



WORTHING CRICKET CLUB

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2022

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

As the evenings start to get lighter, it can only mean the start of the season is weeks away. I'm really excited about this season as the plans we have put in to place over the winter months start. The signing of the long term lease with the Council last year means we can now start to invest in our facilities with confidence that the club is secure. You will notice improvements to both home dressing rooms and showers plus the addition of a new boundary for the East pitch – all with the aim of improving our members experiences. The club are also pleased to announce that we have joined forces with Bohunt School and Worthing Minors to purchase a defibrillator for The Manor, a vital piece of equipment that we never hope to use, but it's there if we ever anyone should need it.

There is a lot of work put in by the Management Committee each month, making sure we get as much cricket on for as many players as possible. The club does rely heavily on volunteers which we are always grateful for. We are currently looking for a volunteer to run our club website, an experience of website management and Wordpress would be an advantage but full training can be given. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the player registration database. If you are able to help, please let me know and I can help with any questions you may have.

This season we are glad to be welcoming Rohan Ryan back as our overseas player, he was a massive hit on and off the field last season and he, himself is excited to be asked back. His work with our Junior and Senior teams really was evident as we saw players improve from his guidance. You'll start to see him around from the end of April.

To get the cricket equipment and Pavilion back ready for the start of the season, we will be running a number of Cricket Force weekends, the dates will be shared on our website and social media channels. It will be great to see as many as possible of you there to help with the annual chores.

I look forward to seeing you all around the club again soon.

Simon Rusbridge,
Worthing CC Chairman

2022 MEMBERSHIP RATES

With the club running costs increasing, the Management Committee have had to review our Membership rates for the coming year, we have kept the increase as small as possible to ensure we make cricket accessible to all. The new rates for the coming season are:

Full Senior Playing Member	£80
Senior Intermediate (playing up to 5 games)	£40
Junior	£80
Family (multiple siblings)	£130
Student	£30
Family Social	£15
Social	£10

The Registration window will open on 1st March and will remain open until 29th April 22. All registrations must be completed prior to the start of the season, until you are registered you will be unavailable for selection.

Should anyone face difficulties in paying their registration fees, please don't hesitate to contact one of the Management Committee members so we can discuss options for you.

SCORERS COURSE

As a club we are struggling for volunteers that understand the scoring system of the game. We are desperately needing volunteers especially in the 3s, 4s and Sunday Team to know how to score, as quite often we don't have anyone that knows how to and we rely on the opposition. To try and fill this knowledge gap, Yolanda Hinton our 2s scorer will be running a 3-week course covering manual and online scoring. The courses start on 16th March 2022 at The Manor. Please let us know if you want to attend, we'd really appreciate as many of you as possible.

SENIOR UPDATE

A belated Happy New Year to all! I'm sure we're all eagerly anticipating the new season! Not much to update from me - Fantasy cricket will be returning for another season! We have a full fixture list of Sunday XI games lined up - these include 10 development games. As always, we are on the lookout for new players. If anyone knows anyone that may be interested, please bring them along! Registration will open



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soon, please read the updated codes of conducts for 2022.

See you all at training.
Glenn Harris

JUNIOR UPDATE

Preparation is well under way for the upcoming season but we have lots to report from what has also been a busy winter.

Our coaches Darryl Rebbetts and Graham Merritt-Blann ran a successful Winter Academy for close to 60 juniors to develop their cricket in the off-season. This coincided with a hugely popular Girls Winter Academy run in collaboration with Sussex Cricket Federation (SCF). It was also great to see Lee Shorter back in action, who together with Lara Johnson from SCF, ran the programme.

Over the winter, we entered u13 and u15 teams into the West Sussex Indoor League. At the time of writing, the u15 team (a mix of our junior girls and boys) made the final against Chichester and the u13 are well on the way to matching them.

Thanks to everyone who helped put on the academies and the indoor leagues games. It takes a lot of hard work but it's great to see all of our juniors enjoying and developing their cricket.

We have entered more teams than ever into the various age-group leagues in the county, including 2 girls teams, so it promises to be a fantastic season with plenty of cricket.

We're hoping to start junior training on Monday 11th April but we will communicate all arrangements and more detail in the coming weeks. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, registration for the junior programme will open on the 1st March.

Finally, we have a number of junior players who are either representing the county or working towards achieving this honour. However, we recently received the fantastic news that Emily James, one of our u13s who started playing with us at u10 level, has been selected for the Southern Vipers u13-u16 development squad training at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton. This squad is derived from 6 counties in the south and is an amazing achievement in itself. However, we're sure it is just the first step of many for Emily towards greater honours.

John Kaye

THANKS TO ALL OUR OTHER SPONSORS FOR 2022:

BONUS BALL LOTTERY

NEW FUNDRAISER FOR 2022!

We are hoping to run a monthly bonus ball lottery to raise funds for our club's ongoing development plans. The cost will be £5 per month (to be paid by standing order) and you could win up to £100 each month*. If you are interested in taking a No., please let Debs Kaye know via email - dkworthingcc@gmail.com. She will then send you further details of the exact Ts & Cs.

*Actual prize fund will be dependent on the level of take-up.

NEW SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

This year we have introduced a few new sponsorship types to our collection. You can choose to sponsor us via your company, or on a personal basis.

One of our new, low cost options, will give you a professional sign to be displayed on league match days. We have agreed that for this "Regular Plus" package, we will charge a reduced fee of £250 (usually £300), to anyone connected to a club member. So, please feel free to spread the word and allow friends and family to take advantage of the reduced price. For more details visit our website -

<https://worthingcc.com/wcc-content/uploads/2022/02/WCC-Sponsorship-Brochure-2022.pdf>

Please contact Debs Kaye - dkworthingcc@gmail.com, if you/anyone you know would like to become a sponsor.

SAVE THE DATE - We have provisionally booked the end of season dinner for October 8th, so no one has an excuse not to be given enough notice... !

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