



DARTFORD

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CLUB NEWSLETTER – MAY 2011

Welcome to the May edition of the DCC newsletter. The Pre Season Friendlies went very well and all teams have notched up wins. As always keep checking our website www.dartfordcc.co.uk for the latest updates.



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Now that the 2011 season is upon us I would like someone to come forward and be responsible for collating the match reports of each game. If you are interested in this role and feel you have the capacity please contact me at cranie123@googlemail.com. Any queries please feel free to get in touch.

THE SEASON BEGINS

After all the anticipation the season has finally begun. Lets hope that all of the hard work put in by the majority of our members pays off and we see positive results for the Darts.

I wish you all a very productive season and look forward to sharing a drink or two with you. A big thank you goes to Alex for all his hard work throughout the winter, I know its been testing for him but this club would not function as well as it does without someone like Alex.

Remember to get the match reports and pictures across to me for inclusion in the newsletter.

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SOCIAL EVENTS – SUNDAY 12TH JUNE

On Sunday 12th June 2011 Dartford Cricket Club is proud to announce it will be hosting a cricket match celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the British Royal Legion. A DCC side will be up against local dignitaries including MP for Dartford Mr Gareth Johnson. The 20/20 match will commence at 1PM at the Royal Hesketh, the bar will be open all day, please come and support this event and show what a great club we are.



OUTDOOR TRAINING

Outdoor Training for Seniors has now started on Wednesday nights 18:00 till 20:00. If you cant make it please inform Jay or Kevin. There are lots of new faces at the club this season so please don't jeopardise your selection by missing training. Clarke has big plans for this year lets show him we are up for it by working hard at training. Adam will also be available for 1-1 sessions throughout the season. Please contact Adam direct for further details

BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Kevin and Karen with the Birth of Finley James on Tuesday 3rd May.

CUP MATCH – SUNDAY 29TH MAY

Dartford host Premier League side Lordswood in the second round of Conference Cup at Hesketh Park, 1pm start!

Please come along and enjoy the game and support the Darts in their bid to make the 3rd round draw!

INTER CLUB FRIENDLY MATCH

The Interclub Friendly was well attended and a decent game saw good performances. In particular Dan Supple who opened the second innings and went on to score his maiden Hesketh Park 50.

A NEW APPOINTMENT

This week Harry Bell was appointed the official Academy Liaison for DCC. This Junior role within the club is a new idea from both the General Committee and the Academy Committee. We are hoping that this new position will allow members of our Academy to voice any concerns they have through Harry so they can be raised with senior Officials. We also hope that bringing Harry into this position will give him an insight into the workings of the club and provide him with some development opportunities. If you have any issues regarding the Academy please feel free to raise them through Harry.

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CHARITY BIKE RIDE

All,

Firstly apologies if we haven't spoken (before or for ages) but I hope you'll forgive me for trying to 'cast my net' as wide as possible when you see the purpose of the mail. After many years of sitting on the sidelines and watching others I have decided that the time is right to get off my proverbial wotsit and do something for a good cause so myself and a few current and past club members have entered the London to Brighton bike ride (54 miles of fun I'm told!?) in June.

Having done a few miles in training and driving to Brighton yesterday I am now realising the potential enormity of the task ahead for me (and that I need a more padded seat!) and the purpose of this email is to ask for your support and encouragement by way of donations.

We have set up a just giving site so you can also add your words of encouragement (or abuse!), link below, and I'm pleased to the 'team' have agreed that the majority of the money will go to my chosen charity of The Parkinson's Society. The reason I chose The Parkinson's Society is that I lost my dad in May last year and as he devoted nearly 50 years of his life to making sure my mum, who suffers from Parkinson's, was well looked after, so I see supporting them as a way of extending this legacy.

We also hope to allocate up to 25% to The Cricket Club, a cause close to the hearts of all those participating for obvious reasons. The reason I say 'hope' is that we are looking to register the club as a Community Amateur Sports Club which allows us to claim gift aid in the same way as a registered charity. As you may or may not know we are embarking on a period of sustained and intense fund raising to help redevelop (long overdue) the pavilion and will have to raise in the region of £500,000 over the next 4-5 years so we have a considerable amount to do.

