

Dads v Lads

We hope to have this match this coming Friday (5th Sept) at Ashley from 5:30pm, all players and parents and spectators are very welcome.

Juniors

We have been asked by one or two younger players to consider putting an Under 18 side out in 2009; at the moment we are short of players in that age group so please start recruiting now and hopefully we can have 5 junior sides next year, U9, U11, U13, U15 and U18. We need players for most of those age groups, especially the 13s so get recruiting.

The Under 13s and 15s have both finished for this season, the last game for the 13s was conceded by our opponents, and the team has finished 15th. Alex Eaton was the leading run scorer for the side, indeed for the whole South Manchester Junior Cricket League. Leading wicket taker was James Semple with 9 wickets. The Under 15s finished 10th.

The Under 9s league table is still being compiled but they look to have finished in 7th position.

From everyone at Ashley we'd like to thank all the junior players for another great season, next year we are very keen to see all the lads continue to enjoy their cricket and for some of them to go onto play for the Senior teams. We would also like to thank all the parents for running the lads to the games, helping with the admin, running the bar and generally conducting themselves in an exemplary manner, not something all the teams we have played against can claim to do. Lets hope we can get one of the Ashley junior sides on the honours board next year.

Race Night

Many thanks to everyone who attended and or supported the Race Night last month, this is the club's main, indeed only, fundraising event and this year we have cleared around £100 less than we did in 2007, not bad considering this years was held on a Bank Holiday weekend. We are always looking to hold interesting and enjoyable fund raising events, so if anyone has an idea for next year please let me know. We might consider holding a Sportsman's Dinner at a local hotel, so if you know any sportsmen that might want to speak at such an event let the committee know.

Caps

A new supply of caps has arrived priced at £10 each

Nets

Junior – Hopefully to be held at Altrincham Grammar School from early Feb 2009.
Senior – Wednesday evenings at Old Trafford Indoor Cricket School from mid-January, 8pm till 9pm.

Cricket Equipment

COOPER SPORTS end of season cricket sale

AT LEAST 25% off all cricket clothing and equipment

Plus special offer

ASICS GEL cricket boots(as used by England all-rounder Monty Panesar) originally £79.99 now £30 to Ashley CC members whilst stocks last

Senior cricket

The 1st XI secured their place in the top division with a draw at champions Brooklands last week; Brooklands return to the County League after 2 years in the Meller Braggins and we have a pretty good record against them; we have beaten them once and had two draws out of 4 games played. The 1st XI are looking to secure a top 4 finish with good results in the last two games, but we are also aware of the need to help the 2nd XI maintain it's place in Division A, they need a good win and a healthy draw to secure their place.

The 3rd XI have one game left and after a great start to the season look to be finishing 9th out of 10 teams. Similarly the new 4th XI will hope that Bredbury 4th team pick up less than 20 points in their last 2 games as that will mean the 4ths avoid the wooden spoon in their first season in the league. There is potentially a 5th Division in this league next year as teams from Poynton, Bramhall, Sale, Christleton, Heaton Mersey, Prestbury and Burton are keen to put 4th teams out in 2009.

The 4th XI end of season do after the 1st XI game against Ashton on Mersey won't go ahead now, we hope to join up with the 3rd XI on their season celebration.