

Eastwood Cricket Club

Newsletter

Welcome

Herewith the initial newsletter of the 2012 season which the intention is to produce on a regular basis during the upcoming season. It will be largely circulated by e-mail although hard copies will be available in the clubhouse. Please therefore ensure your contact e-mail is accurate on the web-site.

AGM

For those members who were unable to attend herewith a copy of the minutes:-

Eastwood Cricket Club - Minutes of AGM

12th February 2012

Present: Graham Fletcher, Kevin Robinson, Alaric Wade, John Harper, Brian Burns, Trevor Harp, Neil Mason, John Mitchell Sr, Dan Fullarton, Dave Howe, George Howe, Andy Creasey, Ian Roake, Ashley Long, Owen Mosse, Oli Harp, James Drabble

Apologies: Sean Worrall, Stuart Coussins, Jamie Sanford, Luke Harp
The minutes from last year's AGM were agreed as correct.

Chairman's report

Graham gave a report on the season from his view, including:

- Clubmark review successful - Thanks to committee members who helped
- Funding for outdoor nets hard to come by
- Grant in place till November 2012
- Club members must ensure their match subs are up to date
- Sunday cricket we need more players - fixtures also an issue
- Disappointing seasons for 1st and 4th XI, 3's wrong end of table.
- Good season for the 2's. Well done to Paul Heath for his admin as well.
- Youth member numbers down in 2012 for under 11's and 13's
- Tour to Eastbourne in 2012
- Targets for 2012 outdoor nets and improved League performances.

Secretary and Treasurer's report

Kevin and Trevor gave their views on the season from a playing and financial point of view.

Election of Officers

The following were elected for the 2012 season:

Chairman – Graham Fletcher

Secretary – Kevin Robinson

Treasurer – Trevor Harp

Fixture Secretary – Alaric Wade

Team Secretary – Kevin Robinson (assisted by captains)

Membership Secretary – Neil Mason

Social Committee – Richard Ackery, James Drabble, Dan Fullarton, Neil Mason (possibly Mike Dineen as well)

Press Secretary – Ian Roake

1st XI captain – Dan Fullarton

2nd XI captain – Paul Heath

3rd XI captain - Dave Howe

4th XI captain – Ashley Long

Sunday captain – no candidates

Evening league captain – Richard Ackery

Youth Development Officer – Neil Mason

Child Welfare Officer – Kevin Robinson

Committee Members – John Mitchell Snr, all captains and club officers

Cricket Development Officer – Graham Fletcher

Subs and Match Fees

It was agreed that subs would be raised to the following:

Full members - £50 (£35 if unwaged)

16-18 year olds - £15

Under 16s – no subs

The subs would include a free ticket to the end of season presentation event.

Match fees will remain unchanged at £11 for adults and £6 for unwaged / under 16s.

AOB

There was a discussion on the future of Sunday cricket at Eastwood. For the last couple of years we have struggled to get a side out and have had to call off several fixtures. We have 8 fixtures arranged for 2012 and it was agreed that we should not look for any more this year. We will try to fulfil those we have arranged but it will depend on player availability. No further decision was made.

2012 SEASON

We enter the season on an optimistic note the 1's to regain their spot in Div 2 the 2's to gain the promotion they narrowly missed last season and most importantly more settled sides in the 3's and 4's and get out of the lowest divisions.

To that end the Friendlies get underway on April 21st with a visit to Aythorpe Roding followed on the 28th with two home games against Rayleigh and Tillingham. The league gets underway on May 5th with the 1's entertaining Boreham the 2's at Woodham Mortimer and the 3's and 4's against Wickham 1's and 2's respectively (hopefully they will be minus their Irish World Cup player).

Please therefore make sure your availability is entered on the website.

On the subject of availability as you may be aware the club in line with many others in the area is particularly short of players on a Sunday if you know anybody interested in playing on Sunday or you yourself are please let the Team Secretary know.

As with other seasons the club will be looking to run a number of social events during the season these will include the hugely

successful Cricket Week in early August, a six- a-side competition. The club have also been selected to host the U11's Piri Piri Kwik Cricket festival in May (more details to come).

Obviously it vitally important club members and friends support these events.

DEVELOPMENT

During the winter informal discussions have taken place about the possibilities of improving/extending the Club House facilities and/ or the wooden pavilion in order to bring this about the club would need to obtain funding and while certain avenues are being explored any ideas from the membership is always welcome.

