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DARTFORD CRICKET CLUB

CLUB NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2012

With only a few weeks to go until the start of the league season it's a busy time for all at the Club.

Now that the season is upon us, the website will be bursting with news and events so please keep checking to make sure you don't miss anything.

If you have anything you want published in the newsletter please email lee.crane@dartfordcc.co.uk

2012 Event	Date	Time
Redevelopment meeting with Jeremy Kite (DBC)	Sat 14 th April	10am
Membership day & interclub game	Sat 14 th April	11:30am
Pre-season friendlies	Sat 21 st & 28 th April	1pm
Conference Cup 1 st Round	Sun 6 th May	1pm
Race Night	TBA (May/June)	
Asda Kwik Cricket (Dartford Schools)	Thurs 31 st May	10am
Ian Rossiter Testimonial Match	Mon 4 th June	11am
MP Charity Cricket Festival	Sunday 1 st July	10am to 5pm
Lashings	Friday 6 th July	1pm
Academy Presentation Night	Sat 1 st September	7:30pm
Dinner and Dance	Sat 6 th October	7pm
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Sun 9 th December	12pm
Christmas Party	Sat 15 December	7:30pm

This Month....

- DCC '200' Club Lottery
- Re-development Meeting
- New Kit Online
- Who's Who
- Stump Sponsor
- New Website
- Match Reports & Photos

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200 CLUB LOTTERY RESULTS

I am pleased to announce the winners of The March “200” Club draw as:

1st Prize (£100.00) - George & Janet Parker

2nd Prize (£25.00) - Stan & Sheila Snowdon

We still need more entries for this club fundraising event so if you have not yet entered please complete the standing order form on the website.

So far we have awarded prizes of £345.00 so please support us. The lottery will run right through until December so there is plenty more draws left to go.

REDEVELOPMENT MEETING

As highlighted in Jim’s Pre Season report there will be a meeting with Jeremy Kite at **10.00am** on the **14th April** at Hesketh Park. It is vital that everyone attends this meeting as Jeremy will be updating club members on how the re-development is progressing and what we as a club need to do to turn these plans into reality.

The 14th April is also the Clubs Annual “Signing on Day” and Inter Club Friendly, So be prepared with your cheque books and Playing whites.

NEW KIT AVAILABLE

Here are some examples of the new club kit available from our club shop. These items are available to order immediately and will be dispatched within 21 days.



DCC Caps will be available from the Tuck Shop and the Bar from the 14th April at £14.99



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WHO'S WHO – CRAIG PARTRIDGE

So, who am I? Good question. Apart from being the chubsy that eats all the tea before anyone gets a look in, I am one of the adult playing members in the club - noted for my bowling as the rest of my game leaves a lot to be desired. I have been a Dartford CC playing member for around 6 years now - although if you take into account the time I have spent 'crooked' on the sidelines, I may have played just over one season for the mighty Darts! Yes, I am 28 going on 65...



I am not a man of Kent, nor a Kentish man. I was in fact born and bred in Bermondsey, SE London. My family moved out to Dartford in 1991, which was an improvement back then! I studied at Dartford Grammar School, which has produced plenty of DCC legends over the years - not that I include myself in the previous statement. I first represented the school's 1st XI at the age of 15, my most notable performance was probably bowling in the Kent Cup against Bexley Grammar, finishing with figures of 8 ovs - 5 mdns - 5 for 5 (including 4 wickets in 4 balls). Although our side never won this competition, we got to the Semi finals one year, which was a real shame considering the side we had (Myself, Mark Jobling, Ross Hallam, Chris Round, Chris and Alex Pinnock, Steve Richards to name but a few).

My cricketing career however began when I was 12/13 years old at a small non-league side, Prospect Park CC (now merged with Bexley Park CC), following both my brother and then my old man in joining. Since there was no colts section, I was thrown straight in at the deep end. It will come as no surprise to most, I didn't really get any coaching when growing up, and had to learn by putting in the hours bowling/batting in games and in the nets. The club moved into the Kent Regional Cricket League structure in 2003, and in my first league season I was named as the leagues Young Player of the Year - Fitzzy's face said it all when he saw that written in the Kent League handbook! A few years later I was 'tapped up' by Nosey soon after we had played a few Sunday friendlies together, which led me to where I am today.

As far as cricketing achievements go, one of my biggest when growing up was representing the Club Cricket Conference when I was 19 yo against a touring Australian side @ the then newly built Kent ground in Beckenham - needless to say we were turned over good and proper... but hey, it's all part of the learning process, right? My greatest moment playing for DCC came a couple of seasons back when we won the 2nd XI div 1 title on the final day of the season. Other than that, I have been the 2nd XI POTY twice now which came as a huge surprise on both occasions - however, it is nice to know that on some level your performances on the pitch are appreciated by your fellow team members.

So, up to the present day. I am now sitting on the Committee which is a great honour, and I hope that in the months (and perhaps years to come), I can make a positive impact on the club. Outside of cricket, I work as a Stock Condition Surveyor for Southwark Council (sounds fancy, it really isn't). I am a massive Arsenal fan, and try to get up there whenever I can afford to.

Not really much more to say, I've rambled on as it is - Here's to a successful season, promotions and league titles all round!

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(oh, I forgot to say I also played for Bexley CC for one season... don't hold that against me!)

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NEW STUMP SPONSOR

We are pleased to announce that Stanford Cricket Industries have agreed to become our stump sponsors for the 2012 season.



<http://www.stanford.in/index.html>

A big thank you to Ian Sels for arranging this with Stanford. Another step forward to making Hesketh Park look fantastic on match days.

MATCH REPORTS & PHOTOS

This season I am hoping to include detailed match reports in the Monthly newsletter. If you are interested in compiling reports for the matches you are involved in please email me at lee.crane@dartfordcc.co.uk

We also need some up to date pictures for our library, so this season bring your cameras and snap away at any time. I may even be tempted to run a photography competition if there is enough interest.

Please send your pictures to the above email address.

WEBSITE FACELIFT

Over the past few months we have been in the process of completely redesigning and updating the Club's website.

The current site has served us well but as the club evolves and grows the website becomes a key tool for keeping members informed and external stakeholders engaged with our activities, and so we need a site that is better able to adapt to our changing needs.

We are moving the website to a new content management platform that, essentially, does a number of things:

- Offers us more functionality and enhanced navigation
- Gives us more control over the content and structure of the site makes it easier and quicker to update or change
- It will allow us to expand and adapt the site in future without requiring expert or technical knowledge

The new website also features an enhanced design and the new Club banner that will become the brand identity of the club going forward – reflecting the club's history but with a more contemporary 'look and feel'.

Finishing touches are still being made to the new website – we will send out a further notice when it goes fully live. Please check it out and let us know what you think. You can send any questions, comments or suggestions to: news@dartfordcc.co.uk.

Cheers

Tim Clark