For those who aren't familiar with the club, it is used for a number of sporting groups and for other recreational events including able bodied and disabled archery clubs, a slimming club and of course cricket all of which will be severely affected should we no longer be able to use the pavilion. As well as providing cricket facilities for 50+ adults, local schools and district associations we have our own junior academy providing games and coaching to over 100 kids (9-17), teaching them the skills & discipline of team sport as well as keeping them fit. As a club we work very closely with the local authority and a number of schools in the area and are keen supporters of local and national causes As an example we are hosting a game in conjunction with our local MP in aid of the 90th anniversary of the Royal British Legion in June. This time though we are hoping to be the beneficiary of people's kindness and generosity

If you do feel able to support us then please use the link below and if there is anyone not copied in here that you think may be interested in helping us please feel free to send this on. There are a few photo's of the motley crew on our fund raising page already and I'm sure more will be added over the next couple of months, I can't however vouch for what ends up on there!

Thanks for your time
Gower (Jim)
Chairman
Dartford Cricket Club

<http://www.justgiving.com/BearsBikers01>



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NATWEST CRICKET FORCE

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th April saw the cricket season get underway at Hesketh Park with two club days and a range of events taking place.

Natwest Cricket Force 2011 kicked off on Saturday with a small army of helpers tackling a variety of improvement projects around the ground! Here's the highlights:

Pavilion clock tower got a much needed coat of paint – thanks Spencer and Ada!

Pavilion front painted – thanks juniors; Harry, Jack, Sam, Freddie and John

Sightscreens painted and repaired with new steel bases – well done Dave and team (variety of helpers, thanks Ian, Tim, Bill, Nev, Ken, Farms, Fitzy, Craney, Rhino, Amarit, Adam, Nina and Connor)

Scorebox – cleaned inside and out, plus a makeover from green to cream! – thanks Rosie, Pat, team 1 of MLR, Supple, Rishan, replaced by team 2 of Fitzy, Ken, Bill and Farms

Home changing room – a good tidy out and clean, looking more spacious now – thanks Diane and Craney

Equipment room – old boiler room has been completely cleared of junk and all the equipment from the home changing room has been moved – thanks Craney and Bakes.

Pavilion windows and wooden doors – cleaned for the first time since the war was one remark I had heard! Thanks Tim and his helpers Nicola and Michelle.

Groundsmans hut – felt roof repaired – thanks Jim.

Outfield cleared of rubbish – thanks Michelle, William and Josh!

Chairs cleaned – well done Clarkey, we knew you could do something useful!

There were plenty of others helping out, so thank you to everyone for your support.

Sunday saw Cricket Force continue on a smaller scale with just the sightscreens project the main challenge to finish! Craney, Fitzy, Dave Hill, a few Academy Parents and myself were present.

Junior Academy training for 6-16 year olds took place in the afternoon enabling the parents to kick back and enjoy the sunshine!

Although this is the best attendance we have had over the past 3 years of Cricket Force, we are still noticing the absence of a few senior members, this is your club guys please get involved!!!



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PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY REPORTS

1st XI Home v Bexley

A 1st XI match against Bexley without some of the new signings and usual faces was always going to be a challenge. Jay won the toss and put us in the field trying to give our bowlers some much needed pre season practice. Bexley were strong from the off scoring quickly from some pretty poor bowling. Eventually reaching 272-3 off 40 overs. We all knew this would be a tough target to beat. After the break Jay and Adam opened the batting against the Premier Division Clubs opening attack, early wickets fell and it was left to Sunny Birring (62*) and Lee Crane (29) to try and get us somewhere near the 272 mark. Darts finished on 144-6 off losing by 128 runs. We will take the experience of this match away and hope to improve over the season.