Annual Subscriptions and Match Fees 2012

The Members present at the Club AGM set the Annual Subscription and Match fee rates at the following levels for the 2012 season:-

Match fees (remain unchanged for 2012)

Adult playing member playing Saturday or Sunday
£11

Weekend rate for Adult playing both Saturday and Sunday
£17

Youth players playing adult cricket, unwaged members or those in fulltime education £6

Annual Subscriptions

Adult playing member playing Saturday or Sunday
£50*

Unwaged members or those in fulltime education
£35*

16-18 years
£15

Annual subscriptions are now due for the 2012 season and should be paid by 31st May 2012.

* The AGM agreed a resolution that Annual Subscriptions should be increased by £20 for all members over 18 years of age but the Subscription will now include a free ticket to the Club's end of season Presentation Dinner Dance, currently scheduled to be held on 28th September 2012.

Online Registrations

Online registration **MUST** be completed by **ALL** members of the Club and is a condition of Club membership, if you do not have online access, or require assistance, please contact your captain or any Club Officer who will be happy to help.

Registration enables the Club to keep our membership database up to date and must be updated annually, this is a requirement to enable the Club to fulfil our Clubmark accreditation and is not only beneficial to the Club but also to the members as we can ensure that you all receive the latest news and communications from the Club. Up to date contact details are essential so that the Club can contact you regarding selection details and also with any late changes.

During the registration process you will be given choices as to how you wish to pay your Annual Subscriptions which will make it easier for the Membership Secretary and Treasurer to track and maintain records.

Registration is very simple and straightforward.

Just go to the Club website:- www.eastwoodcc.hitscricket.com then hover over Club Membership in the left hand menu, this will then give a box to the right. In this box click on Online Membership which will open the registration page, go to the bottom of the page and choose the membership option which applies to you and then follow the screens through to completion, you will be prompted for all the information we require. Following your successful registration you will receive a confirmation e-mail, when we have

received your Annual Subscription payment you will also receive a confirmation e-mail for your records.

Once you have registered you can access your registration and account by following the same process as above but just click on Membership Log-In and use the details in your confirmation e-mail.

Website:

www.eastwoodcc.hitscricket.com

Match Selection

Eastwood Cricket Club aims to be fair to all members in selecting the team for league, midweek and friendly fixtures.

Players must be registered and this includes paying that season's subs, to be selected for league games.

Selection priority will go to players who have registered and paid subs.

Please remember that the club requires subscription fees to cover your insurance and essential equipment for the game.

It is important that players include their details on the website and update their availability as it changes. This is the information that the captains will use to pick the team.

With an increasing numbers of teams and lots more players, this becomes increasingly important. If you do not have web access or have limited access please telephone the captains who will update your availability for you.

Please ensure the website has your up to date details and log on. To record your availability, please log on to the website by entering your username and password and click

on the Availability button (top right of middle).

Team selection is made via the website and an email/text is sent to those selected.

It is important that you confirm your place in the side ideally via the website or by telephoning the captain as soon as you can.

If your availability changes following confirmation you must inform the captain as soon as possible so a replacement can be found.

If you assign yourself as 'unavailable' but then subsequently become available, please advise the captain but don't assume that there is still a place in the team available.

Youth Section

Winter training continues at SHSB until the end of April when we will continue training outdoors at Belfairs. We will confirm dates and times nearer the date.

Youth matches start with a friendly against Westcliff for the U15's on Monday 30th April, with the league starting on Sunday 6th May for the U13's. The U15's first league match is a home tie against SOSEMT on the 10th May. All the youth fixtures are available for you to view on the website.

Please make sure your details are up-to-date on the main website as all communications for the matches will be via email. Please see the Match Selection item above.

Memories

Brian Burns has very kindly provided me with a substantial amount of club memorabilia dating back to the early eighties which I

am gradually reviewing with a view to publishing extracts in future newsletters.

As a start my eye caught Eastwood Chronicle of May 16th 1989 written by one Nigel Armitage who as many recall had a somewhat caustic pen particularly as far as my batting was concerned.

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Quote

I had new man Ian Roake (ex Thorpe Bay) to thank as he scored a cultured 85 off 113 balls.

Unquote

Those were the days !!!!

Ian Roake