



Ashley Cricket Club - June Newsletter



Firstly a message from Dave Rice who has been helping out with junior nets on a Monday night:

'Progress was made again last Monday night with John Brownhill and myself coaching the Under 13s in batting. We will continue work on the batting but we have identified that bowling still seems to be a little bit of dark art for some of the guys. Please can a couple of senior bowlers come down for an hour or so to help with the coaching, it will make a big difference. Anyone who can help with basic wicket keeping and batting would also be very welcome.

I've really enjoyed my two week stint doing this, but I'm going on holiday next week hopefully other Senior Players can step in?'

NEW PLAYER

Andy Shakespeare has joined the club from Bowdon Vale; he made an immediate impact with 4 for 9 in his first game against Northwich. Andy is a tall fast bowler who can also bat and bowl leg spin and has played for Oxford University this year.

NETS / Under 18's and BBQ.

Senior nets this week will be held on Thursday 2nd July, next week Senior Nets will revert back to Tuesday 9th July to be held at the same time as a home Under 18's fixture. Afterwards we will be holding a BBQ - Everybody is welcome.

FUND RAISERS

The race night is our main fund-raiser and so far most races are sponsored; we would like to start selling horses jockeys and trainers. Please let Dave Jackson (david.jackson1@btinternet.com) or your team captain or manager have your horse names and cash asap. All the money we raise goes towards the cost of coaching courses and further development of the junior section.

We hope to have two games before the race night starts, two Under 9s teams and two Under 11s teams playing a game on either end of the square. (Looking further ahead we will probably put 2 Under 9 and 2 Under 11 sides into local leagues in 2010, subject to their being enough helpers, we certainly have enough players)

We will run a presentation night this year, possibly later in August and that will definitely be preceded by a Dads (&Mums??) v Lads junior match.

COACHING

One or two players and parents have said they would like to go on the coaching course in the New Year. It takes place over 5 consecutive Saturdays, 9:30am till 3pm at Wilmslow Leisure Centre, and then a few weeks later you are assessed and hopefully given your certificate. One of the weeks is in the classroom, with instruction on 1st aid and various child welfare courses.

Please let Brian know if you would like to attend a course, or speak to Liam Cusack and Steve Logan for some info on the course itself.

All the course fees are paid for by the club.

MATCH BALL SPONSORSHIP

We need 12 more games to be covered, then all senior matches will be covered for this season and that would mean we have covered all games for the last 3 years

UNDER 13s

Thanks to everyone who has helped run this team this year, we have fulfilled all fixtures and despite not winning a game it has introduced new lads & parents to the club, and they will be supplemented next year by a few of this years talented Under 11s who move up an age group.

This team really needs a dedicated coach for next year, so if you would like to help out please get in touch. Adam Atkins' Mum Angela has offered to help with the running of the team, so you would only have to coach them at nets on Mondays and help run the team on a match day (Friday)

EQUIPMENT

The new batting cages are now in use, thanks to 4th teamers who put netting on both of them last Sunday when game v Macclesfield was rained off, Rish Agrawal, Brian Birtles, Harry Hatchell, Steve Coleman, Martin Howe, George Harrison (Bongo), Liam Cuscack, Dan Eadie and John Brownhill. Tommy Smith was also there.

We have plans to buy 2 more lightweight sightscreens and looking further ahead we would like to relay some more practice pitches as well as install further drainage in the outfield. We have been offered some free bricks to build the long awaited score box and finally if funds allow we would like to construct some artificial practice nets.

LANCASHIRE v YORKSIRE

We have been given six free tickets for the County Championship Match at Old Trafford starting at 11.00am on Friday 31st July - First come first serve to Brian on bdbirtles@hotmail.com

THE ROYAL MARSDEN CANCER CAMPAIGN

The final total donated to this very worthy charity was £606.00 following the efforts of Ali Horn, Bill Graham, Dave Rice and Steve Brown in running the Wilmslow Half Marathon last March. We have received a letter of thanks which will be posted on our website soon. This was an extremely good fundraising venture for both the Ashley CC and The Royal Marsden; if you would like to register an interest in putting your body on the line for next year's run please let Dave Rice know.

AND Finally....A Kite Flyer

We are considering changing how we structure Junior Cricket subscriptions to maximise our status as a Community Amateur Sports Club.

The idea would be as follows;

Winter Nets - Payment on attendance as usual.

Summer Nets and Matches

Payment of an annual subscription of £20 (exact figure to be agreed at the AGM) Plus 'Donation' made via the secure www.justgiving.co.uk website of £25 (again exact figure to be agreed at the AGM) thus enabling the club to claim approx 22% gift aid on this portion. Under this scenario there would be no need to pay the £1 fee for nets and matches.

We would welcome your feedback to this idea via this email address.