<http://dartford.play-cricket.com/scoreboard/scorecard.asp?id=11259892>

2nd XI Home v Bromley Common

The 2s Played Bromley Common at the Royal Hesketh on a blistering hot day, on winning the toss Gower put us in to bat. Randy and Joe both fell cheaply and it was up to Garry Cooke to get us to a decent total. He obliged with a very good 101*. Darts were 213-4 at the conclusion of our 40 overs. After the break we went into the field and continued our good form, Ashley Perera taking 3-25 and Mark Collier 3-7. Darts went on to bowl Bromley Common out for 125 making the winning margin 88 runs. A great start to the season in front of a large crowd.

<http://dartford.play-cricket.com/scoreboard/scorecard.asp?id=11265150>

Below is the link to the Results on Play Cricket.

<http://dartford.play-cricket.com/scoreboard/results.asp>

Guys, as you can see the match reports are a bit thin on the ground, I desperately need someone to come forward to collate the reports, please contact me this week if you feel you can help me out.

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HARRY BRIGHT HONOURS BOARD

The Harry Bright Jnr Honours board is a new feature in the pavilion from 2011. The Board presented at the club dinner has been installed as a tribute to Harry for his many years of service as a player and particularly as Chairman over the past 10 years to Dartford Cricket Club.

To be awarded a place on this Honours board you must take 5 wickets or score a century in either a Kent League or Conference Cup fixture. It is a **real** honour to have your name added to this board as it will be part of the clubs history for many years to come. I wonder who will be first? It was no surprise to see Garry Cook, one of the club's finest players in recent years, be first on the board with a superb 106 not out vs Catford on 14th May!



CLUB KIT

The New match day club kit is now available through the club web shop. We have been working hard behind the scenes to get the designs right and I think we are finally there.

A big thank you goes to our Chairman Jim Lowrie for keeping on top of this and finally getting the right result.

Remember you can order your kit throughout the year it does not have to be in one order.

With regard to sizing it has become apparent that the playing shirt comes up very small please keep this in mind when ordering.

We are looking to add more items through out the season so keep checking the websites. Any queries with any of the kit speak to either Jim or Ian Sels.



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LAST MAN STANDING

How well do you know your Kent League Cricket ?

Can you pick a winning team week after week until you are the Last Man Standing ?

The rules are simple.

You'll be given the fixture list for the 6 1st XI divisions each week.

You have to try and select a team you feel will win their fixture.

If they win (or get a winning draw) then you are through to the next round.

If they lose, lose/draw or tie then you are out.

Any result other than a win (or win/draw) will result in elimination.

If your fixture is abandoned then you will progress to the next week.

Sounds simple ? There's a catch. You are not allowed to pick the same team twice.

So if you think Bromley will beat Sevenoaks on the 7th May, and your prediction is correct, then you will not be allowed to select Bromley for the rest of the competition.

Your selection for each week should be emailed to lastman_dcc@hotmail.co.uk

The fixture list for each week will be emailed out from the same address.

A spreadsheet will be compiled and will be sent out to everyone prior to the weekend of the games.

A cut off date of Friday lunchtime before that weekends fixtures will be sent and should give everyone ample time to email their selection over. Anyone that fails to select a team by the cut off time will have a team selected for them.

This team will be one that is felt will **LOSE** that weekend.

So if you don't want that team, then get your selections in.

The entry fee is £10 and the prize money will be half the total stake.

So, if 50 people take part then £250 will go to the club and £250 will go to the winner.

The winner will be the last person left in the competition.

However, for example, if there are 4 people left after a few weeks, and they are all eliminated at the same time then they will be declared joint winners and the money will be shared.

Alex Fox will be the main contact point for this competition so if you have any queries regarding this please contact him direct on the above email address.

Alex has requested some help to collate the scores and results so if you have the capacity please contact him **ASAP** on the above email address.

The first league fixtures are next week to please ensure that your entry is confirmed by the 6th May. A circular will be available at the club so please take one.

Further details and updates will be available on the website in due course.