



WORTHING CRICKET CLUB

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2021

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

I hope this latest newsletter finds you all well. Another summer and cricket season has come to an end, which we marked with our Annual Dinner and Awards night. This event was a great success; whilst celebrating many individual successes achieved at senior level across the season, we also managed to raise a healthy £615 for the club. For more details, please refer to the relevant links on the next page.

This past season was challenging yet again, not only did Covid cause further complications, but the weather played havoc with the schedule. It didn't go unnoticed that the weather was great all week but decided to rain on a Friday and Saturday. All of our Senior League teams performed well and we look forward to building on that next year. I'm hoping you will have noticed the improvements with selection this season, a dedicated selection group met each week throughout the season ensuring we could tell players where they were playing as early as possible in the week. The feedback from players and parents alike certainly means this is something we will look to continue next season.

The club were delighted to announce that Darryl Rebbetts will be joining us as Head of Cricket next season, Darryl comes with a wealth of cricketing experience having been at East Grinstead CC for the past few years and captaining them to runners up in the Sussex Premier League this season. Many of you will know Darryl already as he has been part of our junior coaching this year. We look forward to using Darryl's experience to develop the club further.

Behind the scenes there is a massive amount of work that takes place for us all to play cricket, from coaches, umpires, scorers, volunteers and your Committee. I am thankful to each and everyone for their time and dedication in making things happen. The Committee are also pleased to announce that we have just signed a new, long-term lease with Worthing Borough Council for The Manor. Not only does it secure our future at the ground, but it also means that we can start to make improvements within the Pavilion. I'm in constant dialogue with them to push these forward. Hopefully, you will have started to see changes already this year with new training equipment bought and a new kitchen being fitted. This is just the start of the plan the Committee is working on. If anyone is interested in becoming an umpire, coach or scorer please let

me know as the club will be able to support you with the course.

As part of our commitment to the group "Opening Up", we organised a number of fundraising activities to support their work. I'm pleased to say that Adam Bardouleau coordinated the donations which totalled £545.26.

Thank you all again for your support this season, have a good break and see you in 2022.

Simon Rusbridge
Chairman Worthing CC

SEASON REVIEW FOR JUNIORS

I think it's fair to say that the 2021 season started with a lot of unknowns for everyone at Worthing Cricket Club. Starting again after a 2020 without any significant junior cricket and navigating lockdowns and various levels of Covid restrictions, meant that planning was really a journey into the unknown.

However the club were indebted to a lot of people putting their hands up to volunteer, meaning we had a strong foundation to build on. This enabled us to confidently commit to All Stars (u8), Soft Ball (u10) and Hard Ball teams at u12, 13, 15 and 17.

We managed to attract over 150 junior boys and girls, from our youngest AllStars to u18s playing their last year of junior cricket. Over half of our junior members were getting their first taste of cricket, at least in a club setting, and I think we can be rightly proud of the experience we were able to provide; under the stewardship of our lead junior coaches Darryl Rebbetts and Graham Merritt-Blann.

On the playing front, we had lots of success. The u12s won their area league (playing the Champions League final at the County Ground in Hove), our u16s would have if the season had completed. Our u13s came within a point of making their festival final in August, which was a fantastic achievement. We were also able to get our girls team running again in time for their festival week, with the help of the Sussex Cricket Foundation and our friends at Chichester, Henfield and Littlehampton Cricket Clubs (whose players joined us for the week). Maintaining momentum in this area is going to be a key focus for us in 2022.



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There are too many people to thank individually, but suffice to say, it takes a team effort, and in that regard I am grateful to every administrator, coach, parent helper, scorer, umpire, designated driver, bar staff and bbq operator that pitched in this year.

We look forward to seeing everyone (and more) in 2022, if not before!

Best regards and winter well,
JK

SEASON REVIEW FOR SENIORS

A challenging season with covid regulations and a lot of last minute lateral flow tests throughout, but still the season flew by! It was a consolidation season for the most part, and very good to see younger players take on more responsibility in each of the teams as the season went on - as well as a lot of debuts and some superb maiden 50s and 5 wicket hauls!

As a cricket committee, we looked to prioritise letting players know earlier in the week as to what was going on regarding team selection - unfortunately, some weeks there were people sitting out, which is when Sunday cricket played a big part in providing cricket for everyone each week; this year, giving a lot of the U13s and less experienced juniors a good chance to play senior cricket and an opportunity for senior players to try and find their form! We will be looking forward to at least one Sunday game every weekend next season!

Three of the four teams achieved their goals set at the start of the season. Unfortunately, the 3rd XI suffered a final game relegation, despite finishing with the higher win percentage among senior teams! Needless to say, they will be looking to bounce back next season.

The influence of our overseas player (Rohan Ryan) was positive both on and off the pitch. His work with the younger players during the season was priceless, as well as adding structure to the 3rd and 4th XI training sessions.

A big thanks to all of the scorers and umpires this season - the amount of time you all give up is really appreciated!

Glenn

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