for one day or even a few hours. It will make a huge difference.

Please let Fitzy know if you can make it, this will help prioritise jobs on the day – email

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WHY CHANGE TO JUNIOR ACADEMY?

Many of you will be wondering why have we changed and what will be different? Alex has taken on the role heading up the junior section from Surge and the whole philosophy will be based on two principles.

1 - To provide excellence in what we do and our coaching for our juniors. Over the last 12 months we have been busy putting together a top experienced coaching team – one of the strongest around!

2 - But more importantly, help you all have fun and enjoy playing.

Historically DCC have always been a strong quality junior section, it is something we are renowned for. Many of our juniors have represented District, Kent, and even England in the past.

Recently Alex has been looking to build even better links with local schools – especially primary schools to encourage boys and girls aged 6-11 to start playing. If you have any contacts or ideas please let him know.



The aim is to re-establish Dartford as a centre of excellence for Cricket and the place of choice.



PARENTS – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The club has about 60 adult members, and 75-100 juniors. That means the juniors make up more than 50% of the club – shows how important you are!

There are many ways you can help – be a parent representative on the Academy Committee, help on match days with umpiring or scoring, provide sponsorship or put us in contact with friends or family who may help with sponsorship.

Your profession or skills are also very likely to be a great help to us as we develop the club and plan for the future!

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FANTASY CRICKET 2011

Webby and Jay are planning to run fantasy cricket again. BUT, some people who entered last year still owe money – unless paid it will not go ahead! Please speak to Webby asap!

ACADEMY TEAM MANAGERS

We have Chris Lawrence at u11, James Fitzgerald at u15, and Paul Smyth at u16. Leaves just u13s vacant. We need someone to come forward – you will receive the full support of the coaching team, please speak to Alex or Lee if you are interested.

SATURDAY 5TH XI CAPTAIN

We have welcomed lots of new faces to the club so will field 5 Saturday teams. This important side will give youngsters a further opportunity to play adult cricket. Interested? Please speak to Jay or Alex.

UMPIRES / SCORERS

The club always needs umpires and scorers for all Academy and Adult sides. Full training can be provided if you are not familiar with the roles. No game can take place without them! Contact Alex for more info.

AGM UPDATE – WHO'S WHO?

Club AGM for 2010 was postponed in December due to the snow. The re-arranged date was 30th January and there was lots discussed! Notes of the AGM will be circulated with the pre-season circular, but here is a quick summary of personnel changes for this year:

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| President: | Mike Cullingham |
| Chairman: | Jim Lowrie |
| Vice Chairman: | Neil Wilson |
| Treasurer: | Lynne Hill |
| Secretary: | Pat Lippiatt |
| Fixture Secretary: | James Fitzgerald |
| Child Welfare Officer: | Pat Lippiatt |
| Committee Members: | Dave Hill Alex Farmer Lee Crane Kevin Webb James Fitzgerald |
| Chairman of Cricket: | To be confirmed |
| Academy Director: | Alex Farmer |
| 1 st XI Captain (inc comps): | Jay Dassrath |
| 1 st XI Vice Captain: | Steve Silver |
| 2 nd XI Captain: | Kevin Webb |
| 2 nd XI Vice Captain: | Shaun Parker |
| 3 rd XI Captain: | Surge Birring |
| 3 rd XI Vice Captain: | James Fitzgerald |
| 4 th XI Captain: | Peter Hughes |
| 4 th XI Vice Captain: | Malcolm Stroudley |
| 5 th XI Captain: | To be confirmed |
| Sunday XI Captain: | Ryan Carter |

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NEW NIKE CLUB KIT

Now available to buy through online shop for juniors and seniors. Full range of playing kit will be available to pre-order soon, so why not get your club and training wear now? Doubles up as great leisure wear too!

Please check the sizing guide and orders will be delivered within 21 days!



2011 FIXTURES OUT NOW

Senior and Junior fixtures are now out – please check the website for more info! The 3s and 4s fixtures will be announced shortly. Also keep your eyes open for the Friendly fixtures, the dates and venues will be on the website in due course.



NEW NETS AT HESKETH

The nets were badly damaged by the heavy snow in December and the club has recently been informed by the insurers that they will be replaced. We are taking the opportunity to re-lay the surface foundations of the nets to ensure an excellent first class quality facility for all. The nets will be ready for use again at the start of April and there will also be a roll on cage for grass wicket practice.

